

Co-design workshop for a Global Knowledge Support Service for Biodiversity

18-21 April 2023, Cambridge, UK

The co-design workshop builds on consultations to date, and aims to refine key elements for strengthening cooperation and collaboration for the collation, generation, management and use of data, information and knowledge to enhance implementation of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and related processes. The purpose of the workshop is to develop a shared understanding of:

1. The framing and strategic intent of a global knowledge support service;
2. The technical scope and opportunities for digital transformation;
3. Public good data criteria and data governance;
4. Governance of a global knowledge support service;
5. Development needs for the use of tools and resources, at national, regional, and global levels, and
6. Linkages to other initiatives and relevant decisions made at CBD COP15.

The workshop is also designed to:

- Enable contributions from diverse geographies and interests of users and knowledge partners;
- Learn more about existing and new initiatives that may complement or contribute to the Global Knowledge Support Service for Biodiversity;
- Test real and perceived barriers to enhanced cooperation around the provision of data, knowledge, information, and tools at support implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; and
- Explore opportunities to collaborate.

It will be conducted as a hybrid workshop to ensure involvement of all participants.

There will be a pre-event Mentimeter survey to facilitate engagement and preparation of the workshop

All times are BST (GMT+1): Join Zoom Meeting

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Draft Programme

Day 1: 18 April 2023 (2-5pm) FRAMING / STRATEGIC INTENT	
13:00 – 14:00	Registration
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Welcome & introductions</p> <p>Opening remarks: Neville Ash, Director, UNEP-WCMC Neil Pratt, CBD Secretariat Anne Teller, European Commission</p> <p>Objectives and methods of the workshop, in a hybrid in-person and online format. How this workshop is a stage in a process, and how its results will be used.</p> <p>Parking lot: Is the name right?</p> <p><i>Intended outcome: to introduce the workshop, modus operandi and discuss expected outcomes and follow-up after the workshop.</i></p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p>National information needs to support implementation and monitoring of national goals and targets</p> <p>Presentation on consultation responses to date on user needs and information and knowledge flows.</p>
15:30	Participants invited to take a short break if needed
15:45 – 17:00	<p>National information needs to support implementation and monitoring of national goals and targets continued</p> <p>Reflections from the Advisory Group on national needs, building from the discussions at the side event at CBD COP15.</p> <p>Reflections on business needs in relation to the implementation of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, evolving regulatory frameworks and voluntary initiatives such as the TNFD.</p> <p><i>Intended outcome: Common understanding of national needs and opportunities for a support service, and the potential role of the service.</i></p>
18:30	<p>Dinner</p> <p>Westminster College, Madingley Road, Cambridge CB3 0AA</p> <p>Google map link: https://www.google.com/maps/place/Westminster+College/@52.2105556,0.1122222,15z/data=!4m9!3m8!1s0x47d870b8efd9e365:0x3508d305328fc9b5!5m2!4m1!1i2!8m2!3d52.2105556!4d0.1122222!16zL20vMDQ5dnRs</p>

Day 2: 19 April 2023 (9:00-16:00) REFINING THE SCOPE	
8:30 – 9:00	Refreshments and arrivals
9:00 – 9:20	Recap from previous day
9:20 – 11:00	<p>Assets and Opportunities for a GKSSB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Introduction to session b. National initiatives and good practice (institutions, tools, projects) c. Marketplace presentation of other assets and initiatives (institutions, tools, projects etc.) which could be collaborators and resources for a GKSSB. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data-related - Knowledge sharing - Training and learning - Wider implementation support
11:00	Break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Assets and Opportunities for a GKSSB continued</p> <p>Discussion of options for the functionality of the support services based on needs, assets, and opportunities, including how to address gaps.</p> <p><i>Intended outcome: Information sharing on good practice, and some of existing tools, resources and services to support the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework. The discussion will collate views on whether and how a knowledge support service can play a role through facilitating access to resources and opportunities, to enhance planning, policies, monitoring, review and reporting on the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework.</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
Afternoon 14:00 - 16:00	<p>Promoting opportunities of institutional capacity enhancement, digital transformation & interoperability of data and tools.</p> <p>Presentation of UNDP’s Digital Readiness Assessment. Discussion on what a successful, inclusive digital transformation for a biodiversity end-goal could look like. Identification of key indicators and priorities for infrastructure, policies, and interoperability.</p> <p><i>Intended outcome: Understanding of the needs, barriers and options for interoperability, and the digital transformation required to deliver an agile, fair and inclusive service.</i></p>
16:00 – evening	Free afternoon / evening

Day 3: 20 April 2023 (9am-5pm) DECISION MAKING AND GOVERNANCE	
8:30 – 9:00	Refreshments and arrivals
9:00 – 9:20	Recap from previous day
9:20 – 13:00	<p>Finding commonalities in principles and standards across national and global approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public good data characteristics - Data standards - Tech standards (architecture) <p>Presentations on FAIR principles + GBIF standards.</p> <p>Identify key principles and standards to be further analysed. What needs to be in place so that data collection and processing enable multiple uses & flows across 'scales' and/or sectors? What is the role and function of a support service in this?</p> <p><i>Intended outcomes: common understanding of the data governance issues and opportunities and how these may be addressed through the service. Common understanding of the options for governance principles for data and knowledge in the service.</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 –17:00	<p>Governance and resourcing of a GKSSB and linkages to other initiatives.</p> <p>Recap of the functionality Identify & discuss options, including a federated approach. Resourcing and funding needs and options Linkages to other initiatives.</p> <p><i>Intended outcomes: common understanding of options for governance of the service.</i></p>

Day 4: 21 April 2023 (9am-1pm) REFLECT and NEXT STEPS	
09:00 – 13:00	<p>Reflections on the discussion so far for a GKSSB, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs and opportunities Options for functionality Guiding principles for design and operation Guiding principles for data provision Options for interoperability <p>Outline of next steps</p> <p>Closing remarks: Anne Teller, European Commission Neville Ash, Director, UNEP-WCMC Erie Tamale, CBD Secretariat</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Light lunch and departures