

Seminars on nature conservation in German development cooperation

Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing

29 July – 3 August 2019

Ecosystem-based Adaptation: Opportunities in policy and practice

5 – 10 August 2019

at the International Academy for Nature Conservation
Isle of Vilm

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 feedback from last year's participants and on-going discussions in international biodiversity policy fora, the topic "Ecosystem-based Adaptation" was chosen for 2019.

The language of both seminars will be English.

Venue

Both seminars will take place at the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm (see <https://www.bfn.de/en/int-academy/vilm-as-venue.html>), an island in the Baltic Sea next to Ruegen Island. The Isle of Vilm has been a protected area for many centuries.

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).

The number of participants for the 1st seminar is limited to 20, for the 2nd seminar to 25.

BMU  Federal Ministry
for the Environment, Nature Conservation
and Nuclear Safety

On behalf of
BMZ  Federal Ministry
for Economic Cooperation
and Development



Biodiversity conservation for human well-being

(29 July – 3 August 2019)

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, its Strategic Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals
- 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.

Part of the seminar will be a related field trip.

Ecosystem-based Adaptation: Opportunities in policy and practice

(5 - 10 August 2019)

Background

Ecosystem-based Adaptation is gaining more momentum in international cooperation, for instance through its relevance for the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), the Green Climate Fund and its focal role for the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety.

For a successful uptake and upscaling from the individual project level, it is important to align Ecosystem-based Adaptation with national strategies and opportunities. The seminar will hence explore how EbA can be mainstreamed in the various relevant sectors and how future projects and programmes in development cooperation can integrate EbA in their approaches. In particular, the relevance of EbA for national planning and the synergies with Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Risk Insurance will be explored. Opportunities for EbA in urban and coastal environments and their interplay with technological solutions will be discussed.

Based on real life examples, the seminar will analyse entry points, opportunities, incentives, barriers, tools and approaches for mainstreaming EbA and develop EbA-guidance for development cooperation.

Objectives

Participants

- are able to utilize and promote linkages and synergies between the international biodiversity and climate policy framework and relevant national policies
- are able to identify and utilize opportunities for mainstreaming EbA in relevant policies, strategies, processes and practices;
- are aware of challenges, obstacles and barriers and how to overcome them; are able to communicate benefits and co-benefits of EbA solutions

- understand success factors for EbA (motivations and entry points, incentives, governance, monitoring and evaluation, communication and outreach)
- get an overview of relevant methods and tools for EbA
- develop recommendations for EbA mainstreaming and implementation within the framework of development cooperation.
- gain a good understanding of the role of international cooperation in mainstreaming EbA

A related field trip will take place in the middle of the seminar.

Costs

1st seminar (29 July – 3 August):

approx. 500 € per participant (including full board and lodging)

2nd seminar (5 - 10 August):

approx. 980 € per participant (including full board and lodging)

The final fee can only be set by mid May 2019. A late cancellation of your registration within 30 days prior to the start of the seminar will imply a fee of about 500 € in case no substitute can be found.

Registration

Please register online at:

1st seminar:

https://www.bfn.de/en/int-academy/conferences-and-semi-nars.html?tx_blitzcalendar_pi1%5Bevent%5D=13&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1%5Baction%5D=show&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1%5Bcontroller%5D=Data&cHash=d1a2bf09adc840ec0655a79a45c12e6d

2nd seminar:

https://www.bfn.de/en/int-academy/conferences-and-semi-nars.html?tx_blitzcalendar_pi1%5Bevent%5D=11&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1%5Baction%5D=show&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1%5Bcontroller%5D=Data&cHash=c159e7343bf7d72cdddd810630916ede

You also have to submit the attached filled-in **form** to martina.finger@bfn.de. Otherwise, your registration cannot be considered. Participants will be chosen based on a number of criteria, such as:

- Regional and institutional balance
- Participation in previous seminars
- Motivation and relevance to work context
- Ability to contribute actively

**Deadline for online registration and submission of application form:
31 March 2019**

For questions, please contact Martina Finger (martina.finger@bfn.de)

Confirmations will be sent out by 20 April 2019

