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**TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON ECOSYSTEM-BASED  
APPROACHES TO CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION  
AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

Sandton, Johannesburg, South Africa  
28 September – 2 October 2015

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening and welcome.
2. Workshop background, objectives, scope and expected outcomes.
3. Overview of the draft synthesis report on experiences with implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to climate-change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.
4. Making the case for ecosystem-based approaches to climate-change adaptation and disaster risk reduction:
  - 4.1. Presenting ecosystem-based approaches to climate-change adaptation as a viable and effective approach within a wider adaptation strategy;
  - 4.2. The economic case for ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation: valuation, cost effectiveness and cost-benefit analyses;
  - 4.3. Promoting ecosystems for disaster risk reduction within the framework of national disaster-risk reduction strategies.
5. Lessons learned, best practices, opportunities and challenges relating to ecosystem-based approaches to climate-change adaptation and disaster risk reduction:
  - 5.1. Planning:
    - 5.1.1. Assessing impacts and vulnerabilities;
    - 5.1.2. Assessing short, medium and long term adaptation scenarios;
    - 5.1.3. Integrating ecosystem-based approaches to climate-change adaptation and disaster risk reduction into national biodiversity strategies and action plans, national adaptation plans, national disaster risk reduction strategies, national development and sustainable development plans.
  - 5.2. Implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to climate-change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.
6. Major policy issues relating to ecosystem-based approaches to climate-change adaptation and disaster risk reduction:

- 6.1. Trade-offs and thresholds to adaptation;
  - 6.2. The contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities to ecosystem approaches – and safeguards;
  - 6.3. Gender mainstreaming;
  - 6.4. Other issues.
7. Tools and resources for ecosystem-based approaches to climate-change adaptation and disaster risk reduction:
    - 7.1. Decision analysis tools and resources;
    - 7.2. Communicating ecosystem-based approaches to climate-change adaptation and disaster risk reduction to decision-makers – tools and resources.
8. Conclusions.
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