

# BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES NETWORK

Promoting dialogue between science, policy and practice, to build capacity for sustainable management of biodiversity and ecosystem services worldwide

The Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network (BES-Net) is a capacity building “network of networks” that promotes dialogue among science, policy and practice for more effective management of biodiversity and ecosystems, contributing to long-term human well-being and sustainable development.

The Network is supported by face-to-face capacity building activities (the BES-Net Dialogues), a matchmaking facility, and a cutting-edge web portal – with all components mutually reinforcing.

BES-Net is hosted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and implemented through partnerships with the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), the Norwegian Environment Agency and SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre.

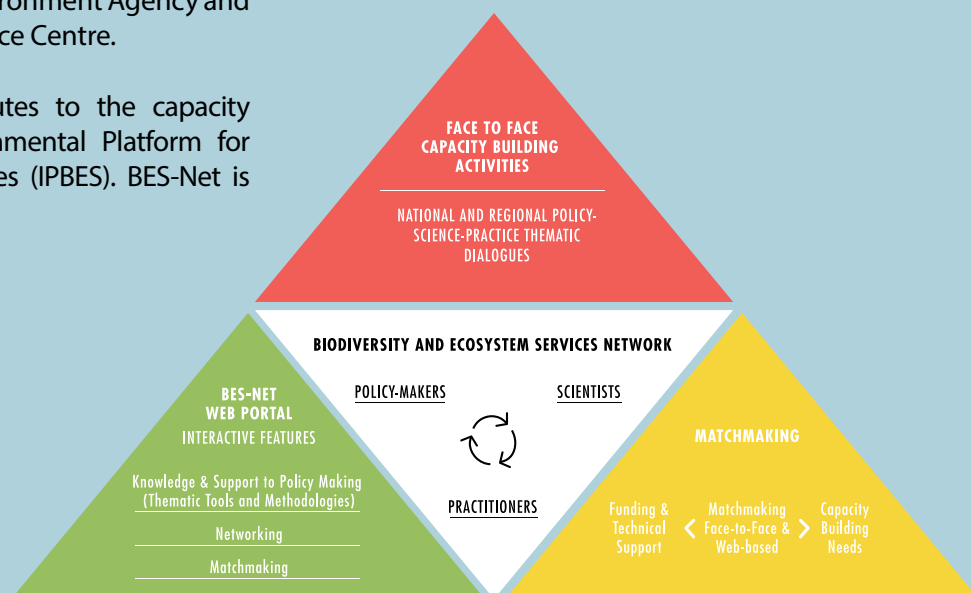
Through BES-Net, UNDP contributes to the capacity building work of the Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). BES-Net is

aligned with the thematic and methodological areas of work of IPBES, as well as with its capacity building priorities.

BES-Net harnesses UNDP’s capacity building expertise at the country level, capitalizes on the accumulated knowledge of best practices and challenges in the field, and brings practitioners into the science-policy arena.

In implementing its mandate, BES-Net follows an inclusive approach, collaborating with relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements, and drawing on the support of many other partner organizations.

## HOW WE WORK



## WHAT WE OFFER

### BES-Net Web-portal

The BES-Net web portal provides a “one-stop shop” for policy relevant information and learning material, guiding users through the existing sources of thematic information and methodological tools and providing access to learning material and policy briefs. It promotes dialogue around the development challenges on the sustainable use and management of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Each fully developed thematic or methodological module on the BES-Net web portal comprises:

1. An introduction providing background information on each theme.
2. A list of organisations working on this theme, with external links to their website and a short explanation of what they are doing.
3. A searchable library of scientific articles, grey literature, information on best practices, videos, e-learning material, guides and protocols for practitioners, etc.
4. A list of international experts working in this field with a short description of their profiles and expertise.

BES-Net interactive features allow users to:

1. suggest new content (organisation, library entry, expert);
2. ask for the development of a policy brief;
3. identify a knowledge gap;
4. ask experts a specific questions and poll various experts on the same science-policy topic; and
5. share experience and feedback through online fora.

These features can be accessed through their respective modules - Ecosystem-based Adaptation; Indigenous and Local Knowledge in Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; Land Degradation and Restoration; Pollination, Pollinators and Food Production.



### Networking

Connect with other users and join the conversation on capacity building in the area of biodiversity and ecosystem services – poll scientists, survey policymakers, engage with policymakers and much more.

PLEASE VISIT THE BES-NET  
WEB PORTAL AT:

**besnet.world**

## Matchmaking Facility

The BES-Net web portal hosts an online component for Capacity Building, which brings together individuals and organizations wishing to contribute to and participate in Biodiversity and Ecosystems capacity development. Through its network of experts - scientists, policy makers and practitioners - BES-Net provides dedicated web support to providing local and contextualised policy options and sharing of experiences on development challenges, in doing this BES-Net matches resources and expertise to where they are needed.

In addition, BES-Net manages a Vacancies section providing information on jobs and internships available in the field of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

## BES-Net Dialogues

The face-to-face capacity building activities – the BES-Net “Dialogues” – are multi-stakeholder dialogues focusing on specific policy questions at the national and regional levels. By facilitating fruitful discussions among the three BES-Net communities of policy, science and practice, the dialogues will contribute to addressing specific policy issues to help unlock shifts in the development trajectory of societies towards sustainability.



### Matchmaking

Brings together institutions, organisations, partnerships and individuals seeking to participate in, and contribute to, capacity-building programmes, projects and activities in line with the IPBES work programme.



### Policy Support

A source of information on policy support tools, methodologies and assessments, allowing users to not only learn about the different elements of policy making and implementation, but assess the usability of these resources in their specific contexts.

## CURRENT AREAS OF WORK



land degradation and restoration



ecosystems-based adaptation



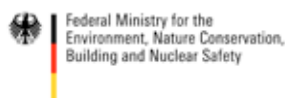
indigenous and local knowledge



scenario analysis and modelling



pollination, pollinators and food production



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