

Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Development Policy and Planning

Accra statement on mainstreaming biodiversity in practice

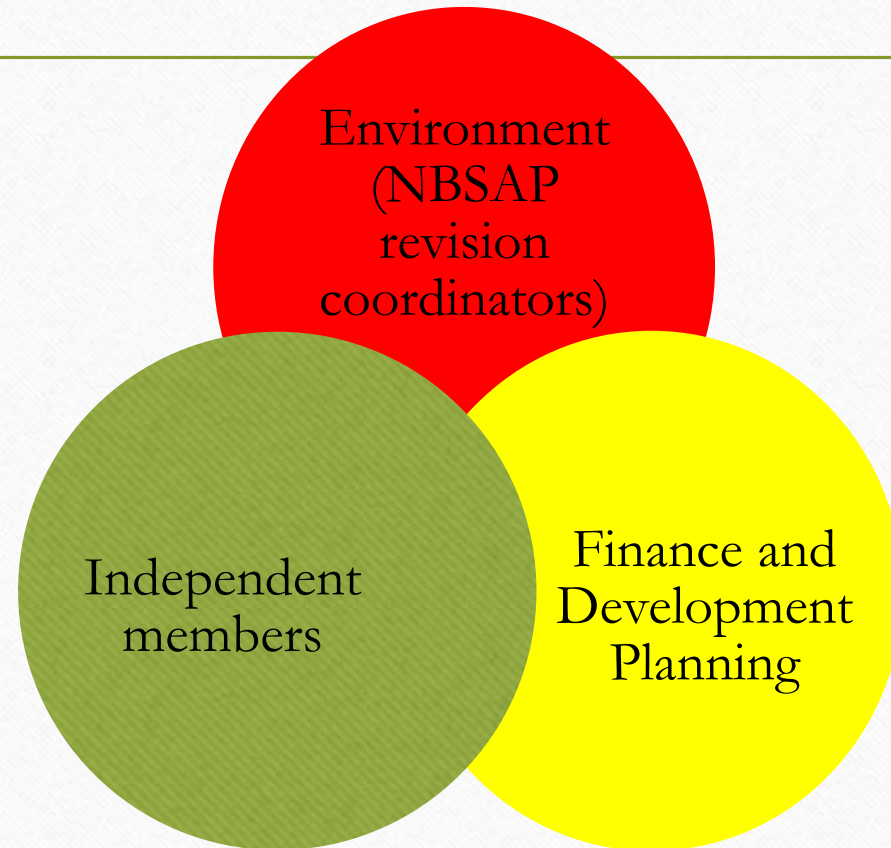
November 2016

In November 2016, representatives from the governments of Botswana, Ghana, Malawi, Namibia, Seychelles, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe gathered in Accra, Ghana, for an international workshop of the Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Development Policy and Planning initiative: 'Success in mainstreaming – sharing lessons, co-developing guidance and scaling up'.

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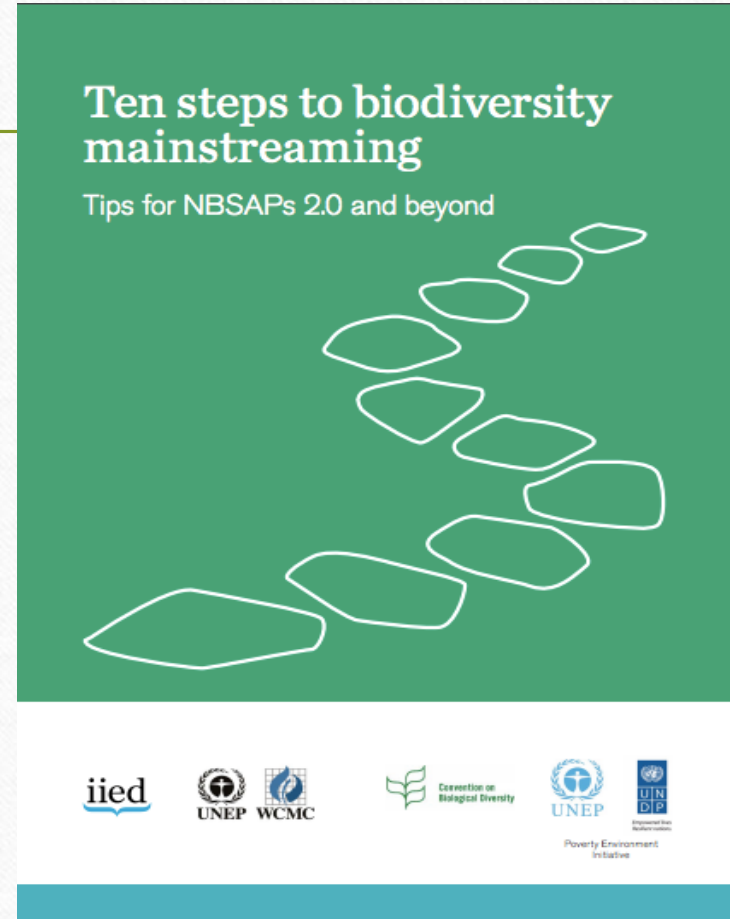
Statements

NBSAPs 2.0: MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY & DEVELOPMENT

Maun Statement on Biodiversity and Development Mainstreaming

JANUARY 2013

**Defines mainstreaming and highlights approaches
and mechanisms of biodiversity mainstreaming**



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Entebbe Statement on Biodiversity in Development Planning

AUGUST 2013

**Emphasized the
need for reciprocal mainstreaming**

Developing a 'business case' for biodiversity

Tips and tasks for influencing government
and the private sector



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Windhoek Statement on Achieving Success in Biodiversity Mainstreaming

JULY 2014

**Stressed the need for conservation,
social and development outcomes**

Mainstreaming biodiversity and development

Tips and tasks from African experience



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Convention on
Biological Diversity

UNEP
Poverty Environment
Initiative

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Harare Statement on using NBSAPs as a tool for mainstreaming
biodiversity into national and sectoral development policies

November 2015

**Recommended elements that need to be considered for
successful mainstreaming including communications,
monitoring and evaluation**

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- Recognises that;
 - Successful mainstreaming **takes years** to achieve
 - Initiatives like **PEI, BioFin and Waves** are important in mainstreaming and extending beyond current countries will contribute to achieving biodiversity mainstreaming outcomes
 - The contribution of **IIED and UNEP-WCMC** over the past five years has led to great opportunities for social learning amongst ALG

Recommendations

- Mainstreaming should take place in all stages of the **“Policy Cycle” – Analysis, debate, planning, budgeting, attracting finance and implementation**
- **Simple indicators in the monitoring and evaluation framework** should reflect real life practical success and complement national indicators
- **Communication** should be simple and relevant to targeted audience

Recommendations

- There should **be consistent and continuous collaboration and engagement** with all partners and networks at local level
- **Harmonization of policies** will necessitate effective mainstreaming
- Use of **natural capital accounts and spatial data** will strengthen the business case for biodiversity mainstreaming
- Technical staff from top ministries should be used as **champions** for mainstreaming

Way Forward

- Ability to engage with different stakeholders with power and diverse interests
- Influence processes at international level including production of tools and guidance that the NBSAP 2.0 initiative producing.
- Creation of champions at national level to ensure mainstreaming success
- Efforts to scale up the ALG approach will accelerate mainstreaming in policy and practice

“Biodiversity Mainstreaming is not complete until biodiversity is at the heart of development in all sectors and local structures”

<http://www.iied.org/mainstreaming-biodiversity-development>