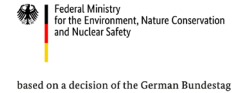


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Invitation to Webinar:

Roadmaps for scaling up Ecosystem-based Adaptation: Insights from Guatemala and India

Making 2021 count for people and planet

While the world is still struggling with the Covid-19 pandemic and its consequences, other crises persist: the climate crisis, continuing species extinction, and rising global hunger. At a series of imminent global biodiversity, climate and food systems summits (CBD, UNFCCC, UNFSS), progress towards agreed goals will be evaluated and next steps debated. Thus, 2021 represents a unique opportunity to promote action that addresses the crises in an interlinked manner.

How to bring systemic approaches for climate adaptation to scale?

Systemic approaches such as Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) will play a critical role in addressing these crises. EbA enhances human resilience to climate shocks by working with nature. It can also yield other benefits like improved food security. Although EbA is gaining international traction, its large-scale uptake remains limited. Plans for making promising approaches like EbA politically feasible and practically actionable, at the required pace and scale, ought to be prominent subjects of discussion at this year's summits.

Date

22 September 2021

Time

13:00 – 15:00 UTC

Language

English and Spanish

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Learning from experiences in India and Guatemala

Over the past three years, TMG Research, together with WWF Mesoamerica and ADIMI in Guatemala, and WOTR in India, have been exploring pathways to scale EbA at national and sub-national level. The goal was to develop new models of collaboration that prompt engagement across sectors and stakeholder groups. Through evidence-based advocacy and intense knowledge exchange about the value of EbA, a common vision for bringing EbA to scale has been created, uniting a range of different actors, including government, civil society, researchers, NGOs, and the private sector. These multi-stakeholder platforms led to the joint development of roadmaps, consisting of concrete action plans for scaling and mainstreaming EbA through various policies and programmes. Beyond joint design and planning, the roadmap process prompted voluntary commitments and spurred action. In Guatemala, for example, the process led to the integration of EbA into the Third National Communication to the UNFCCC, the revised NDC, as well into municipal development plans. In India, cross-sectoral collaboration for scaling EbA has been initiated, finding an anchor in the country's popular watershed development programmes.

This webinar will explore these roadmap development processes, outlining their specificities, success factors, and challenges. Representatives from civil society, government, the private sector, research, and the EbA donor and practitioner community, will discuss how such processes can be useful tools for creating enabling conditions to mainstream and upscale EbA. The webinar aims to inform discussions around this year's summits, promoting EbA as an effective, scalable, and integrated adaptation solution with multiple benefits.

Disclaimer

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Agenda

Time	Topic	Speaker
13:00 – 13:10	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderator, Alexander Muller, TMG Research
13:10 – 13:20	Keynote speeches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nery Martin Méndez y Méndez, Vice Minister of Water, Ministry of Environment and Natural ResourcesDr. Ashok Dalwai, National Rainfed Areas Authority, India
13:20 – 13:45	Presentations about roadmap process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Larissa Stiem-Bhatia, TMG ResearchArjuna Srinidhi, Watershed Organisation TrustAna Victoria Rodríguez, World Wildlife FundAmelia Coj, Asociación de Desarrollo Integral MITIJ IXOQ
13:45 – 14:30	Panel discussion: Reflection on how to scale EbA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sergio Alonzo, Technical Manager, Asociación de Organizaciones de Los CuchumatanesDr. Susan Chomba, Director of Vital Landscapes, World Resources Institute AfricaNamita Vikas, Founder & Managing Director, AuctusESGElisabeth Bernhardt, Coordinator of Global Adaptation Network, UN Environment Programme
14:30 – 14:50	Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderator + ALL
14:50 – 14:55	Synthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Moderator, Alexander Müller, TMG Research
14:55 –15:00	Closing words	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Birte Derrix, Advisor IKI, German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety