

Workshop Series on Nature-based Solutions (NbS)

A joint initiative of the [Sector Network on Rural Development and Natural Resources in Asia and Pacific](#) and the [Sector Programme Conservation of Biodiversity on Land](#) (BMZ)

Why is it important and timely to discuss NbS?

NbS emphasize the potential for ecosystems and biodiversity to contribute to solving urgent societal challenges in a broad range of fields. The NbS concept enjoys very high political attention. This includes its function as a linkage between the UNFCCC and UN CBD, as well as in green recovery strategies post-COVID. At the same time, the concept is only beginning to develop traction among practitioners. The applicability and added value of NbS in the context of international development cooperation need to be further tested and translated into effective and equitable interventions on the ground.

“NbS are actions to protect, sustainably manage and restore natural and modified ecosystems in ways that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, to provide both human well-being and biodiversity benefits” (IUCN, 2016).

Online workshops series on NbS

Building on existing capacity development on NbS (such as the training on [“NbS for global challenges”](#) in February 2021, and the annual “Vilm seminar” in June 2021), a series of online workshops will be organized. The workshops will support participants to design, implement and promote NbS in priority topics. They expand the NbS capacity development from Asia Pacific to other regions with a special focus on promoting South-South cooperation.



Why participate?

- Strengthen your individual capacity to localize global concepts related to NbS and to design, implement and promote NbS.
- Benefit from peer-to-peer learning and experience exchange through the network of NbS professionals –SNRD Asia & Pacific and beyond, within the wider South-South cooperation.
- Develop concrete ideas for new cross-sectoral and cross-continental cooperation on NbS.
- Receive support for upscaling and mainstreaming NbS schemes.

Who should participate?

- GIZ staff from the Global South and other regions
- Staff of GIZ partner organizations such as government representatives or practitioners in the regions
- External professionals with an interest in developing their capacity on NbS

You can participate in individual workshops or in the entire series.

<p>13.10.2021 08.30 – 10.30 (Lima) 15.30 - 17.30 (Berlin / Johannesburg) 20.30 – 22.30 (Bangkok)</p>	<p>NbS and ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change (EbA): EbA – helping nature to help people to adapt to climate change – is arguably the most widely recognized and applied type of NbS. Learn more about how to integrate sound climate vulnerability and economic viability analyses into EbA design and planning, how to ensure good governance of EbA, and which levers exist (based on SDGs, UNFCCC, SBD, others) to enable replication.</p> <p>Meeting Link via MS Teams</p>
<p>27.10.2021 08.30 – 10.30 (Lima) 15.30 - 17.30 (Berlin / Johannesburg) 20.30 – 22.30 (Bangkok)</p>	<p>NbS in agriculture: The agricultural sector is an important field of international cooperation and a promising application area for NbS. We will ask how NbS in agriculture can be made economically viable, and how adaptive management can be institutionalized in NbS in agriculture.</p> <p>Meeting Link via MS Teams</p>
<p>10.11.2021 15.00 – 17.00 (Bangkok) 09.00 - 11.00 (Berlin) 10.00 - 12.00 (Johannesburg) 03.00 – 04.00 (Lima)</p>	<p>Gender transformative approaches in the implementation of NbS: Gender-transformative approaches aspire to proactively and systematically change the existing gender inequality, by tackling its root causes and reshaping unequal power relations between genders. Workshop participants will consider where synergies between NbS and gender-transformative approaches lie, and what practitioners can do to benefit from them.</p> <p>Meeting Link via MS Teams</p>
<p>24.11.2021 15.00 – 17.00 (Bangkok) 09.00 - 11.00 (Berlin) 10.00 - 12.00 (Johannesburg) 03.00 – 04.00 (Lima)</p>	<p>NbS in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF): The first part of the CBD COP-15 (11-15 October 2021) will advance the GBF towards its adoption in 2021. During this workshop we will ask how NbS are reflected in the updated draft of the GBF and in how far NBSAPs can facilitate the promotion and mainstreaming of NbS.</p> <p>Meeting Link via MS Teams</p>

Language: English

Individual calendar invites and detailed agenda will be available per workshop. Participation is open to all, and a registration is not mandatory.

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