

## 2020 GBIF Africa virtual regional meeting

*Draft programme*

### Background

This online meeting will bring together current GBIF nodes from the Africa region for a virtual regional meeting. It will include a regional engagement webinar which will be open to observers from the biodiversity community in countries not yet participating in GBIF, in which we will share information on the benefits of joining GBIF and the opportunities in the next phase of the Biodiversity Information for Development (BID) programme.

### Events

1. [Africa virtual nodes meeting 2020](#)
2. [BID regional engagement webinar for Africa](#)

### Objectives

The meeting aims to:

- 1) Engage GBIF node managers from the region in discussions on:
  - a) Progress towards the aims described in the [Nodes Strategy 2020-2021](#)
  - b) Strengthening regional engagement and participation in GBIF through the BID programme and other outreach actions
  - c) Development of a regional engagement strategy
- 2) Promote the BID programme and upcoming call for proposals in the region
- 3) Share guiding examples from projects funded in the first phase of BID in the region
- 4) Encourage new countries from Africa to engage with GBIF

### Draft programme

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#### 10 June 2020; Africa nodes meeting - part 1

*Zoom meeting for Node Managers and their teams*

- Presentations and discussion will be in English, questions may be asked in French and English
- Please join at 09:30 GMT+2 to test video and audio
- The meeting will run from 10:00-12:30 GMT+2
- The meeting will be recorded

#### ***Session 1: Welcome to the regional meeting***

*Jean Cossi Ganglo, Regional Representative*

#### ***Session 2: Lightning talks from nodes on regional initiatives***

*Invited presentations from nodes from the region*

### **Session 3: Updates on GBIF-Africa Action plan and recommendations of 20 year review**

*Jean Cossi Ganglo, Regional Representative*

### **Session 4: Update on the establishment of the African Coordinating Mechanism**

*Fatima Parker Allie, Node Manager, South Africa*

### **Session 3: Summary of main points from the day**

*Jean Cossi Ganglo, Regional Representative*

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## **11 June 2020; BID Africa regional engagement webinar**

*Zoom webinar for nodes, BID community, observers from the region*

- Presentations and discussion will be in English, questions may be asked in French, Portuguese and English
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### **Welcome to the webinar**

#### **Session 1: GBIF Secretariat update and setting the scene**

*Tim Hirsch, GBIF Secretariat*

#### **Session 2: GBIF Participation in the Africa region**

*Jean Cossi Ganglo, Regional Representative*

#### **Session 3: Short talk from a GBIF capacity enhancement project in the Africa region**

#### **Session 4: Short talks from three BID project teams**

*Invited presentations from previous BID funded projects in Africa*

#### **Session 5: Panel session - Q&A**

*Chair: Tim Hirsch; Panel: Jean Cossi Ganglo, Pierre Raoufou Radji, Andrew Rodrigues, Maheva Bagard Laursen, Mélianie Raymond*

#### **Session 7: How to stay engaged in GBIF and BID in the future (10 min)**

*Mélianie Raymond, GBIF Secretariat*

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## **12 June 2020; Africa nodes meeting - part 2**

*Zoom meeting for Node Managers and their teams*

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**Session 1: Regional discussion of progress against Global Nodes strategy 2020-2021**

*Jean Cossi Ganglo, Regional Representative*

The regional meetings should discuss progress towards the objectives set out in the [Nodes Strategy 2020-2021](#).

**Session 2: Presentation and discussion of draft regional engagement strategy to expand the GBIF-Africa network**

*Tim Hirsch, GBIF Secretariat*

**Session 3: Discussion on defining needs, priorities and actions**

*Jean Cossi Ganglo, Regional Representative*

**Session 4: Strengthening communication in the region**

*Pierre Raoufou Radji, Deputy regional representative*

**Session 5: Meeting wrap up – summary and next steps**

*Jean Cossi Ganglo, Regional Representative*

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