GB24: Public Session
26 Sept 2017, 1100–1700

Progress towards the 2017-2021 GBIF Strategic Plan Goals

The 2017 Public Session will focus on GBIF plans and progress under the 2017-2021 Implementation Plan.

The session will address in turn each of the five goals of the Implementation Plan. GBIF Secretariat staff will provide an update on progress and plans for each under the 2018 Work Programme. GBIF Participants will also present on progress and plans for selected goals. Some time will also be allocated to open discussion around each goal.

11:00-12:30 GBIF Strategic Plan Goals

Strategic Plan Goal 1: Empower Global Network

Ensure that governments, researchers and users are equipped and supported to share, improve and use data through the GBIF network, regardless of geography, language or institutional affiliation.

Session chair: Donald Hobern, GBIF Secretariat

Presentations

- **Overview**
  Tim Hirsch, GBIF Secretariat
- **The Living Atlases collaboration**
  Anne-Sophie Archambeau, GBIF France
- **GBIF’s training approach**
  Laura Russell, GBIF Secretariat
- **Coordinating projects under BID: the Biodiversity Information for Development programme**
  Jean Ganglo, GBIF Benin
- **Telling the GBIF story**
  Dairo Escobar, GBIF Colombia
  Introducing new video with production support from the Capacity Enhancement Support Programme

Group photo

To take place just before lunch break. Local organizers will show the way.

12:30-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-15:00 GBIF Strategic Plan Goals (continued)

Strategic Plan Goal 2: Enhance Biodiversity Information Infrastructure

Provide leadership, expertise and tools to support the integration of all biodiversity information as an interconnected digital knowledgebase.
Strategic Plan Goal 3: **Fill Data Gaps**

*Prioritize and promote mobilization of new data resources which combine with existing resources to maximize the coverage, completeness and resolution of GBIF data, particularly with respect to taxonomy, geography and time.*

Strategic Plan Goal 4: **Improve Data Quality**

*Ensure that all data within the GBIF network are of the highest-possible quality and associated with clear indicators enabling users to assess their origin, relevance and usefulness for any application.*

**Session chair:** Tim Hirsch, GBIF Secretariat

**Presentations**

- **Overview and update**
  Donald Hobern, GBIF Secretariat

- **Catalogue of Life Plus project**
  Olaf Bánki, Naturalis

- **Filling data gaps and meeting research needs in Asia**
  Maofang Luo, Chinese Academy of Sciences | Visiting Scientist, GBIF Secretariat

- **Sampling event data**
  Anders Finstad, GBIF Science Committee

- **Mobilizing data from literature**
  Donat Agosti, Plazi

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15:00-15:30  **Coffee break**

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15:30-16:30  **GBIF Strategic Plan Goals** (continued)

Strategic Plan Goal 5: **Deliver Relevant Data**

*Ensure that GBIF delivers data in the form and completeness required to meet the highest-priority needs of science and, through science, society.*

**Session chair:** Donald Hobern

**Presentations**

- **Introduction to new GBIF.org**
  Kyle Copas, GBIF Secretariat

- **Improved data discovery on GBIF.org**
  Laura Russell, GBIF Secretariat

- **Documenting research uses of GBIF-mediated data**
  Tim Hirsch, GBIF Secretariat

- **GBIF review process**
  Peter Schalk, GBIF Governing Board Chair

2017 Awards: **Young Researchers Award | Ebbe Nielsen Challenge**

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**Presenters**

- **Rod Page**, GBIF Science Committee Chair
- **Kyle Copas**, GBIF Secretariat