

Issues to be addressed in the First Regional Consultations on nature-based solutions

The Co-Chairs would like to request participants in the regional consultations to make a 3 minute intervention or presentation that addresses one or more of the issues listed below. These issues are grouped according to the three tasks. Other participants will be invited to respond to these interventions as time allows. Participants are asked to please recall the purpose of these consultations in your interventions which is “to further support the implementation of nature-based solutions” and to address the three tasks listed below. Participants may also choose to submit all or part of their responses in written format to the UNEP Secretariat.

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1. Compiling examples of best practice in nature-based solutions
 - a) Provide an example of best practice in nature-based solutions from your country or region.
 - b) Consider what is the purpose of compiling examples of best practice. To inspire others? To build a common understanding of what nature-based solutions are? To inform practitioners of useful tools and approaches in implementing nature-based solutions?
 - c) Provide an example of bad practice in nature-based solutions from your country or region.
2. Proposals, criteria, standards and guidelines
 - a) Some countries have developed, or are developing, roadmaps, plans and strategies for nature-based solutions. Consider summarising such a document if it has been developed in your country or region.
 - b) Identify criteria, standards and guidelines that would be useful for your country or region.
 - c) Consider how much detail is needed in criteria, standards and guidelines for nature-based solutions. Some have argued that detail is important in order to clearly distinguish good practice from bad practice. Others have suggested that too much detail may make such instruments difficult to apply.
3. Identifying options for supporting sustainable investment in nature-based solutions
 - a) How would you like the consultations to address this task? What would be the most useful output for your country or region?
 - b) Do you think the consultations should provide specific guidance on how to apply to multilateral and bilateral donors? Or would it be more useful to have a more general assessment of the different funding opportunities?
 - c) Describe useful resources that are available to support the identification of options for financing nature-based solutions.

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