

Online seminars on nature conservation in German development cooperation

Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing

20-23 and 27-28 September 2021

Nature-based Solutions: The contribution of biodiversity to address societal challenges

21-23 and 28-30 June 2021

Background

The series of seminars on nature conservation in development cooperation has been held at the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm since 1999. It is jointly organised by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and KfW on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm, of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN). The first seminar "Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing" presents an overview and update of the most relevant concepts. Based on a combination of practical examples, tools and trends in biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing and development, it provides a good platform for exchanging experiences and updating. The second seminar is devoted to the in-depth consideration of a specific topic identified as being of particular interest. Based on on-going discussions in international biodiversity policy fora, the topic "Nature-based solutions" was chosen for 2021.

The language of both seminars will be English.

Venue

Both seminars will take place online in AdobeConnect:

To test your connection:

https://meet97244593.adobeconnect.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

To get a quick overview of the programme:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/adobeconnect.html>

The seminars will always run from ca. 08.30 am CET until 01.30 pm CET with breaks in between.

We recommend participants to ask their employers to be freed from other duties during their attendance.

Target group

The target group of the seminars are practitioners at the interface of development cooperation, biodiversity conservation and climate change (GIZ, KfW, BMZ, BMU, consulting companies, foundations, NGOs, universities, partner organisations).



Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing

(20-23 and 27-28 September 2021)

Objectives

- Raise awareness for the significance of biodiversity for the provision of ecosystem services – hence: for human wellbeing
- Convey new concepts, instruments and trends of conservation and development cooperation
- Analyse the opportunities provided by the CBD and its Strategic Plan as the policy framework for German development cooperation in the area of biodiversity conservation
- Offer a forum for the exchange of experiences

Contents

The following topics will be addressed through inputs, case studies, group work and discussions:

- Global trends with relevance for biodiversity conservation versus the relevance of biodiversity conservation for sustainable development
 - New directions arising from the CBD
 - Current trends in German development cooperation with regard to biodiversity conservation
 - Balancing conservation with livelihoods interests
 - Conservation in land- and seascapes: concepts, current issues and developments (including protected areas and other relevant tools, management and governance aspects)
 - Financing biodiversity conservation
 - Human rights and conservation
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Nature-based Solutions: The contribution of biodiversity to address societal challenges

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Background

As biodiversity loss accelerates, global warming continues to be fueled by rising emissions and new pandemics emerge, solutions have proved inadequate in isolation. The global crises are interlinked and can only be addressed in a synergetic way. Against this background Nature-based solutions (NbS) continue to gain momentum as an integrated approach that can tackle societal challenges, while supporting sustainable development. Well-designed NbS are cost-effective, nature-positive as well as benefit livelihoods and human wellbeing.

NbS will also play a fundamental role in the negotiations of the Global Biodiversity Framework which is going to be adopted at COP15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and afterwards in the achievement of the agreed targets through national action plans.

The seminar will explore the concept of NbS and its role at international level and in development cooperation. The role of biodiversity as a means and a goal of NbS will be addressed while pointing out challenges and pitfalls that may arise in the implementation of the approach. During the seminar the participants will also learn about sector-specific approaches of NbS and their potential to speed up the transformative change that is needed to halt the current environmental crisis.

Objectives

Participants

- Understand the concept of NbS and the dual role for biodiversity (as a beneficiary and a solution provider)
- Are familiar with sector-specific approaches of NbS that will be discussed through case studies
- Are aware of possible entry points for and barriers to NbS and are inspired to plan for implementation in their own work context

- Are familiar with the international discussions on NbS in the CBD and the related new Global Biodiversity Framework as well as in the UNFCCC
- Develop recommendations for development cooperation

Costs

Seminar Biodiversity Conservation for Human Wellbeing (September 2021):
The seminar is free of charge

Seminar Nature-based solutions (June 2021):
approx. 400 € per participant

The final fee can only be set by end of May 2021. A late cancellation of your registration within 30 days prior to the start of the seminar will imply a fee of the full costs in case no substitute can be found.

Application

You will find the online application forms at:

Seminar Biodiversity Conservation for Human Wellbeing (September 2021):
<https://umfrage.bfn.de/limesurvey/index.php/981961?lang=en>

Seminar Nature-based Solutions (June 2021):
<https://umfrage.bfn.de/limesurvey/index.php/251272?lang=en>

Selection of participants will take a number of criteria into account (institutional and geographical balance, relevance for work, relevant experience, participation in previous seminars, etc.).

We will confirm your participation by 30 April 2021. The maximum number of participants will be 30 for each seminar.

**Deadline for submission of application form:
10 April 2021**

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