

Guidance Note:

Submitting an Expression of Interest in hosting a Facilitator

The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership is a country-led global initiative aimed at accelerating the implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). This is accomplished by providing or coordinating access to financial and technical support, delivering customized facilitation and knowledge exchange and raising the profile of NBSAPs and promoting nature-positive action.

Under the leadership of the governments of Colombia and Germany, the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership is a demand-driven and country-led initiative established to strengthen global, regional, and national ambition in implementation of NBSAPs. The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership seeks to maximize synergies with ongoing financing and capacity-building initiatives through engagement and partnership¹. The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership's operational leadership is provided by a dedicated Global Coordination Unit (GCU) accountable to the Steering Committee.

What is the role of a facilitator?

Facilitators play a crucial role in supporting the NBSAP implementation and driving transformative change. They are representatives of the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership embedded within relevant government offices or regional institution/bodies, and are fully funded by the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership. Hosted by selected countries or regional institutions/bodies, facilitators are mandated to support governments to identify and prioritize their needs and to translate them into concrete actionable requests for support ("request packages") that may be submitted to the Accelerator's MatchMaking Mechanism. They are also responsible for facilitating the management and coordination of activities designed to accelerate the update and implementation of GBF-aligned NBSAPs and for mobilizing and facilitating the engagement and networking of various stakeholders through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

What is the profile of a facilitator?

Facilitators can be individuals or teams of individuals, but should not represent an institution or company. They must have a clear understanding of the international biodiversity landscape, a successful track record in sustainability, cross-sectorial expertise, an ability to produce results and demonstrate impact, and a track record in engaging and influencing policy and decision-making processes, responding to implementation needs and priorities and in convening inter-sectoral, inter-ministerial and multi-stakeholder dialogues.

How will the facilitators work?

The role of facilitators is instrumental in driving efficient and inclusive collaboration, ensuring that country/region-specific priorities are accurately addressed while promoting the goals of the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership².

¹ Building on existing connections with the GEF-7 Early Action Support project, implemented by UNDP and UNEP, the GEF-8, the GBF Fund, the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP), the Global Knowledge Support Service for Biodiversity (GKSSB), the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People (HAC), and the NDC Partnership, among others.

² Refer to the Accelerator's goals <https://nbsapaccelerator.org/about-us/the-accelerator/>.

Facilitators will be embedded within governments or regional institutions/bodies. They will maintain direct communication channels with the GCU through the Country Engagement Coordinator and will be provided with a workspace at the relevant hosting office. They will be responsible for identifying and communicating country/region-identified priority needs in collaboration with the representatives of the government or regional institution/body and the focal points for the Facilitator Programme. The work of the facilitators will be managed and strategically steered by the Country Engagement Coordinator. In addition, facilitators will be provided with an operational budget for activities that accelerate biodiversity action for their respective hosts.

How will the facilitators be selected?

The selection and recruitment of facilitators is a competitive but collaborative process between the GCU and the facilitator hosts, supported by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). Facilitators will be offered a UNOPS contract with attractive benefits. Facilitators will work based on common Terms of Reference (ToR) as outlined in the [Facilitator Programme Strategy](#).

If you would like more information on hosting a facilitator via the Facilitator Programme, please contact the Country Engagement Coordinator Alexandra Said at alexandra.said@nbsapaccelerator.org