

Programme:

Unlocking Biodiversity Information for Research and Decision-making

13–14 November 2019

Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, VIP Room, Rue Vautier, 29 – 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Biodiversity Information for Development (BID) is a multi-year programme funded by the European Union and led by GBIF—the Global Biodiversity Information Facility.

Since its start in 2015, 63 projects in the ‘ACP’ nations of sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific have sought to increase the amount of biodiversity information available for use in scientific research and policymaking. More information about the programme is available at www.gbif.org/bid.

Meeting timetable

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| 13 November 2019 – RBINS VIP Room | |
| Impact of the BID programme and alignment with existing initiatives | |
| 08:30 Registration at the entrance of the Museum (between the tickets counter and the tickets check) | |
| 09:00 Welcome and Practical information | Tim Hirsch, GBIF Secretariat RBINS representative |
| 09:10 Ice breaker | |
| 09:20 Introduction to GBIF and GBIF approach to capacity | Joe Miller, GBIF Secretariat |
| 09:30 Origin and context of the BID programme | Philippe Mayaux, EU DEVCO |
| 09:40 Introduction to and impact of the BID programme & Key achievements of the BID programme | Tim Hirsch, GBIF Secretariat David Bloom, VertNet |
| 10:30 Coffee Break | |
| 11:00 Impact of the BID programme across the ACP regions | Short talks from ACP project representatives |
| 12:00 Panel discussion: Outcome of the EU investment in the ACP | |
| 12:30 Lunch | |
| 13:30 Multiplying the BID investment | Mélanie Raymond, GBIF Secretariat |
| 13:50 Alignment of the BID programme with parallel initiatives | Video from Don Doering, JRS Biodiversity Foundation Philipp Bubb, UNEP-WCMC Representative from Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH Andrew Cottam, JRC-BIOPAMA |



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| 14:30 Reusing BID tools and training materials in other contexts | Anabela Plos, Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales, Argentina (<i>invited</i>) Sharon Grant, The Field Museum of Natural History, USA Armine Abrahamyan, Armenian National Agrarian University |
| 15:00 Coffee Break | |
| 15:30 Plans for the continuation of the BID programme with current budget and options for broadening the action | Tim Hirsch, GBIF Secretariat |
| 15:45 Facilitated discussion: Alignment of the BID programme with current and future initiatives | |
| 16:45 Closing remarks | Joe Miller, GBIF Secretariat Martin Watson, Prospex EU office |
| 17:30 Cocktails - RBINS Dinosaurs mezzanine | |
| 21:00 End of the day | |

14 November 2019 -- RBINS VIP Room Biodiversity information for sustainable development: mapping priorities

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| 08:30 Registration | |
| 09:00 Welcome and introduction | Tim Hirsch, GBIF Secretariat Martin Watson, Prospex EU office |
| 09:30 Importance of biodiversity information for sustainable development | Kyle Copas, GBIF Secretariat |
| 10:00 Panel discussion: Unlocking Biodiversity Information | |
| 11:00 Coffee Break | |
| 11:30 Introduction to Breakout Groups | Tim Hirsch, GBIF Secretariat Martin Watson, Prospex EU office |
| 11:40 Facilitated breakout sessions: Contribution of biodiversity information to key Sustainable Development Goals, including climate change, food security, human health and life on land and water – First round | |
| 13:00 Lunch | |
| 14:00 Facilitated breakout sessions: Contribution of biodiversity information to key Sustainable Development Goals, including climate change, food security, human health and life on land and water – Second round | |
| 15:15 Coffee Break | |
| 15:45 What Next? Summary of findings and definition of a landscape of priorities related to biodiversity information | |
| 16:45 Action points and Closing remarks | |
| 17:00 End of the day | |