NBSAP accelerator partnership

ACCELERATING ACTION FOR NATURE

In a landmark decision at COP15 in December 2022, Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, outlining a global roadmap to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by the end of the decade. To support this ambitious framework, the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership was launched to strengthen collaboration, mobilize support, and accelerate the implementation of country-led National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs).

The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership is a country-led initiative that supports the implementation of NBSAPs to collectively achieve the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

GOVERNANCE

The work of the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership is guided by a collaborative governance mechanism with country members at its centre. Strategic direction is provided by a Steering Committee of 14 country representatives, including two co-chairs from Colombia and Germany.

The Accelerator is supported by the governments of Germany, Norway, Canada and France, and coordinated by a Global Coordination Unit hosted by the Secretariat of the CBD, UNDP and UNEP.

MEMBERSHIP

NBSAP Accelerator Partnership members drive change and deliver impact, bringing diverse knowledge, skills, and capacities together to accelerate biodiversity action. Members benefit from a global network of learning, collaboration, capacity building and technical support for advancing NBSAPs worldwide. Membership is free and open to countries, institutions, and non-state actors committed to taking accelerated action for Nature.

With over 100 members, the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership is dedicated to fostering transformative change through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

ACCELERATION SUPPORT

The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership's core acceleration support areas unlock faster, more effective NBSAP implementation.

THE MATCHMAKING MECHANISM

Because the right connections lead to real impact

The MatchMaking Mechanism connects national biodiversity needs with relevant technical and financial partners to accelerate NBSAP implementation. By centralizing requests for support from national governments and distributing them to a network of potential partners, it supports targeted, country-led engagement that drives real impact. Some requests may also be considered under the Accelerator Action Account to help bridge funding gaps.

THE FACILITATOR PROGRAMME

Accelerating NBSAP implementation with in-country expertise

The Facilitator Programme places embedded experts within government institutions and regional organizations to help accelerate and coordinate NBSAP implementation. Facilitators support governments in identifying and prioritising implementation needs, strengthening cross-sector coordination, mobilising support, and navigating partnerships, including connections made through the MatchMaking Mechanism.

KNOWLEDGE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ADVOCACY

Turning knowledge into action and impact

Through knowledge sharing, communications, and advocacy, the Accelerator helps elevate biodiversity on political agendas, strengthen biodiversity mainstreaming across sectors, and foster the enabling environment needed to achieve the goals and targets of the Global Biodiversity Framework. Knowledge exchange, capacity building, practical tools, resource networks, and knowledge products equip countries to implement ambitious NBSAPs.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership is guided by ten principles that shape how members work together to accelerate ambitious, inclusive, and effective action for biodiversity.

1. Championing ambitious NBSAPs
2. Supporting country-led processes
3. Driving transformation for nature
4. Empowering country leadership
5. Enhancing efficiency, flexibility and effectiveness
6. Improving coordination at all levels to deliver nbsaps
7. Facilitating learning and knowledge exchange
8. Promoting a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach
9. Mainstreaming action a cross sectors
10. Upholding human rights and gender equality

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