

Draft Programme

South-South Knowledge Exchange Workshop on Ecosystem-based Adaptation

Ecosystem-based Adaptation through South-South Cooperation (EbA South) *Enhancing Capacity, Knowledge and Technology Support to Build Climate Resilience of Vulnerable Developing Countries*

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(UNEP-IEMP)

Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences
(IGSNRR, CAS)



Background

The global project EbA South, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through its Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF), was officially launched in Beijing, China, in April 2013. Implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme and executed by the National Development and Reform Commission of China (NDRC), through the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, (IGSNRR, CAS), the project is reaching completion in 2019. During the past six years, EbA South has helped to build climate resilience in developing countries by increasing institutional capacity, mobilising knowledge and transferring appropriate EbA technologies to three pilot countries.

The *South-South Knowledge Exchange Workshop on Ecosystem-based Adaptation*, scheduled on 21-22 May 2019 in Beijing, will bring together the project core team, representatives from the country teams and main partner organisations involved in project activities, as well as other key stakeholders from the EbA community worldwide. It will provide an important opportunity for dialogue and mutual learning between ecosystem management and climate change adaptation actors and networks globally. Partnerships built through the EbA South will be strengthened and opportunities for enhanced and continuing cooperation will be discussed.

Objectives: South-South Knowledge Exchange Workshop on Ecosystem-based Adaptation

1. To present key project results under interregional components relevant for capacity building, interregional coordination and knowledge management on EbA, in particular:
 - An EbA planning tool 'ALivE - Adaptation, Livelihoods and Ecosystems'
 - An EbA handbook for EbA in mountain, dryland and coastal ecosystems
 - A web platform with good practice case studies database
 - The outcomes of workshops, events, e-learning programme and other deliverables relevant for education and research
2. To present results and reflect on lessons learned from the three pilot countries (Mauritania, Nepal and Seychelles), focusing on:
 - Ecosystem restoration interventions
 - Livelihood improvement
 - The project's long-term research programme (LTRP) and approach to science
 - Capacity building/education at all levels
 - National policy improvement
 - Transfer of knowledge from Chinese researchers and co-financing from the Chinese government to the project pilot countries
3. To discuss project legacy and possibilities for:
 - Continuing dissemination and uptake of knowledge products
 - Long-term maintenance of project sites, the LTRP and upscaling of EbA interventions in the three countries
 - Concrete plans to further expand the ideas originated from the EbA South project beyond the three project pilot countries
4. To strengthen partnerships and networks built through further exchange of EbA experiences, lessons, challenges and opportunities with wider EbA community

Tentative agenda

Time	Items	Presenter/Facilitator
21 May 2019: South-South Knowledge Exchange Workshop on Ecosystem-based Adaptation		
08:30-09:00	Registration	
Opening and introduction (Moderator: Prof. Linxiu Zhang, Senior Advisor of EbA South and Director of UNEP-IEMP)		
09:00-09:45	Welcome and opening remarks	Jessica Troni, Head Climate Change Adaptation Unit a.i. Adaptation Portfolio Manager UN Environment
		Ministry of Ecology and Environment, China (TBC)
		Ministry of Finance, China (TBC)
		Dr. Youssef Nassef, Director of Adaptation Programme UNFCCC (TBC)
		Mohammed Yahya Lafdal, Chargé de Mission, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Mauritania (TBC)
		Dr. Ram Prasad Lamsal, Joint-Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal
		H.E. Wills Agricole, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Seychelles
		Xiaohan Liao, Deputy Director General, IGSNRR, CAS (TBC)

09:45-10:10	Setting the scene: presentation of the project overview	Diwen Tan, Project Co-manager, UNEP-IEMP
10:10-10:30	<i>Group photo and tea break</i>	
Highlights of the interregional components		
10:30-11:00	Presentation: key project results under interregional components relevant for capacity building, interregional coordination and knowledge management on EbA	Tatirose Vijiapan, Project Co-manager, UNEP-IEMP
11:00-11:20	Presentation: EbA planning tool 'ALive - Adaptation, Livelihoods and Ecosystems'	Anish Parajuli, Nepal National Team Tatirose Vijiapan, UNEP-IEMP
11:20-11:40	Open discussion	All
Highlights of on-the-ground interventions in pilot countries		
11:40-12:10	Mauritania: key results of EbA interventions	Mohammed Yahya Lafdal, Mauritania National Focal Point, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development
12:10-12:30	Long-term research programme (LTRP) and approach to science in Mauritania	Prof. Ahmedou Ould Soule, Enseignant-chercheur, École Normale Supérieure de Nouakchott
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch break & screening of the project documentary films</i>	
13:30-14:00	Nepal: key results of EbA interventions	Ram Hari Pantha, Nepal National Focal Point, Ministry of Forests and Environment
14:00-14:20	Long-term research programme (LTRP) and approach to science in Nepal	Sher Bahadur Gurung, Central Department of Geography, Tribhuvan University
14:20-14:50	Seychelles: key results of EbA interventions	Pughazendhi Murugaiyan, Seychelles National Project Coordinator, Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change
14:50-15:10	Long-term research programme (LTRP) and approach to science in Seychelles	Terence Vel, University of Seychelles

15:10-15:50	Discussions on challenges, lessons learned and strategic directions for the follow up on EbA activities in the Mauritania, Nepal and Seychelles contexts	Country teams, moderated by the Project Technical Advisor (Dr. Anthony Mills/ Pierre Bégat)
15:50-16:10	<i>Tea break</i>	
Beyond EbA South		
16:10-16:40	Reflection on the project's legacy, including: impacts on the 3 pilot countries in terms of mainstreaming EbA, long-term maintenance of project sites, the LTRP and upscaling of EbA interventions.	Moderator TBC
16:40-17:30	South-South Cooperation on EbA: experiences of EbA activities; EbA methodologies; lessons learned; challenges on formulating, implementing and monitoring EbA projects for design of future projects; financing opportunities for EbA and project upscaling	Moderator TBC
17:30-17:45	Close of Day 1	Jessica Troni, Head Climate Change Adaptation Unit a.i. Adaptation Portfolio Manager UN Environment
18.00-...	Dinner	
22 May 2019: South-South Knowledge Exchange Workshop on Ecosystem-based Adaptation		
09:00-09:10	Recap of Day 1	
Medium and long-term ecological, hydrological and socio-economic effects of EbA		
09:10-09:20	Climate change adaptation in Bangladesh/ South Asia	Dr. Atiq Rahman, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (TBC)
09:20-09:30	Ecological and socio-economic effects of smart irrigation in China and Central Asia	Prof. Geping Luo, Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography, CAS (TBC)
09:30-09:40	Agriculture development and water resources under climate change in the Zambezi Basin	Prof. Wu Bingfang, Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth, CAS (TBC)
09:40-09:50	Long-term ecosystem monitoring, research and management in Loess plateau, China	Dr. Yu Liu, IGSNRR, CAS

09:50-10:45	Interactive panel discussion	Moderator TBC
10:45-11:00	<i>Tea break</i>	
Mainstreaming EbA into relevant national policies, strategies and legislation		
11:00-11:10	EbA in National Adaptation Plans: Experience from National Adaptation Plan Global Support Programme (NAP-GSP)	Jessica Troni, UN Environment
11:10-11:20	Mainstreaming Ecosystem-based Adaptation Approaches into Local Adaptation Plans of Action and Development Planning	Dr. Ram Prasad Lamsal, Joint-Secretary Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal
11:20-11:30	Vietnam EbA strategy and practices	Dr. Nguyen Sy Linh, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
11:30-11:40	EbA experiences in Cambodia	Ouk Navann, Ministry of Environment (TBC)
11:40-12:30	Interactive panel discussion	Moderator TBC
12:30-12:45	Conclusion of the meeting and closing remarks	
12:45-13:45	<i>Lunch</i>	