

COUNTRY PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

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1. Top people and processes you have engaged with/influenced

- Ministry of Macro Planning and Investment Promotion
- Top management in various sectors
- SDG Process

2. Top change achieved or expected

- A new cluster was created under the SDG process which focuses on SDGs related to Water, Climate and Environment
- NBF part of Steering Committee for the Cluster- Key at influencing decisions
- NBSAP launch expected before year end –Strategic platform to initiate mainstreaming (delayed because of COP 22 and COP13) for purposes of formalisation.

3. Top lessons about successful mainstreaming

- Need for development of a Biodiversity Business case - key to stimulate mainstreaming.
- De-mystifying the concept of biodiversity and breaking it down in a way which is easy to comprehend for the lay-man makes it easier for everyone to take it on board.
- It is important to have a trigger from within to activate mainstreaming processes.

4. Top challenge/problem where you need help

- Timing: SDG's are to run from 2016 – 2030 , whilst Zim Asset runs 2015-2018, thus creating problems of timing. Also, the SDG process still has to be launched, which has been a great setback.
- Funding for strategic engagement meetings or programs
- Training on natural capital accounting (how to account for BD).