

Seminars on nature conservation in German development cooperation

Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing
18–23 January 2021

**Transformational Change for Biodiversity Conservation:
Challenges, concepts and implementation**
25 January–3 February 2021

online

Background

The series of seminars on nature conservation in development cooperation has been held at the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm since 1999. It is jointly organised by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and KfW on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm, of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN). The first seminar "Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing" presents an overview and update of the most relevant concepts. Based on a combination of practical examples, tools and trends in biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing and development, it provides a good platform for exchanging experiences. The second seminar is devoted to the in-depth consideration of a specific topic identified as being of particular interest. Based on on-going discussions in international biodiversity policy fora, the topic "Transformative Change for Biodiversity Conservation" was chosen for 2020.

Due to the unforeseeable developments of the COVID-19 pandemic the seminars of the year 2020 had to be postponed to early 2021. Both seminars will be held online.

The language of both seminars will be English.

Venue

Both seminars will take place online in AdobeConnect:

To test your connection:

https://meet97244593.adobeconnect.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

To get a quick overview of the programme:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/adobeconnect.html>

Target group

The target group of the seminars are practitioners at the interface of development cooperation, biodiversity conservation and climate change (GIZ, KfW, BMZ, BMU, consulting companies, foundations, NGOs, universities, partner organisations).



Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing

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Objectives

- Raise awareness for the significance of biodiversity for the provision of ecosystem services – hence: for human wellbeing
- Convey new concepts, instruments and trends of conservation and development cooperation
- Analyse the opportunities provided by the CBD and its Strategic Plan as the policy framework for German development cooperation in the area of biodiversity conservation
- Offer a forum for the exchange of experiences

Contents

The following topics will be addressed through inputs, case studies, group work and discussions:

- Global trends with relevance for biodiversity conservation versus the relevance of biodiversity conservation for sustainable development
 - New directions arising from the CBD
 - Current trends in German development cooperation with regard to biodiversity conservation
 - Reflecting the role of policy advice for biodiversity conservation
 - Balancing conservation with livelihoods interests: a critical review of approaches and achievements
 - Conservation in land- and seascapes: concepts, current issues and developments (including protected areas and other relevant tools, management and governance aspects)
 - Financing biodiversity conservation
 - Human rights and conservation
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Transformational Change for Biodiversity Conservation: Challenges, concepts and implementation

(25 January–3 February 2021)

Background

The Global Assessment Report 2019 of the Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) was the most comprehensive assessment of the state of biodiversity, providing also an elaborate picture of the relationship between economic development pathways and their impacts on nature. It also offers a range of possible scenarios for the coming decades. The report states clearly that the rate of nature's decline is 'unprecedented' and that species extinction rates are 'accelerating'. The report concludes that the current global response is insufficient and that 'Transformative changes' are needed to restore and protect nature.

The report will surely influence the negotiations of the upcoming Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biodiversity which will now be held in May 2021 in China where a new Global Biodiversity Framework will be concluded.

The seminar will explore the concept of transformational change for biodiversity conservation, review the challenges in achieving transformational change and identify necessary framework conditions, mandates, actors and networks and next steps to implement transforming policies and measures.

Transformational change is needed to

- Address underlying causes of biodiversity decline;
- Use biodiversity to address social challenges.

A particular focus will be laid on new directions for area-based conservation as a means to achieve social, cultural and economic development and at the same time safeguard biodiversity.

Objectives

Participants

- Understand the need for transformational change and the dual role for biodiversity (as a beneficiary and a solution provider)
- Understand the characteristics and elements of transformational change incl. policy reform, financial and economic incentives, new governance models, sector approaches, etc., and are inspired to plan for implementation in their own work context
- Are familiar with the international discussion on the new Global Biodiversity Framework and are able to relate this to national policies
- Are aware of challenges, obstacles and barriers and have discussed options and opportunities how to overcome them;
- Are familiar with new concepts for area-based conservation
- Develop recommendations for portfolio development for implementation of the new Global Biodiversity Framework within development cooperation

Costs

1st seminar (18–23 January):
the seminar is free of charge

2nd seminar (25 January–3 February):
approx. 300–400 € per participant

The final fee can only be set by end of November 2020. A late cancellation of your registration within 30 days prior to the start of the seminar will imply a fee of the full costs in case no substitute can be found.

Registration

Please register online at:

1st seminar:

www.bfn.de/en/int-academy/anmeldeformular-2.html?tx_blitzcalendar_pi1%5Bcid%5D=4693

2nd seminar:

www.bfn.de/en/int-academy/anmeldeformular-2.html?tx_blitzcalendar_pi1%5Bcid%5D=4694

For the second seminar: Please inform us if you are involved in projects/ programmes that include innovative aspects that could lead to transformative change. Please use the notice and funding box to describe the project and the specific aspects.

Please note that the registration form is made for face-to-face meetings. Therefore, not all fields are fully applicable to the online workshop. Mandatory fields are marked with *. With regard to accommodation please select „no accommodation“, you will still be asked for your arrival and departure date, please fill in any dates. With regard to food you can choose any food either. It is important that all mandatory * fields are all filled in. We will ignore all information that are not relevant to the online meeting.

We will confirm your participation until 30th November 2020.

**Deadline for online registration and submission of application form:
23rd November 2020**

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