

## FEBA Meeting, May 19, 2016 09:00-12:00 BMUB Bonn Room # 0.172

A meeting of Friends of EbA was held on May 19, 2016 at BMUB Bonn (participants list – Annex-I). Following is the gist of the discussion and decisions taken:

1. On behalf of BMUB-IKI, Tilman Hertz welcomed the participants and conveyed pleasure in hosting the FEBA meeting. He shared BMUB-IKI's interest and efforts in promoting Ecosystem based Adaptation and that IKI had invested close to euro 100 million through funding various EbA projects all over the world. Further, IKI looked forward to promoting collaboration and knowledge sharing through joint events and technical and positions papers on EbA.
2. The participants shared their EbA initiatives and major activities for 2016. Annex - II
3. The agenda items on influencing policies and improving practices generated rich discussion and participants deliberated in depth on the need for joining hands for collaborative efforts for improving EbA approaches and influencing policies. It was appreciated that FEBA was a good platform and all should work together in making it effective. Following main point were discussed/decisions were taken:
  - a. Two physical meetings should take place back to back with UNFCCC SBSTA and COP.
  - b. It was pointed out that many organisations and participants, actively involved in EbA, do not necessarily attend UNFCCC SBSTA and COP meetings. Hence, it is important that interaction should continue through other means also, such as webinar and virtual meetings.
  - c. The need for effective communications on promoting EbA was emphasised and to this effect the need for having FEBA website was stressed. Further, such a website could provide different interface, for example, one for Members only and one for external audience for knowledge sharing.
  - d. It was suggested that a mapping exercise should be undertaken to know who is doing what on EbA and the results should be highlighted on FEBA website.
  - e. Building on the above, it was suggested that a simple theory of change exercise could be conducted to identify needs. This could be overlapped with existing work to identify gaps and identify opportunities that FEBA can take forward together.
  - f. It was agreed that possibilities of joint side-events would be explored for future COPs.
  - g. It was recognised that having joint technical/position papers for influencing policies would be much more effective than organisations' individual papers.

- h. It was decided that joint technical/position papers would have logos of all those involved in developing the paper on the top while FEBA Members' logos could be on the bottom. In case, there is any difference of opinion, any Member can request removal of their logo from a product.
  - i. It was shared that care should be taken in developing EbA standards and thus unintentionally making EbA rigid with unnecessary strait-jackets in attempts to make EbA effective.
  - j. It was suggested that before any UNFCCC COP, a brief analysis and overview outlining a roadmap of COP vis-à-vis EbA should be done from the FEBA platform.
  - k. It was emphasised that there was need to build linkages with other relevant international processes such as CBD and SDGs. It was pointed out that UNFCCC-CBD Liaison Group exists and it should be linked. It was observed that both CBD Secretariat and Nairobi Work Programme, being Members of FEBA provided an opportunity to strengthen the link between climate change and biodiversity and that through EbA, this objective could be achieved.
4. Based on the discussions, Working Groups were formed with the objectives of further defining the way forward in the prioritised areas.
- a. Each Group will be coordinated by one Member.
  - b. At least three Members will be part of one Working Group. However, there is no restriction on being part of any Working Group.
  - c. Following Working Group were set up.
    - i. Food Security & EbA
      - To be coordinated by FAO; Julia Wolf [julia.wolf@fao.org](mailto:julia.wolf@fao.org) )
      - Members include: Rare, GIZ, CI, IIED, UNEP, IUCN
    - ii. Biodiversity-Climate Change & EbA
      - To be coordinated by CBD Secretariat; Sakhile Koketso; [sakhile.koketso@cbd.int](mailto:sakhile.koketso@cbd.int)
      - Members include: BirdLife, CI, IUCN, WCMC, IIED
    - iii. National Adaptation Planning & EbA
      - To be coordinated by Conservation International; Shyla Raghav [sraghav@conservation.org](mailto:sraghav@conservation.org)
      - Members include: TNC, GIZ, WCMC, IUCN, Birdlife
    - iv. Climate Policy & EbA (global policy processes)
      - To be coordinated by IUCN; Ali Raza Rizvi, [ali.raza@iucn.org](mailto:ali.raza@iucn.org)
      - Members include: IIED, CI, Environmental Law Centre, CBD Secretariat, WCMC, Birdlife
    - v. EbA Standards & Guidelines
      - To be coordinated by GIZ-IUCN;
      - Members include: GIZ, WCMC, UNEP, IUCN, IIED, CI, Birdlife, CBD Secretariat

vi. Water Security & EbA (suggested but deferred)

- d. The coordinator for the Working Group and Members will come up with a broad way forward including who will do what and when. Recognising that all were busy with their individual work plans, it was emphasised that utmost care should be taken while defining the activities of the Working Group. It was suggested that for the time being, only those activities should be suggested which could be achieved till the end of 2016; mainly till the UNFCCC Marrakesh COP 22.
  - e. All coordinators will share the respective plan of action by end September, 2016.
5. GIZ shared the information on its forthcoming conference on EbA Community of Practice scheduled to be held on June 13-16, 2016 in Berlin. This conference would provide a platform to further discuss the potential of collaboration amongst the EbA practitioners. GIZ invited all FEBA Members to participate in this event which would aim to promote collaboration for improving on-ground EbA implementation.

Closure

Agenda of the Meeting:

1. Update by Member organisations on EbA initiatives and plans till December 2016 (each organisation to have 3 min; you may use up to 2 slides; if so, please send these to me by May 12, 2016). Results of the mapping exercise will also be shared; (email of March 22, 2016; please send your input ASAP, if not already done so).
2. Policy: Influencing international processes – Joint Events & Papers
3. Field Implementation: How to make EbA effective – Standards & Guidelines
4. Setting up of Working Groups on prioritised needs and identified actions (based on agenda items 2 & 3)
5. Any other business

THIS INCLUDES INFO THAT WAS PROVIDED VIA EMAIL BY THE MEMBERS

**UNEP-WCMC**

UNEP-WCMC is finalizing contributions to the UNEP Coastal EbA project (see <http://web.unep.org/coastal-eba/>), which includes a guide to Coastal EbA options and a Coastal EbA Decision-support tool. It is also collaborating with IIED and IUCN on the IKI-funded project EBA: strengthening evidence and informing policy and will reach out to other FEBA members to inform development of an overview of tools for EbA under this project. Plans for future work include: building on the existing engagement with REDD+ and research on ecosystem-based mitigation to further promote mitigation-adaptation linkages; supporting cost-benefit analyses that more adequately reflect the value of EbA solutions; and fostering stronger integration of EbA with other adaptation approaches.

**IIED:**

- 1) The 11th International Community-Based Adaptation Conference in 2017 will have an EbA theme and will likely be held in Kampala, Uganda in June 2017. IIED is seeking to collaborate with organisations working on EbA to help run the conference, so please get in touch with ideas on how you'd like to contribute.
- 2) The Project "Ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation: strengthening the evidence and informing policy" is underway (with IUCN and WCMC). This involves work in 13 countries to assess evidence for EbA in pre-existing projects, conduct capacity building activities and influence policy. See here for more information: <http://www.iied.org/ecosystem-based-approaches-climate-change-adaptation>

**Conservation International (CI)**

CI recently concluded a regional EbA project in South Africa, Philippines, and Brazil and is working to apply EbA in sectors such as agriculture, DRR, and urban management. We have research underway to develop a global assessment of EbA potential, EbA private finance opportunities, and identifying the limits of adaptation. We also have developed a tool to integrate ecosystems, ecosystem services, and EbA into the NAPs and are looking for piloting opportunities.

**BirdLife International**

- BirdLife's EbA work includes: i) EbA in global policy frameworks (focussing on CBD and UNFCCC); ii) strengthening relevant local and national policies (INDCs, NAPs, NBSAPs); iii) supporting BirdLife Partners to implement EbA. This is underpinned by efforts to build capacity, promote knowledge sharing and advance the science behind EbA.

- Priority projects in 2016 include: i) Climate Resilient Altitudinal Gradients (CRAGs): A MacArthur Foundation-funded project in Burundi, DRC, and Rwanda. The CRAG Intervention Plan to be launched at the end of the year; ii) IKI-funded project with Wetlands International and other Partners on enhancing resilience of critical site network of wetlands across the African-Eurasian flyway. Species and ecosystem-based adaptation. iii) MacArthur Foundation-funded project working with 12 national partners in Latin America and the Caribbean to develop national CC strategies and one regional CC action plan.

### **Rare**

- Global assessment of EbA and mitigation outcomes for all community-led initiatives (fisheries/MPAs, water/PES, sustainable agriculture) supported by Rare. This includes the development of a framework to assess climate compatible development, case studies and related M&E
- Mozambique: Building ecological and social resilience through improved conservation and sustainable utilization of small scale fisheries. Working through the National Fisheries Ministry (IDEPA) to integrate EbA-related measures into extension services that will reduce vulnerability
- Micronesia-Melanesia: Building the resilience of communities and their ecosystems to the impacts of climate change (IKI funded joint TNC/Rare/UFZ project). Our specific focus is on helping communities adopt climate resilient behaviours identified in vulnerability assessments.
- Andes: Adaptation to the impact of climate change in water resource management (Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador)

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