1st Meeting of the Issue Management Group on Biodiversity

09 December 2021
Proposed Agenda

- Welcoming remarks by EMG Secretariat – Jannica Pitkanen
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Update from CBD – Neil Pratt, CBD
- Presentation of Working Groups, including draft Workplan 2022:
  - Awareness raising and knowledge sharing - Meriem Bouamrane, UNESCO
  - Accountability & global-level reporting - Corli Pretorius, UNEP
  - UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration - Natalia Alekseeva, FAO
- Other Matters
- Closure of the Meeting
IMG Composition, Governance & Timeline

- IMG Co-chairs UNDP, UNEP, and UNESCO - supported by the EMG Secretariat
- Working Groups:
  1. Awareness raising and knowledge sharing – UNESCO, UNDP
  2. Accountability & global-level reporting - UNEP
  3. UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration - FAO

  Please nominate representatives emg@un.org by December 16

- IMG meetings 2 times/year
- Working groups – at least quarterly
- ToR of the IMG on Biodiversity is valid until the Senior Officials Meeting in September 2022, and reviewed every second year thereafter
1. Awareness raising and knowledge sharing on the UN Common Approach to Biodiversity

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| Guidance, knowledge products and advocacy material in support of the 15 medium-term objectives of the Common Approach | - Existing technical guidance, knowledge products, training and communications materials identified and shared  
- EMG members encouraged to develop and share internal advocacy pieces to support national and regional engagement | Work with EMG members:  
- Global Divisions and Regional Offices  
- Thematic coordination mechanisms |
| Access to biodiversity-related knowledge products                          | Increased availability of knowledge products to regional and national teams and other coordination mechanisms                                                                                       | Collaborate with:  
- UNSDG  
- Regional Collaborative Platforms  
- Thematic coordination mechanisms |
# 1. Awareness raising and knowledge sharing – AWP 2022

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<td><strong>Activity 1. Source and update guidance, knowledge products and advocacy materials</strong></td>
<td>UNESCO &amp; FAO (TBC)</td>
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<td>Work with EMG members: Global Divisions and Regional Offices; Secretariats to the UN Decades; Thematic coordination mechanisms</td>
<td>Regional &amp; Country Coordinators, ResReps, Regional Collaborative Platform, Thematic Coordination, relevant stakeholders</td>
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<td>Activity 1.1. Consult regional mechanisms (ROs, Economic Comissions, etc) and DCO on priority themes, formats, knowledge gaps</td>
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<td>Activity 1.2. Assign theme leads and issue requests for input</td>
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<td>Activity 1.3. Review and publish knowledge products as available</td>
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<td><strong>Activity 2. Increase access to biodiversity-related knowledge products and knowledge</strong></td>
<td>EMG Secretariat</td>
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<td>UNSDG, Regional Collaborative Platforms, Thematic coordination mechanisms</td>
<td>Regional &amp; Country Offices</td>
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<td>Activity 2.1. Assess platform options for knowledge sharing, e.g. UNSDG knowledge platform, AFP websites, etc.</td>
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<td>Activity 2.2. Conduct webinars, promotional events and develop communiques to highlight knowledge products and share knowledge and lessons learned</td>
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<td>Activity 2.3. Collate user feed back on content, format and accessibility to inform next round</td>
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Common Approach impact areas and objectives

Human rights, peaceful societies & planetary stability
- Institutional capacity
- Monitoring & reporting
- Environmental rule of law
- Criminal justice
- Information & communication technologies

Right to a healthy environment
- Leaving no one behind
- One Health approach
- Restoration, DRR & climate action
- Education & cultural diversity

Biodiversity & nature-based solutions

Institutions, accountability & justice
- Valuing nature
- Sustainable food systems
- Sustainable production

Green & inclusive economic recovery
- Public & private investments
- Sustainable lifestyles
2. Accountability & global-level reporting within the UN system

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| Common Approach reporting framework development | 1. An overview of the reporting mechanisms relevant to biodiversity  
2. A synthesis of existing data availability, baselines and periodicity of submission of reporting  
3. A reporting framework for the Common Approach to biodiversity  
4. Report at the global level on collective action on biodiversity to the relevant mechanisms (EMG SOM, CEB/HLCP), as well to the drafting process of the Secretary General’s (SG) reports on the QCPR | Coordinate with:  
- UN entities-specific reporting mechanism  
- CEB/HLCP  
- QCPR reporting framework |
### 2. Accountability & global-level reporting – AWP 2022

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<td><strong>Activity 3. Develop Common Approach reporting framework</strong></td>
<td>UNEP &amp; UNDP (TBC)</td>
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<td>UN entities-specific reporting mechanism, CEB/HLCP, QCPR reporting framework</td>
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<td>Activity 3.1. Produce an overview of the reporting mechanisms relevant to biodiversity</td>
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<td>Activity 3.3. Produce a reporting framework for the Common Approach to biodiversity and get it approved by the EMG SOM</td>
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<td>Activity 3.4. Report at the global level on collective action on biodiversity to the relevant mechanisms (EMG SOM, CEB/HLCP), as well to the drafting process of the SG’s reports on the QCPR</td>
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3. Update on the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

- Successfully launched on World Environment Day, 5 June 2021, the UN Decade has a growing partner network of now over 90 organizations, a new Action plan to concretize the UN Decade’s strategy, and the continued work of the UN Decade’s Task Forces (Best Practices, Finance, Monitoring, Science and Youth bringing together over 500 experts).

- The Decade is now entering the implementation phase with the operationalization of the UN Decade’s Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) through the first Executive Board meeting on 16 December 2021 and the launch if the nomination process for the UN Decade’s Flagship Initiatives.

- Member States and partner will be invited to nominate and submit Flagship Initiatives which will accompany the UN Decade from the year 2022 onwards. These Initiatives are the first, best, or most promising examples of large-scale and long-term ecosystem restoration in any country or region, embodying the 10 Restoration Principles of the UN Decade.
3. Facilitation and scaling up UN system-wide response to the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

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<td>UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration</td>
<td>UN system-wide response to the Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030) facilitated and up-scaled</td>
<td>Work with EMG Members:</td>
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<td>- Global Divisions and Regional Offices</td>
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<td>- Coordination Group and Task Forces of the UN Decade</td>
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<td><strong>Result 3. Increased awareness and strengthened collaboration to deliver on the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Activity 4: Increase awareness and collaboration to deliver on the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration</strong></td>
<td>FAO and UNEP (coordinated with UN Decade Coordination Group and Task Forces)</td>
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<td>4.1. Nominate activity leads among EMG members</td>
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<td>4.2. Develop and maintain living inventory of relevant initiatives, knowledge products and etc. among EMG members (connected to the Decade's inventory)</td>
<td>EMG Secretariat, UNEP, FAO and individual entities</td>
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<td>4.3. Conduct technical webinars/dialogues to raise awareness about the Decade among EMG members</td>
<td>FAO, UNEP, EMG Secretariat, UN Decade Coordination Group and Task Forces</td>
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<td>4.4. Provide relevant inputs for consultation with DCO on ecosystem restoration and the development of relevant knowledge product(s) (contribution to Activity 1)</td>
<td>UNESCO &amp; FAO (TBC)</td>
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<td>4.5. Integrate ecosystem restoration related targets and indicators into Common Approach reporting framework (contribution to Activity 3) and Decade implementation monitoring for the GA</td>
<td>UNEP &amp; UNDP (TBC)</td>
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The Way Forward

1st IMG meeting
Dec 2021

UNSDG DCO meeting
on Triple Planetary Crisis
Feb 2022

1st IMG meeting
Dec 2021

WG meetings
commence
Jan 2022

UNSDG DCO meeting
on Triple Planetary Crisis
Feb 2022

UNEA Common Approach side event
Feb 2022

CBD EMG side event
Mar 2022, tbd

CBD EMG side event
Mar 2022, tbd

S+50 June 2022

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2nd IMG meeting
Jul 2022

CBD COP15
May 2022, tbc

CBD COP15
May 2022, tbc

SOM 28 Mid-term
June 2022

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June 2022

SOM 28 Oct 2022

SOM 28 Oct 2022
THANK YOU
Opportunities to integrate biodiversity

- **Objective**: 2050 vision of living in harmony with nature

- **Impact areas**: Creating long-term change
  - Human rights, peaceful societies & planetary stability
  - A green and inclusive economic recovery
  - Strengthened institutions, accountability & justice

- **Outcomes**: Delivered through collaboration
  - Global advocacy and normative frameworks
  - Regional collaboration
  - National implementation

- **Outputs**: Accountability – coherent and collective action on biodiversity
  - Internal policy alignment
  - Resources mobilization
  - Knowledge exchange
  - Outreach & communications

- **Activities**: 50+ ways to integrating biodiversity and nature-based solutions
  - List of illustrative examples (Annex IV)