Accelerating Nature Action for NBSAPs

As the world calls for concrete results to halt biodiversity loss and diminish the effects of climate change, implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans -NBSAP- is the number one priority.

Nairobi, Kenya. February 29, 2024

Colombia recently announced that the city of Cali, located in the Choco Biogeographic region, one of the most biodiverse areas on Earth, will host the sixteenth session of the Conference of Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). After one year of the historic signing of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, CBD Parties will present their updated versions of the NBSAPs, the global policy-based instrument to implement the agreement, a ‘silver bullet’ to tackle the biodiversity crisis.

With the COP16 ahead, the sixth session of the UN Environment General Assembly is a key space to participate and advocate for accelerating biodiversity action and elevate political will for NBSAPs implementation. It is expected that CBD Parties present their updated NBSAPs and UNEA is fundamental for the discussion.
As part of these efforts, the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership announced the **first 12 countries and one regional institution that will be part of the accelerator** through hosting expert facilitators, and access to matchmaking services. The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership acts as a neutral broker, enhancing access to financial and technical support, aiming to increase NBSAP implementation within countries and sectors.

The announcement was made during an event hosted by the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership on "accelerating implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework, supporting Countries’ Early Action" in UNEA-6.

The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership is supported by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) through its International Climate Initiative (IKI) and contributes to the overall goal of living in harmony with Nature by 2050. Managed by a interim Global Coordination Unit (i-GCU) supported by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNDP and UNEP, the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership raises the profile of NBSAPs, promoting nature-positive action, fast tracking implementation support through a matchmaking service, increasing access to expertise, knowledge, and capacity development and providing coordination and facilitation support to countries/regions.

*********************************

**Contact information**

Diego Ochoa
diego.ochoa@nbsapaccelerator.org
+571 301 653 3106