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IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN THE REGION AND INSIGHTS FOR THE POST-2020 FRAMEWORK

UNDP Approach to Implementing 2011-2020 Strategic Plan

- Provide **integrated support** through different initiatives and funding sources to meet **national priorities** of governments
- Organizational focus on sustainable livelihoods, poverty reduction and inclusive growth- **nature for development**
- Gender mainstreaming and adherence to **social safeguards** to protect human rights, including for indigenous peoples and vulnerable communities
- Support achievement of Aichi targets, **SDGs**, and multiple environmental conventions
- Emphasis on institutional capacity building, policy reform and financial instruments to maximize **sustainability** of interventions



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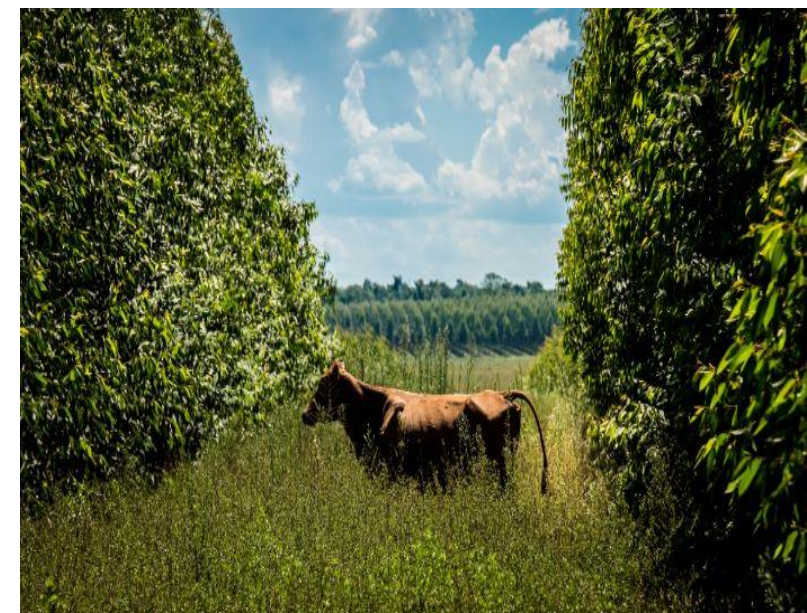


UNDP Support for Implementation of 2011-2020 Strategic Plan



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- **UNDP-GEF Team** implements projects to promote policy change, conservation, biodiversity mainstreaming and access and benefit sharing for genetic resources
 - UNDP was Implementing Agency for approx. 140 BD GEF and GCF projects in LAC between 2011-2020 totaling over USD 500 million
- **Climate and Forests Team** provides support to countries for implementation of REDD+ and to access Results-Based Payments for verifiable emissions reductions
- **Green Commodities Programme** supports multi-stakeholder dialogue for shared vision and commitment to action, strengthened enabling environment and farmer support



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- **Biofin** supports national accounting of financing gaps, design of instruments, and support to implement BD finance solutions
- **Lion's Share** mobilizes contributions from the advertising industry to provide long-term support for conservation of flagship species
- **Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network** promotes dialogue between science, policy and practice
- **NBSAP Forum**- online forum for discussion and capacity building
- **Learning for Nature**- e-learning programme to build capacity to scale up nature-based solutions
- **Platform for New York Declaration on Forests** accelerates progress towards the NYDF goals via a central coordination mechanism
- **Sixth National Reports** facilitate final review of progress in the implementation of Aichi and national targets



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Challenges and Opportunities for the Post 2020 Biodiversity Agenda



- ❖ Scale and speed of action required unprecedented
- ❖ Level of political support uneven in the region and insufficient mainstreaming of BD within governments
- ❖ Funding for the drivers of deforestation greatly exceeds investment in BD conservation
- Increased awareness around importance of tackling 6th Mass Extinction and climate change, including grass-roots movements, such as Extinction Rebellion
- Huge untapped financial resources for biodiversity conservation (e.g., financial sector)



Lessons learned 2011-2020 and Key Priorities for Post 2020 Agenda

- Still tremendous need to **scale up** actions promoted through different initiatives to protect biodiversity
- Continued and active engagement of **key economic sectors** such as agriculture and mining critical
- **Landscape-level planning** and reform vital
- Financial sustainability of protected areas requires further work
- Further work needed to strengthen policy frameworks and associated capacity to put in place strong ABS regimes



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Key Priorities for Post 2020 Agenda

- Build and **catalyze effective partnerships** with all stakeholders, including private sector to leverage more resources for greater upscaling and impact
- Integrate actions **across focal areas**
- Active engagement of, and **benefits to, local communities** essential for conservation success
- Make the **business case** for allocating more budgetary resources for conservation and sustainable use and engage with Ministries of Finance
- **Change the financing flows** (e.g., Financial Sector Reporting Framework for Nature to redirect financial flows away from harmful activities)
- Expand use of **financial instruments**, incentives and disincentives (e.g., PES)



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Thanks for listening!

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