

Scaling up biodiversity finance

— with a focus on the value of biodiversity for policy choices, mainstreaming and funding

Dialogue seminar | 9-12 April 2014 | Quito, Ecuador *Conveners: Governments of Ecuador, Norway, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Uganda, the European Commission and the CBD Secretariat.¹*

Provisional agenda (Updated 7 April 2014)

Background

The purpose of the dialogue seminar is to explore and contribute to understanding and seek to clarify areas of convergence and divergence regarding ways to scale up the mobilization of financial resources to support the achievement of the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The overall aim of the Quito II seminar is to support the scaling up of finance for biodiversity in the context of the strategy for resource mobilization and related decisions, such as decision XI/4 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets 2, 3 and 20.

The specific objectives of the dialogue seminar are suggested to be the following:

- Through dialogue, to contribute in building trust and mutual understanding of different views and perspectives that are difficult to achieve in formal negotiations;
- To contribute to finding solutions for scaling up biodiversity financing and to creating a better environment for formal negotiations;
- To review ways and means to mainstream/integrate different kinds of values of biodiversity by implementing appropriate approaches and incentive measures;
- To review diverse experiences in operationalizing mechanisms for mobilizing financial and non-financial resources and seek to develop a common understanding of the gaps and needs for implementation of the CBD strategy for resource mobilization. This would include views and lessons learned regarding a broad range of innovative financial mechanisms² and possible principles and safeguards for their use.
- To explore synergies with UNFCCC as well as with the post 2015 agenda, including ongoing discussions on future goals such as the Sustainable Development Goals.

The seminar will not draft formal recommendations, but rather seek to enhance understanding among participants, with a view to facilitate discussions at WGRI-5 in Montreal and COP-12 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea (6-17 October 2014). The seminar will include keynote presentations, case studies and small group discussions.

Participants are expected to be well informed about main issues related to financing for biodiversity. A variety of national experiences in dealing with biodiversity and ecosystem services, including views from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, development agencies, social movements, farmer organizations, indigenous and local communities organizations, scientists and the private sector are expected to enrich the understanding of all participants. Participation has been based on nominations received from Parties through the CBD Secretariat.

The seminar will be based on the Chatham House rule³.

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² <https://www.cbd.int/financial/innovations/>

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Wednesday, 9 April 2014

9.00 a.m.	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening statement by Lorena Tapia, Ministra de Ambiente de la República de Ecuador • Welcome by co-chairs of the dialogue • Introductory remarks by Dr. Braulio Dias, CBD Executive Secretary
9.30 a.m.	<p>Introductory session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanation of the rules and objectives by the Facilitator Pippa Heylings, Executive Director, Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano, Ecuador, 7 min • Who are we? Introduction of participants and expectations of the workshop, 15 min • Presentation of the background, policy context and reporting related to the seminar including CBD decisions by Ravi Sharma, Principal Officer, CBD Secretariat, 7 min • From Quito I to Quito II – setting the scene and “the map” of the Dialogue Seminar by Maria Schultz, Stockholm Resilience Centre and Bente Herstad, NORAD, 7 min
10.15 a.m.	Break
10.45 a.m.	<p>SESSION I: Mainstreaming biodiversity</p> <p>Mainstreaming and transforming biodiversity finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Level Panel on Global Assessments of Resources by Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, 7 min • BIOFIN - The Biodiversity Finance Initiative by Yves de Soye, BIOFIN Manager, UNDP, and Guillermo Zuñiga, BIOFIN National Team Leader and former Minister of Finance, Costa Rica, 10 min <p>Q & A and discussion</p> <p>Assessing biodiversity values</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> To review challenges and successes in identifying values (intrinsic, ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic) of biodiversity, ecosystem services and functions for integration into development and sector plans, and national accounting and reporting systems. Enhance understanding of efforts to measure costs, benefits and gaps in financing of biodiversity, at international and domestic level.</p> <p>Panel :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TEEB approach and how it can help to achieve Aichi targets by Dr. Heidi Wittmer, Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research, UFZ, 10 min. • Vivir bien in harmony with Mother Earth related to TEEB by Fernando Cisneros, Plurinational State of Bolivia, 10 min • Approaches in Swedish study and Norwegian study: A short comparison by Maria Schultz, (Stockholm Resilience Centre), 7 min • Customary sustainable use and local livelihoods: Integrated community monitoring of biodiversity values by Joji Carino (Forest Peoples Programme), 7 min

express views that may not be those of their organizations, and therefore, encourages free discussion. Speakers are free to voice their own opinions, without concern for their personal reputation or their official duties and affiliation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public policies for the management of the National System of Protected Areas based on economic information by Juan Carlos Rivera, Financial Sustainability Project; Ministry of the Environment, Ecuador, 7 min <p>Q & A and Buzz in plenary: Elaboration of questions to working groups</p>
1.00 p.m.	Lunch
2.15 p.m.	Working groups related to Session I (<i>including coffee and tea</i>)
3.45 p.m.	Reporting back from working groups
4.30 p.m.	<p>SESSION II: Financing mechanisms: An overview</p> <p><i>Expected outcomes:</i> To review various experiences in operationalizing mechanisms for mobilizing financial and non-financial resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of "Innovative Finance Mechanisms" by Katia Karousakis (OECD), 10 min Biodiversity and Development Co-operation, Example from European Commission by Arnold Jacques de Dixmude, EC, 7 min GEF - Overview and Strategic positioning of GEF by Mark Zimsky, GEF secretariat, 7 min Presentation of overview paper: <i>Efficiency, Opportunities and Challenges of Market and Non-market based Instruments for Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) and Valuation of Nature (Biodiversity)</i>, 15 min <p>Background report. This serves the purpose of factual overview presentation for PES, offsets and financialization etc, to provide everyone with a good basis for later presentations and discussions by Arild Vatn, (Norwegian University of Life Science (UMB))</p> <p>Q&A and discussion</p>
5.15-6.15 p.m.	<p>SESSION III: Panel on Governance, safeguards and equity</p> <p><i>Expected outcome:</i> Clarifications of the need for governance, institutions and legal systems to enhance equity and efficiency. Understanding of the role and need for safeguards (and their limitations) to eliminate unintended and perverse outcomes from financial mechanisms as well as to maximize benefits for both biodiversity and livelihoods.</p> <p>Background material to read before meeting: Safeguard report.</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance, Institutions and Equity: Principles for substantive and procedural safeguards by Claudia Ituarte-Lima (Stockholm Resilience Centre), 10 min Equity and Biocultural Community Protocols by Jael Eli Makagon, Natural Justice (Lawyers for Communities and the Environment), 10 min Synthesis of IFMs and safeguards notification by Yibin Xiang (SCBD), 7 min <p>Q&A</p> <p>Buzz, small working groups in plenary: Elaboration of questions to work with for next sessions</p>
7.00 p.m.	Reception Ecuador: Room Guápulo

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8.30-11.15 a.m. (Including 15 min)	<p>SESSION IV: Incentives and options for financing</p> <p>Payments for ecosystem services (PES), compensation schemes and subsidies</p>
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break at 10.00)	<p>and Biodiversity Offsets (BO): Opportunities and risks</p> <p><i>Expected outcomes:</i> Understanding of PES schemes and of Biodiversity offsets. Sharing of experiences and challenges, including institutional arrangements and biodiversity and social safeguards. Clarity on their possible effects on biodiversity and livelihoods and deepened understanding of who may benefit or lose depending on specific contexts/circumstances.</p> <p>PES</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REDD++ local communities on legal issues by Rahima Othman Njaidi, Executive Director, Community Forest Conservation Network of Tanzania, MJUMITA, 7 min • FONAG, Ing. Gustavo Galindo, 7 min presentation • Degrees of commodification and the difference between government schemes and market schemes by Thomas Hahn (Stockholm Resilience Centre, Sweden), 10 min • Development by Design as a tool for conservation/biodiversity finance example from Mongolia by Linda Krueger (The Nature Conservancy), 7 min • In-country studies of innovative legal approaches for biodiversity incentives by Dr. Fabiano de Andrade Correa (IDLO), 7 min • Biodiversity offsets: lessons from carbon markets and further reflections by Nele Marien - CBD Alliance, 7 min <p>Q & A and Buzz in plenary: Elaboration of questions to working groups</p>
11.15 a.m.	Field trip: Departure to La Ciudad mitad del Mundo
12.30 p.m.	Lunch boxes and nature walk and buzz: working group questions and discussions (buzz)
<i>2.00 p.m.</i>	<i>Departure to Quito</i>
<i>3.15 p.m.</i>	<i>Arrival at Hotel in Quito</i>
4.00-6.00 p.m.	Working groups including coffee/tea
6.00 p.m.	Free evening

Friday, 11 April 2014

8.30 a.m.	Recap from day 2 and report back from groups work day 2 + discussion in plenary
9.15 a.m.	<p>The role of the private sector, including the financial sector</p> <p><i>Expected outcomes:</i> Clarification of viewpoints and highlighting the role of business and the private sector in relation to biodiversity financing. This includes their possible role as sources for financing from tax revenue, profit-oriented market activities, and from non-profit oriented activities (such as voluntary activities). What are the different views on the potential of business for driving transformation and innovation; What are the risks, options and needs for government regulation of the private sector? Enhanced understanding of the financial markets, trading and “financialization” of biodiversity. Clarification of the nature of current debates and controversies.</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity conservation activities of Japanese financial sector by

	<p>Naohisa Okuda, Director, Global Biodiversity Strategy Office, Ministry of Environment, Japan, 7 min</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Capital Declaration and national experience by Maria Belén Sánchez Valdivieso, Banco Pichincha, 7 min • The role of international financial institutions in the financing of natural capital by Eva Mayerhofer, European Investment Bank, 7 min • Financialisation (Market in Conservation) of Nature: Issues and Lessons by Prof. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, Chairperson, Unnayan Onneshan and Member, CBD Alliance, 7 min • Contribution of the Private Sector in the conservation of protected areas in South America: Case studies from Colombia and Peru by Arturo Mora, MA, IUCN-Sur Senior Programme Officer, 7 min • The role of collective Action of indigenous peoples and local communities for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity by Fernando Cisneros, Plurinational State of Bolivia, y Krister Pär Andersson (consultant), 7 min <p>Q & A and Buzz in plenary: Elaboration of questions to working groups</p>
11.00 a.m.	Working groups and coffee/tea
<i>12.30 p.m.</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
1.45 p.m.	<p>Fiscal Reforms and International levies</p> <p><i>Expected outcomes:</i> Enhanced understanding of possible approaches for fiscal reform at national level to finance biodiversity, as well as innovative approaches to international levies. Consideration of the potential for these kinds of financing options in relation to other mechanisms.</p> <p>Panel: The international dimension of taxation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The experience of solidarity levies to fund development - lessons learned and ways to move forward by Clara Delmon, Innovative financing for Development, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 7 min • International conditions for domestic taxation and other resource mobilisation. Exploration of international taxation options, including addressing tax evasion by Chee Yoke Ling, Third World Network, 7 min <p>Sectoral/national examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculating the Green GDP: progress and challenges for biodiversity conservation by Susana Torres, Project SCAN (National System of Environmental Accounting), Ministry of the Environment, Ecuador, 7 min • Reform of fishery subsidies by Sumaila Rashid, High-level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Biodiversity Strategic Plan, 7 min • Ecological fiscal transfers for biodiversity conservation in Brazil by Rodrigo Cassola, Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA), 7 min <p>Q & A and Buzz in plenary: Elaboration of questions to working groups</p>
2.45 p.m.	<p>Moderated Panel on Synergies with other processes: SDGs, Climate finance and international financing (ODA and GEF)</p> <p><i>Expected outcomes:</i> Synergies and Experiences from related areas of relevance for biodiversity financing and role of ODA.</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDGs - Financing for sustainable development (IFMs, domestic

	<p>resources, fiscal reforms) and links to CBD financial resources issues by Valerie Hickey, World Bank, 7 min</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEF - biodiversity financing related to all GEF windows, Mark Zimsky, (GEF secretariat) 5 min • Resource person, tbc • Linking Biodiversity and Climate Financing by Bente Herstad, Norad, Norway, 7 min <p>Q & A and Buzz in plenary: Elaboration of questions to working groups</p>
3.15 p.m.	Working groups on: Fiscal reforms, and synergies with other processes. <i>(Including coffee and tea)</i>
4.45 p.m.	Reporting by Working Groups and plenary discussion on fiscal reforms, synergies + discussion
<i>5.30-6.15 p.m.</i>	Open space on emerging issues - identification of topics
<i>7.00-9.30 p.m.</i>	<i>Dinner and cultural event by participants – Invitation by organizers – at Restaurant Barlovento Alta Mar (in front of Hotel Quito)</i>

Saturday, 12 April 2014

8.30 a.m. 8.45 a.m.	Recap from Day 3 and Explanation of Co-Chairs' Summary Open Space working groups in plenary room and Reporting by Working Groups and plenary discussion on open space
10.15 a.m.	SESSION V: Outstanding issues, synthesis and way forward <i>Expected outcome:</i> A better understanding of ways (potential solutions and possible obstacles) to scale up mobilization of financial resources including 'innovative financial mechanisms'; including clarification, respect and understanding of areas of convergence and divergence; outstanding issues; synthesis and ways forward; and highlighting of 'new and emerging issues' identified during the seminar. Synthesis panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory remarks • Panel: Fernando Cisneros (Bolivia); Laure Ledoux (EC); Mr Seukwoo Kang, Republic of Korea; Francis Ogwal (Uganda); Joji Cariño (FPP); Chee Yoke Ling (Third World Network)
11.00 a.m.	Working Groups on outstanding issues, synthesis and way forward. <i>(Including coffee and tea)</i>
12.15 p.m.	Reporting by Working Groups on outstanding issues, synthesis and way forward.
1.00 p.m.	CONCLUDING SESSION: Way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis of the discussions by facilitator and discussion in full group • Closing remarks by Ecuador on behalf of the hosts • Statement from the COP-11 Presidency on WGR-15 (India) • Statement from the COP-12 hosts on the COP (Republic of Korea) • Remarks by the CBD Executive Secretary
<i>1.45–3.00 p.m.</i>	<i>Lunch</i>