

Nature-based Solutions

Update on UNEA
resolution and looking
forward





The Intergovernmental Consultations on NbS

May – October 2023

The Mandate

- [UNEA Res. 5/5](#) was adopted at UNEA 5 in March 2022.
- It set the first multilaterally-agreed definition of NbS.
- Res. 5/5 called for intergovernmental consultations to:
 - a) Compile examples of best practice
 - b) Assess proposals, criteria, standards and guidelines for NbS
 - c) Assess options for sustainable financing of NbS projects
- With a view to building a common understanding of NbS to facilitate implementation and upscaling.

The Process

- 2 Co-Chairs were nominated to lead the process:
 - H.E. Giovanna Valverde Stark, Costa Rica
 - Sikeade Egbuwalo, Nigeria
- Consultations held May – October 2023
 - May: Virtual Global
 - June – July: Virtual Regionals
 - October: In-person global and regional, Nairobi
- ~700 people registered across all the consultations
 - ~400 delegates at the Nairobi meetings
 - >90 Member States
 - 2 Ministers

The Substance

- In addition to the 3 topics mandated in Res. 5/5, through the initial (virtual) round of consultations, we identified 3 more key topics:
 - Policy for NbS
 - Measuring benefits and costs of NbS
 - Sensitivities around NbS for climate mitigation
- Terminology was another issue, with some confusion around the relationships between NbS, EbA (Ecosystem-based *Approaches*) and EbA (Ecosystem-based *Adaptation*) and differing preferences

The Outcomes

- [The Co-Chairs' Summary of the first Global Consultation](#)
- The Co-Chairs' Summary of the first round of Regional Consultations: [synthesis](#) and [by region](#)
- The [Co-Chairs' Recommendations](#) from the whole series of consultations
- The [Co-Chairs' Summary](#) of the whole series of consultations (presented as an InfDoc to UNEA 6)
- [The Resource Guide for Nature-based Solutions](#) (building on the [background paper](#) produced before the start of the consultations)
- A [collation of all the examples of 'good practice'](#) submitted by participants during the consultations
- InfDoc submitted to UNEA 6 and launched at side event



Design of New Project

2024-2025

Regional Technical Workshops

The workshop allowed successful engagement with key stakeholders which resulted in:

- Analyze of the barriers, challenges, current gaps
- Identified potential opportunities for NbS implementation

They brought together 69 participants from 36 countries, representing local practitioners, community leaders, academy, NGOs, INGOs and subnational institutions.

- **Latin America and the Caribbean,**
September 2024, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- **Asia Pacific,**
October 2024, Bangkok, Thailand
- **Africa,**
December 2024, Nairobi, Kenya

Next Steps

- **ProDoc Development**

Proposal to address the most pressing needs and priorities.

Comprehensive resource mobilization strategy aimed at securing additional support for scaling up NbS globally.

Governance and policy enabling conditions at the local, national, regional and global levels

- **Stakeholder engagement**

Collaborative development with ROs and contributing to other regional processes (LAC Regional Restoration Action Plan)

Comprehensive validation process including collaborative development and workshops with key stakeholders

Overall goals and expectations

- ✓ *Continued Building of Common Understanding (**UNEA R5/5**)*
- ✓ Building and strengthening **synergies** across MEAs by mainstreaming **NbS** into policy frameworks
- ✓ *Upscaling and drawing best practices from NbS pilot projects*
- ✓ *Advancing evidence-based decision making*

A photograph of a yellow and black spotted frog, likely a poison dart frog, perched on a wooden branch. The frog is facing left, and its body is covered in large black spots on a bright yellow background. The background is a blurred natural setting with green leaves and brown branches.

Thank you!

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