NBSAP accelerator partnership

MEMBERSHIP

Join us in

ACCELERATING ACTION FOR NATURE

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. As a vibrant community of over 100 members, the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership is united by a shared vision: Living in harmony with Nature by 2050.

Together, NBSAP Accelerator Partnership members drive vital biodiversity action across all levels of government and sectors of society for global transformation.

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 member representatives, including two co-chairs. Coordination is provided by a Global Coordination Unit jointly hosted by the CBD Secretariat, UNDP, and UNEP. This governance structure ensures that country members shape priorities, oversee strategic direction, and guide collective action.

BECOME A MEMBER

By joining the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, members contribute to a global, country-led initiative to advance NBSAP implementation, with a shared commitment to active participation and collaboration.

Follow these three simple steps to join:

1. **Review and commit to the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership's 10 guiding principles.**

2. **Confirm your alignment with relevant membership criteria.**

3. **Send a signed membership request letter to membership@nbsapaccelerator.org.**

Membership request letters should:

- Confirm your support for the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership's vision and principles
- Outline your commitment to membership criteria
- Designate a focal point for ongoing communication

Letters must be signed by:

- A Ministry of Environment or CBD focal point (for country members)
- Senior representatives (for institutions and non-state actors)

Letter templates are available upon request at the email address above.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

While countries are at the heart of NBSAP implementation, institutions and non-state actors bring essential technical expertise, operational capacity, and resource mobilization. Clear criteria for each category of members help ensure collective action.

COUNTRY MEMBERS

- Are officially recognized by the United Nations
- Contribute to and support tailored in-country NBSAP implementation
- Share information on existing initiatives, coordination efforts, and needs
- Provide technical, financial, and knowledge support when available and in line with national priorities and capacities

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

- Are international or national organizations, non-profit entities recognized as intergovernmental organizations, or financial institutions
- Are recognized as independent entities or independently managed financing facilities.[1]
- Have governing bodies primarily composed of governments
- Have mandates or charters that align with the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership's programme of work in development, climate, and biodiversity, and/or ongoing government responsibility for funding and/or capitalization in these areas
- Support the review, updating, implementation, and monitoring of NBSAPs

1 Non-independently registered legal entities should include in their membership application letters the approval from their host institution(s) authorizing the initiative to apply for membership in its own capacity.

NON-STATE ACTOR MEMBERS

- Are independently registered legal entities[1]
- Are not engaged in profit-seeking enterprises
- Maintain a minimum of 10 permanent staff
- Pursue action for Nature and climate, with active programming supporting sustainable development
- Support the review, updating, implementation, and monitoring of country NBSAPs
- Support or demonstrate the capacity to support at least three NBSAP Accelerator Partnership member countries in biodiversity action and development activities

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MEMBER BENEFITS

By joining the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, members gain access to a wide set of benefits:

- Direct access to the MatchMaking Mechanism
- Opportunities for collaboration, peer exchange, and co-creation
- A voice in governance and strategic direction
- Elevated visibility and advocacy
- Exclusive access to knowledge and learning resources

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

As a part of an active and collaborative community, all members are expected to:

- Participate in membership meetings
- Engage in collaboration opportunities

COUNTRY MEMBERS

- Contribute to tailored in-country NBSAP implementation support packages
- Proactively share information on existing initiatives and partnerships to strengthen coordination and collective impact

DONOR COUNTRY MEMBERS

- Support the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership through funding and technical expertise
- Contribute tot he supply side of the MMM

INSTITUTIONS AND NON-STATE ACTORS

- Support the review, updating, implementation, and monitoring of country NBSAPs
- Contribute to the supply side of the MMM

MEMBERS-ONLY ACCELERATION SUPPORT

Members gain access to interconnected areas of work designed to support countries in implementing and accelerating ambitious NBSAPs:

THE MATCHMAKING MECHANISM

Connects national biodiversity needs with relevant technical and financial partners to advance NBSAP implementation. By centralizing requests from national governments and distributing them to a network of potential suppliers, it supports targeted, country-led engagement that drives real impact.

THE FACILITATOR PROGRAMME

Embeds dedicated facilitators within relevant country ministries or institutions to help identify and track national biodiversity priorities, channel requests for support through the MatchMaking Mechanism, and support strategic, whole-of-government and whole-of-society actions.

KNOWLEDGE, COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVOCACY

Amplifies country-led biodiversity actions through strategic content creation and knowledge sharing, connecting members through tools, networks, and knowledge products to support ambitious NBSAP implementation.

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 across sectors
10. Upholding human rights and gender equality

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