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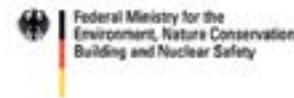
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HOW TO JOIN BES-NET



Register as a BES-Net user (Individuals)

By registering, users can access the BES-Net web portals rich resource library on various thematic areas, use interactive features like forums, connect with fellow users, obtain regular support from BES-Net experts, and receive the bi-monthly BES-Net e-newsletters.

Become a BES-Net partner (Institutions)

As a BES-Net partner, institutions can post key news, jobs and updates regarding their work on the BES-Net web portal, providing greater visibility. The BES-Net team can also disseminate this information to the public widely through UNDP/BES-Net channels and in the e-newsletters.

WHAT IS BES-NET?

The **Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network** (BES-Net) is a capacity sharing “network of networks” that promotes dialogue between science, policy and practice for more effective management of biodiversity and ecosystems, contributing to long-term human well-being and sustainable development.



BES-Net complements and contributes to the capacity building work of the Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) by aligning its activities with the IPBES global assessment themes and applying the related IPBES guidance documents.

In implementing its mandate, BES-Net follows an inclusive approach, collaborates with Multilateral Environmental Agreements, and draws on the support of other partner organizations.

WHAT BES-NET DOES

Face-to-face capacity building support through Trialogues: Trialogues bring together BES-Net’s three target communities of science, policy and practice for face-to-face dialogues. Fostering mutual learning, inter-cultural understanding and inter-institutional coordination on specific policy-relevant questions at the national and regional levels, Trialogues strengthen the interface between these communities, and enhance national capacity to integrate scientific findings into policy, decision-making and on-the-ground practices.



National Ecosystem Assessments (NEA): BES-Net supports the development of selected countries’ capacity to conduct NEAs, complementing the global assessment being undertaken by IPBES. Leveraging the expertise of the Sub-Global Assessment Network (SGAN), the NEA process encompasses not only the production of national assessment reports but also the development of a set of policy support tools to integrate assessment findings into decision-making.

Online platform for networking: The BES-Net web portal provides a comprehensive knowledge resource library on biodiversity and ecosystems services, and a rich database of organizations and experts working on the IPBES thematic assessment areas. The latest news and updates from BES-Net and its network partners are circulated via social media channels and disseminated through bi-monthly e-newsletters.