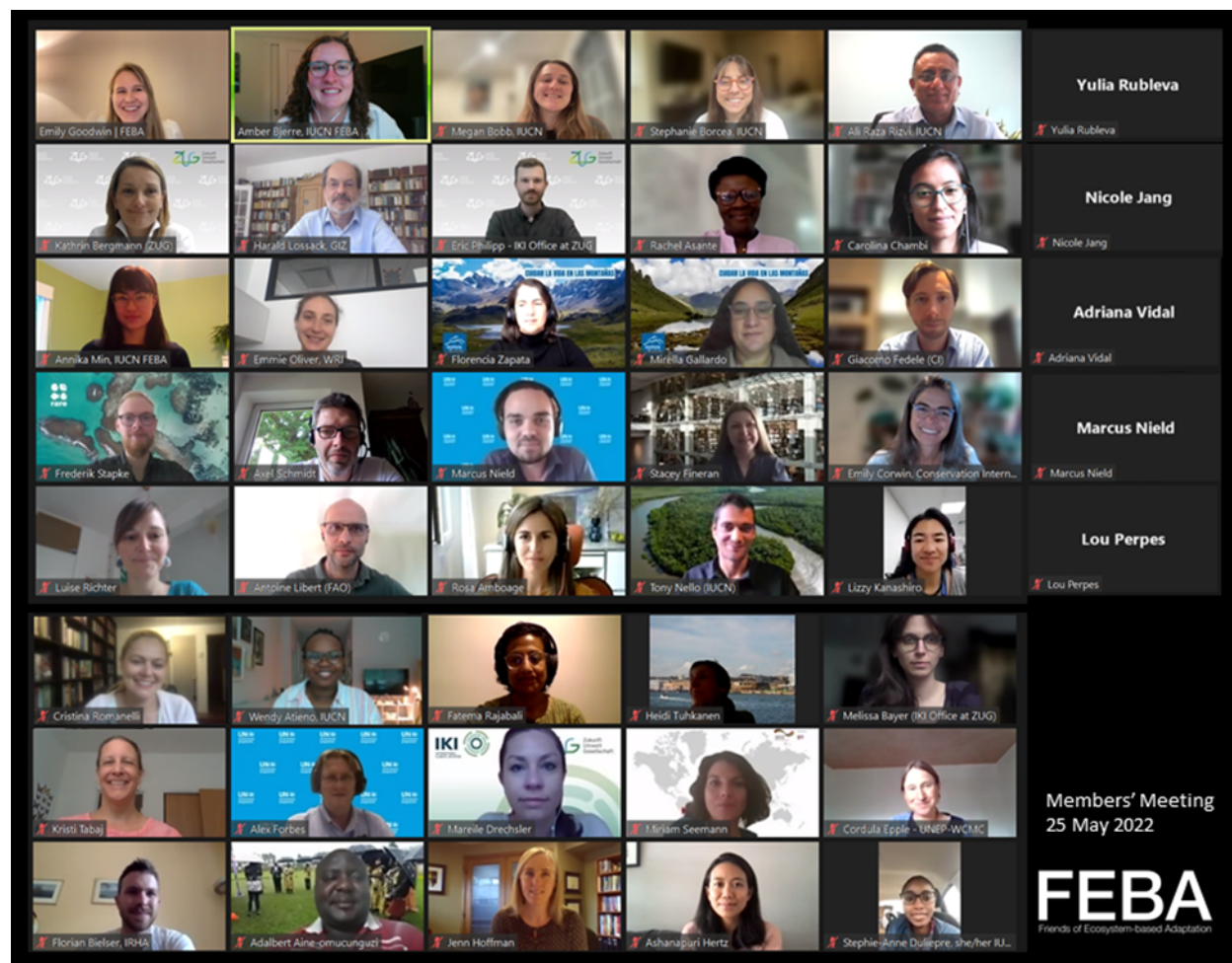


Meeting Summary: Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation (FEBA) Members' Meeting

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A full list of participants is available in Annex I.

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1. Welcome by FEBA Secretariat

Ali Raza Rizvi, Head of Climate Change at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), greeted attendees at the 11th annual FEBA Members' Meeting by welcoming new members and announcing that FEBA membership has now reached 101 organisations. With 84 individuals in attendance at this meeting, representing 42 organisations and 26 countries, Ali reiterated the importance of FEBA as a participatory and interactive forum where we can course-correct to adapt to the moving target of climate change. Ali reflected on the fact that FEBA's many working groups provide an important platform for collaboration around different thematic topics, and advance the work of FEBA together in close partnership with the UNFCCC. Through these working groups, FEBA continues its collaborative work to share experiences and knowledge, improve the implementation of EbA activities on the ground, and raise awareness and understanding of nature-based solutions in adaptation planning processes, multilateral policy frameworks to ultimately demonstrate the social, economic, and ecological value of working with nature for human resilience.

This year, FEBA looks forward to enhancing engagement and collaboration in the broader climate space, including accelerating the incorporation of EbA into broader adaptation strategies, as well as integrating EbA strategies and components into climate engagements in the decarbonisation and renewable energy spaces. Ali thanked IKI for the support and introduced the next speaker, Kathrin Bergmann, Head of Division of Adaptation of the IKI Office at ZUG.

2. Opening remarks by German International Climate Initiative (IKI)

Kathrin Bergmann, Head of Division of Adaptation of the IKI Office at ZUG, opened by recognizing the power of FEBA in bringing together practitioners and experts to inform decision-makers on policy implementation, while raising awareness and understanding of the potential of working with nature for climate resilience to contribute to a global political shift in the linkages between people, nature, and climate.

Ms. Bergmann expressed that the urgency of climate change has never been more clear. Even if we stopped emitting greenhouse gases today, we would still feel the impacts of climate change, as we learned in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC; [Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability](#)). The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration gives us a critical opportunity to provide evidence on the effectiveness of EbA in order to accelerate action.

Ms. Bergmann also shared updates that IKI has recently undergone a restructure in response to the importance of climate action in the economy. As such, the IKI division has been transferred to the Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK). The Federal Foreign Office (abbreviated AA) has also taken over partial responsibility of climate action. IKI is now anchored in three ministries: BMWK, the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), and AA.

IKI supports new and varied funding instruments for nature-based adaptation initiatives, including through its small, medium, country-specific and thematic [grants programmes](#) as well as the recently launched [Global EbA Fund](#), implemented by IUCN and UNEP.

Looking ahead, Ms. Bergmann shared that continuing the collaboration and knowledge-sharing elements of FEBA is a critical priority of the IKI, recognizing the role of FEBA in building policy support for working with nature for climate resilience.

3. FEBA Year in Review

Emily Goodwin, of the FEBA Secretariat, gave an overview of the past year of FEBA's activities.

Ms. Goodwin began by sharing that for the last two years, the FEBA Year in Review has started with reflections on the changes to the world and our way of working as a result of the pandemic. Now, it feels like we're on the other side of that coin, and with our travel, offices, meetings and plans opening back up, we're stepping into a new transition once again, which comes with exciting opportunities to move forward the role of ecosystem-based adaptation in this new context.

The last two years have continued to expand the reach and accessibility of FEBA engagements and events. Our many knowledge sharing sessions and webinars throughout the year have had a large reach at more diverse fora than ever before. We also held the two largest-ever EbA Knowledge Days in 2020 and 2021 at more than 300 participants each, with the [8th EbA Knowledge Day](#) coming up just around the corner next week.

Our collaboration throughout the year also accelerated as we worked together around a number of new working groups, laying the groundwork for the EbA community to speak in a collective voice around different thematic topics for a stronger and more strategic policy influence. And to support these working groups we also launched a [programme of FEBA fellowships](#) in 2021, to provide a platform for young professionals to join FEBA to support these groups, with three Fellows to date to support the urban, humanitarian, and health-focused groups, growing the youth engagement and youth leadership of FEBA.

And the [FEBA members' list](#) itself has continued to grow. With about 10 new members joining in 2022, the network has officially reached our 100-member milestone.

This growth of interest and engagement is so timely as we work towards building a collective voice on adaptation priorities. The [Glasgow Climate Pact](#) adopted at COP26 last year, included a number of overarching decisions on adaptation and loss & damage, emphasizing the urgency of scaling up action, finance, capacity building, and technology transfer, to enhance adaptive capacity, strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerability to climate change. The Pact significantly boosted adaptation funding, with the Adaptation Fund raising 356 million in new pledges, over 450 million announced for locally-led adaptation, and over 413 million to the Global Environment Facility's (GEF) [Least Developed Countries Fund](#) (LDCF).

While we look ahead to the future, it's also important to look back and celebrate our successes. Since our FEBA meeting last June, we have collaborated around and advanced a variety of topics raising global ambition on nature-based solutions to adaptation.

Through the FEBA [Urban EbA working group](#), led by PlanAdapt, we came together to collaborate in a dedicated way on the differences between implementing EbA in rural versus urban contexts, and taking a deep dive into the climate and social justice elements of implementing EbA in urban systems. This work culminated this year in the launch of the publication [Climate Justice for People & Nature through Urban EbA](#), and the corresponding [multimedia StoryMaps](#).

Our [working group on EbA in National Adaptation Plans \(NAPs\)](#), led by UNEP, launched the [Guidelines for Integrating EbA into NAPs](#) as a supplement to the [UNFCCC NAP Technical Guidelines](#). This guidance aims to support stakeholders in successfully integrating EbA into NAP formulation, implementation and review processes.

We partnered throughout the year with the UNFCCC [Technology Executive Committee \(TEC\)](#) and [Nairobi Work Programme](#) to explore, via both a three-part event series and a policy brief – soon to be launched at the [Ocean Climate Dialogue](#) – the main challenges and opportunities for integrating technology and nature-based solutions to build the resilience of ocean and coastal ecosystems and communities, with the idea to continue this engagement this year with a new working group on the intersection of EbA and adaptation technologies led by our UNFCCC partners.

In collaboration with Conservation International and the [Green-Gray Infrastructure Community of Practice](#), we continued to engage on the role that hybrid and traditional gray infrastructure can and should play in EbA initiatives – as well as fundamentally shifting the practice of civil engineering and construction towards designing and building with nature. Last year we worked together to launch the [Practical Guide to Implementing Green-Gray Infrastructure](#) – with a shortened executive summary for policymakers coming soon – as well as collaborating on the Green-Gray Funding and Finance Playbook (to be launched in July 2022), which works to define strategies to accelerate the implementation of green-gray solutions across sectors.

The [cross-network FEBA, Environment and Humanitarian Action Network \(EHAN\), and Partnership for Disaster Risk Reduction \(PEDRR\) working group on NbS in humanitarian contexts](#) has been active all year – and busy this very week at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) – on efforts to transform humanitarian action, through the integration of NbS and environmental considerations as a key component and strategy for achieving humanitarian objectives. The working group is currently drafting an Unpacked Guide outlining how NbS can be integrated into humanitarian action – supporting sectors such as health, food security and safe water, sanitation and hygiene – and identifying best practices, tools, resources and case studies on applying NbS in these contexts.

We have also created an [active area of work on the overlaps and interplay between climate change adaptation, biodiversity, and human health](#), led by the WHO. The expert working group

on this topic collaborates on how the frameworks of NbS and One Health can work together to address the underlying environmental and climatic drivers of health outcomes. This year, we'll be producing a guidance document on NbS and One Health, which will explore how we can more systematically integrate human health in the development, design and implementation of NbS initiatives.

Finally Emily shared that we, together with GIZ and IISD, have been in the process of developing an [e-learning course](#) on EbA principles, vulnerability assessments, criteria, monitoring and evaluation, implementation and policy – with plans to launch later this year.

This list is not exhaustive of all of the work we're doing together. It's been a busy year for the FEBA network. Despite the challenges and turmoil in the world, everyone at the FEBA Secretariat is continuously inspired by the personal and professional resilience of our network and our members.

We have accelerated our commitment to work together to share experiences and knowledge, to collaborate, and to raise awareness and understanding of EbA. Importantly, this network shows a continuous commitment to push the boundaries further on what adaptation looks like, on how it will be financed, and on how it will require working across networks and across sectors. I'm excited about some new opportunities for collaboration we'll discuss today, particularly on adaptation-mitigation synergies and opportunities, as well as on exploring the role of renewable energy and equitable energy access in adaptation strategies.

Emily ended by thanking all for a constant commitment to this network, and that we look forward to hearing more today, exploring what we do next, and how FEBA can continue to change the world.

4. Member Updates

View the [slides from the FEBA Member Updates here](#).

Emmie Oliver shared updates about **World Resources Institute's** (WRI) [Cities4Forests](#) project, a city-led movement to protect forests. Cities4Forests is currently launching a survey of projects that incorporate NbS for climate and water resilience in Sub-Saharan Africa. This project will identify trends and challenges to enable conditions and opportunities to scale. This will feed into a knowledge project set to launch in August 2023. Please stay tuned for a **call for projects in June/July**. Secondly, WRI is continuing work in [Costa Rica and Colombia](#) funded by the Global EbA Fund. This project works with governments in Colombia and Costa Rica to establish national EbA for Hydropower programs.

Dr. Giacomo Fedele shared updates on **Conservation International's** (CI) new publications, including "[Nature-dependent people: Mapping human direct use of nature for basic needs across the tropics](#)", "[Ensuring that nature-based solutions for climate mitigation address multiple global challenges](#)", and a policy support document submitted in partnership with The Nature Conservancy to UNFCCC's [Glasgow Sharm El-Sheikh work programme](#) on the [Global Goal on Adaptation](#) (GGA). Conservation International is working on several EbA projects including [Restoring Nature and Peace in Kenya](#), Global Climate Fund projects in [Botswana](#), the Indian Ocean, and a [green-gray infrastructure project in Guyana](#).

Antoine Libert provided updates on the work of the various divisions of the **UN Food and Agricultural Organization** (FAO), explaining that the new strategic framework of FAO allows for more collaboration across divisions. The [Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment](#) (OCB) is working on a new climate strategy in anticipation of COP27. They are also working towards an FAO Framework for [Nature-based Food and Agriculture Solutions](#). The [Forestry Division](#) (NFO) co-hosted the [World Forestry Congress](#), held in Seoul, Korea from 2 to 6 May 2022, where they held policy discussions on the importance of trees for adaptation and resilience. Other [sub-themes](#) of the World Forestry Congress included nature-based solutions for climate-change adaptation and revisiting the connections between forests and human health. The NFO is also working on a guidance package for including peatlands into NDCs progressing. Lastly, the [Office of Emergency and Resilience](#) (OER) is working to support resilient agri-food systems on-site to respond to food insecurity.

Marcus Nield spoke about **Global Adaptation Network's** (GAN) region-specific adaptation networks such as [EcoAdapt](#) in North America, [Regatta](#) in Latin America and the Caribbean, [EBAFOSA](#) in Africa, [WARN-CC](#) in West Asia, and [APAN](#) in the Asia Pacific. GAN is using their networks to gather evidence and knowledge for the Global EbA Fund. The [Lima Adaptation Knowledge Initiative \(LAKI\)](#) is working with UNFCCC to close knowledge gaps. GAN is also supporting the [Ecosystems Protecting Infrastructure and Communities \(EPIC\)](#) model through their [epic-network](#), which is currently working to build city-university partnerships. Lastly, please [subscribe](#) to GAN's adaptation newsletter and listen to their podcast, [Resilience: The Global Adaptation Podcast!](#)

Harald Lossack from **GIZ** shared updates about the [EbA e-learning course](#) that will launch in Q3 of 2022, in partnership with IUCN and IISD. GIZ has also been working on a new project involving EbA and climate justice. This will identify the challenges and gaps between theory and practice of EbA through workshop series, literature reviews, development of tools and approaches, while anchoring these activities in the practice of EbA in the community. GIZ will implement this project between April and October 2022. GIZ is also working on several publications that will be published between May and October 2022. They will be co-hosting the [8th EbA Knowledge Day](#), along with several other upcoming events such as the [Monitoring & Evaluation \(M&E\) online seminar series for EbA practitioners](#) held by UNEP.

Lizzy Kanashiro from the **Ministry of the Environment of Peru (MINAM)** announced that a comprehensive management plan for climate change adaptation has been incorporated into their [Climate Change Framework](#), adopted in 2018. Adaptation is the focus of their management plan, as Peru has incredibly diverse terrain susceptible to climate change impacts. Additionally, MINAM is in the process of approving a climate change strategy, which will put adaptation at the forefront of climate action.

Rachel Asante presented updates from **IUCN** through her work with the Climate Change Team. Specifically, she introduced her work with the [renewable energy](#) sector, a rapidly expanding area of involvement for IUCN. The aim of this work is to meet Paris Agreement goals through leveraging globalisation of renewable energy generation and overcoming barriers to rollout. Furthermore, she highlighted that the renewable energy sector can still have negative impacts on biodiversity and her work focuses on mitigating that expense. Lastly, IUCN is working to make renewable energy more inclusive so that it can be accessed by marginalised and remote communities to aid in adaptation of climate change. Outcomes of this work include guidelines on [mitigating biodiversity impacts in the wind and solar energy sectors](#), guidance on spatial planning, and responsible sourcing. She ended by sharing that she's excited to collaborate with FEBA practitioners on this area of work, given the importance of equitable and clean energy access to building climate resilience of communities around the world.

Fatema Rajabali presented for the **UNFCCC Nairobi Work Programme (NWP)** their collaborations with the [oceans and biodiversity expert working group](#) members, examining the role that ocean ecosystems play in adaptation. She also shared the development of a policy brief with the [Technology Executive Committee \(TEC\)](#), which is to be published shortly. In addition to these projects, several other collaborations will result this summer in information on biodiversity and climate adaptation, evaluation learning, and gender in NAPs.

Frederik Stapke from **Rare** presented the organisation's two main initiatives. One programme, funded by the [Global EbA Fund](#) and implemented with IISD, explores the [role of behaviour adoption and scaling up in Fiji](#). Their flagship project that utilises EbA for benefits in fisheries is coming to a close, and they are working on wrapping up the outcomes. The project has secured livelihoods and food security locally, and practices are being replicated in Indonesia and the Philippines. The project report is expected to be presented at UNFCCC COP27.

Florencia Zapata of the **Instituto de Montaña** presented updates on their current project with IUCN, [Scaling Up Mountain EbA](#), which is in the consolidation phase. They are planning an effectiveness and impact evaluation of the four EbA measures implemented, looking for a participatory approach with local stakeholders and community leaders. Additionally, they are analysing the impacts of post-pandemic economic recovery in Peru together with Oxford University. One of their [EbA sites, the Yanacancha-Huaquis Cultural Landscape](#), has been selected for the 2022 World Monument watch as an example of traditional knowledge in water management to adapt to climate change.

Marcus Nield also presented for the **UN Environment Programme** (UNEP), highlighting their commitment to EbA and NbS as a priority in anticipated projects. They have more than 45 EbA projects around the world in various ecosystems, and have produced several EbA knowledge products such as: the ongoing [EbA briefing note series](#) and the most recent flagship [Adaptation Gap Reports](#), which focuses on COVID-19 recovery and adaptation in the wake of the pandemic. Marcus also highlighted the upcoming [Global EbA Fund](#) submission deadline of 15 July 2022.

Cordula Epple of the **UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre** (UNEP-WCMC) spoke about their 11-person team focused on EbA specifically. They have two areas of work this year, (1) monitoring and evaluation of EbA measures, carried out with UNEP and GIZ colleagues, and (2) global indicators for adaptation. Part of their M&E work involved a [global webinar series](#) examining EbA at different levels and ecosystems. Additionally, they carried out reviews for UNEP on the benefits of NbS and adaptation benefits of restoration projects. Some of the other initiatives of the team include integrated planning to combat food insecurity, focusing on the One Health principle (specifically the human-animal-ecosystem interface), and expanding work in spatial analysis.

5. Update by Chairs of FEBA working groups (WG) on activities and outputs

View the [slides from the FEBA Working Group Updates and 2022 Discussion here](#).

Ninni Ikkala Nyman from **IFRC** shared the work of the [NbS in Humanitarian Contexts Working Group](#). This WG was created to understand the importance of ecosystems and environmental health in human health and humanitarianism. This cross-network group convenes stakeholders across FEBA, the [Environment and Humanitarian Actors Network](#) (EHAN), and the [Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction](#) (PEDRR) to develop practical guidance and policy in a holistic way, as a new area of work, thereby hoping to capitalise on momentum in the sphere. They are hosting several events to spread awareness of this intersection and increase dialogue surrounding it, including previously crafted [key messages of the WG](#), such as:

- Degradation of ecosystems services increases and exacerbates exposure to vulnerability, human health, and natural hazards, and restoring these areas can increase security for populations.
- In the humanitarian sphere, work is highly localised, and emergency response is short-term, therefore shifting the narrative to a more proactive, global approach is necessary.
- The (in development) [NbS Unpacked Guide](#) draws on humanitarian resources (Sphere) and includes indicators and guidance on how to incorporate NbS into humanitarian work. Sphere had requested the guide be high level and introductory.

Ninni closed by thanking all current working group members and encouraging new engagement! Ninni also thanked current FEBA Fellow, Jennifer Hoffman, for continued support and for providing ongoing dedication to the NbS in Humanitarian Contexts working group

For more information or to get involved with the [NbS in Humanitarian Contexts Working Group](#), please contact [Ninni Ikkala Nyman](#).

Emily Corwin from **Conservation International (CI)** presented the work of the [Global Green-Gray Infrastructure Community of Practice](#). Emily began with a statistic to showcase the importance of this work: Infrastructure costs are expected to account for up to 80% of total climate change adaptation spending globally – estimated at USD \$150 billion to USD \$450 billion per year in 2050. As such, green-gray – or hybrid – infrastructure can draw upon the best of engineering and nature-based achievements to create solutions along a spectrum from green to gray.

She mentioned some of the barriers to adopting green-gray infrastructure include:

- Engineers, developers, industry, and governments lack experience, familiarity and consequently, confidence in the reliability and application of green-gray approaches;
- Technical knowledge and data needed to standardize reliable green-gray solutions is not broadly or equitably available;
- Most infrastructure policies and regulations do not currently incentivize green-gray solutions; and
- Real and perceived risks constrain investments in development economies despite significant opportunities for achieving social, economic, and climate mitigation and adaptation objectives at a competitive cost.

The Green-Gray Community of Practice advocates for such solutions in policy, and has grown to 140-member organisations. The Community of Practice has a goal of fundamentally transforming the engineering and construction industry to design and build with nature – to create the next generation of climate resilient infrastructure. The community targets such barriers through action, including knowledge sharing of projects, webinar series, panels, conferences, and published guidelines. For example, the Community of Practice co-hosted the [Sustainable Infrastructure: Putting Principle into Practice](#), a monthly interactive webinar series for the [sustainable infrastructure](#) community that took place between May 2021 and May 2022. She also introduced the [Cost-Benefit Analysis \(CBA\) tool](#) and project indicator, working with Limestone Analytics under development.

For more information or to get involved with the [Global Green-Gray Infrastructure Community of Practice](#), please contact [Emily Corwin](#).

Cristina Romanelli of the **World Health Organisation (WHO)** spoke to the development and work of the [One Health, Climate Change and NbS Working Group](#) which is co-chaired by FEBA and WHO. This working group was expanded by the World Health Assembly last year due to the evidence supporting the One Health approach. WHO has been working on climate change and health for decades, but this sector and biodiversity have been progressing in silos when a joint approach is needed to drive the scale of climate change. The aims of this expert working group are to springboard more ambitious, policy-based action to support the practical implementation of One Health in NbS approaches. The “Report on Integration of Health in NbS” is set to launch in January 2023 and leverages conservation expertise to explicitly tie NbS and health across sectors. This will build out of the WHO COP26 Special Report on Climate Change and Health, launched last year: “[The Health Argument For Climate Action.](#)”

Additionally, Cristina welcomed the new FEBA Fellow, Stéphanie-Anne C. Dulièpre, DVM, who was joined the working group to support the development of a report on the integration of health in Nature-based Solutions in line with a One Health approach. The report will also deep dive into the intersection between NbS, One Health, and Indigenous and Community Health.

Lastly, the EWG is building upon the report “[Guidance on mainstreaming biodiversity for nutrition and health](#),” to conduct a series of expanded capacity building workshops. The focus is on sustainable and healthy food systems, nexus of biodiversity and health, and foundations for mainstreaming action including developing integrated indicators of success. Ultimately, the EWG is working to develop an operational framework on the OneHealth approach to catalyse leadership from the health and biodiversity communities, world leaders, and local stakeholders.

For more information or to get involved with the [One Health, Climate Change and NbS Working Group](#), please contact [Cristina Romanelli](#).

Tristan Tyrrell from **SwedBio** gave updates on the [EbA & Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) Working Group](#). This newly re-energized working group has now developed a full draft incorporating all 17 SDGs, including the relevance to EbA and NbS broadly. The publication will include examples of projects, and case studies of successful implementation, drawing parallels across SDGs – especially given how EbA is an inherently cross-cutting approach. The goal is to make this draft accessible to policymakers and encourage them to dive deeper into the report for informed decision-making. The report will be shared across FEBA for input, specifically to bolster the report with diverse expertise, providing suggestions to make the less-strongly linked SDGs more relevant to the report. The plan is to initially launch the report in July 2022 at the [High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development \(HLPF\)](#), and will be showcased later on in 2022 at strategic events, such as [CBD COP15](#), [UNFCCC COP27](#), and the [Nature for Life Hub](#).

For more information or to get involved with the [EbA & Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) Working Group](#), please contact [Tristan Tyrrell](#).

For more information on how to join any of the FEBA working groups, please contact the chairs of the groups (a full list of contact details is included in Annex I). If there is interest in starting a new working group on a thematic topic or as a platform for consultation with the FEBA network on specific knowledge products, members can always be in touch with [Emily Goodwin](#) to discuss further for FEBA’s facilitation.

6. 2022 Discussion

View the [slides from the FEBA Working Group Updates and 2022 Discussion here](#).

Fatema Rajabali presented on **Adaptation Priorities of the UNFCCC on the Road to Sharm el-Sheik**. She emphasised that the decisions taken at Glasgow reflected the urgency for climate action. The state of emissions reductions is far too low to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, and three areas should be focused on: financial, technical, and capacity building to catalyse progress forward if we are to reach our goals. COP27 will focus on climate action and the interlinked pieces of moving from commitments to targets and targets to action. Tangible results are imperative despite the challenging state of climate progress. Finance, adaptation, and loss and damage will be addressed, including through integration of NbS and EbA. She also shared that NWP will have a side event during the 56th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA56) on [Advancing Adaptation Action through Knowledge](#), to discuss the upcoming Global Stocktake and the GGA. As this informs the work on the NWP and informs Party needs, it is crucial to relate this work to a way forward in keeping with Paris Agreement goals.

Emily Goodwin facilitated discussion on upcoming opportunities and priorities for collaboration in FEBA, on the following streams:

1. Colleagues from the Instituto de Montaña are seeking guidance on the development of a participatory approach to develop their M&E process for monitoring effectiveness and would appreciate input from FEBA members. Fatema Rajabali from UNFCCC NWP brought up the linkages of this initiative with their work with the Adaptation Committee and informing the work on the GGA. UNEP-WCMC representatives Giacomo Fedele and Cordula Epple mentioned the guidebook for M&E of EbA and offered their input to IdM as needed. Establishing a working group on M&E was also discussed.
2. Antoine Libert from FAO shared that he is interested in connecting with the NWP on leveraging the role of forests and trees for adaptation and resilience through translating science into policy, and Fatema Rajabali shared a [Scoping Paper](#) by the NWP on the subject.
3. Emily Goodwin brought up the potential for development of a technical brief or policy statement on bringing a collective FEBA voice to the UNFCCC negotiations on Loss & Damage (L&D). The topic was high on the adaptation agenda in Glasgow at COP26 and it would be beneficial for the network to collaborate. The idea was well-received among members and FAO noted that the [Climate Champions](#) is also discussing the role of non-state actors contributing to L&D.
4. Emily Goodwin introduced another idea on FEBA collaborating around the critical contributions of clean energy transitions to climate change adaptation. She noted that equitable access to reliable, clean, and affordable energy would support climate resilience of communities around the world, reflecting that renewable energy is not only

a climate mitigation issue, but also reinforces adaptation efforts in other sectors. As such, FEBA could fill a critical niche working jointly with industry leads and renewable energy focused communities of practice, to produce guidance on ensuring that a renewable energy transition is underpinned by both human rights and biodiversity protection, serving to protect both humans and nature from the accelerating impacts of climate change while reinforcing adaptation efforts across sectors. Cordula Epple of UNEP-WCMC highlighted that while energy access is critical for communities, it also competes for space with ecosystem services and it could be beneficial to analyse these trade-offs and produce guidance to minimize impacts. Maggie Gonzalez of WRI also said she would discuss with her team at WRI that is working on the hydropower and adaptation project and report back. Emily Corwin of CI shared that she would be interested in collaborating on this topic with the [Green-Gray Infrastructure Community of Practice](#). Emily Goodwin shared she would work on a more concrete concept note and circulate to FEBA to gauge interest.

5. Maggie Gonzalez of WRI shared that she is leading the effort of the [Global Restoration Policy Accelerator](#), a means of knowledge sharing on restoration activities. She is working on shifting economic incentives for restoration, and would like some input. Emily Goodwin suggested working with FEBA and this tool to produce a brief on EbA and Restoration in line with the [UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#), working with the FEBA network for expert consultation.

7. Closing Remarks

Ali Raza Rizvi of IUCN and FEBA closed the 11th annual FEBA Members' Meeting by expressing gratitude for this opportunity to integrate innovative and cohesive ideas in order to course-correct in response to climate change. This collaboration is especially important as we all work in specialised areas, and knowledge sharing will help us act collectively towards our desired impact. In order to have healthy ecosystems, we need good health, education, science, financing mechanisms, policy instruments, etc. We need to break silos and strengthen our dialogue for inter-sectoral collaboration. We look forward to keeping this discussion going at the 8th EbA Knowledge Day where the focus will be on cross-sectoral work. Thank you for your time and we look forward to future FEBA engagements!

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