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### **CEPA** session

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### "The way we communicate is fundamental to succes of biodiversity conservation!"

(Laurie Bennett, member of IUCN CEC)

Beside WHAT are we communicating, we should also ask ourselves:

HOW are we doing it, what STYLE we use.







### NBSAPs – lessons learned (Day 1) - Strong points:

- Project leader is an important person in the government
- Consultation group of experts reached agreement on what is biodiversity
- Strategy and sustainability (green) development program
- Scientists, academics join the planning team strategy used as a reference point.
- External help from international experts.







### NBSAPs - lessons learned (Day 1) - Weak points:

- Important stakeholders not included in the process (civil society, local people)
- Process inside the government department
- A lot of feedback from other ministries they didn't understand the concept of CBD - we had to push to convince them of the importance of biodiversity
- Lack of awareness and understanding from civil society
- "I'm not the author of the strategy but..."
- Strategi is an 'isolated' document.





# Lack of PUBLIC AWARENESS. Why bother? 7 billion people are out there, "waiting" to become aware and take action!







### **Tipping points**

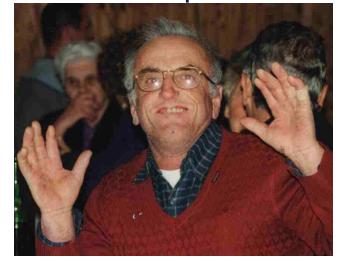
Ecosystem degradation:

Danger to reach the tipping point and not be able to go back, to restore the ecosistem.



**Efficient Communication:** 

Opportunity to reach the tipping point and never want to go back to the 'old' communication practice.







### Strategic plan and Aichi Targets – CEPA words:

- Aware
- Integrated, incorporated
- Implemented
- Managed
- Participatory
- (Traditional) knowledge respected
- Shared
- Mobilization
- Agreed process



Action Harmony





### Best time for planting a tree was 20 years ago. Second best time is NOW.

(Chinese proverb)

### Communicate NOW.







- Revising the NBSAP = opportunity to implement strategic communication.
- Audience > Messages > Means:
  - TEEB economic valuation for better decision making,
  - Interviews, focus groups, workshops, brochures...
- Messages:
  - Action for Biodiversity. Towards a society in Harmony with Nature.
  - Love. Not loss. (video)





## CEPA for Beginners 3 points to remember

### **CEC CEPA Experts**

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### 1. Know your audience

(Знайте свою аудиторию)

General public is different from decision makers in government or business (Широкая общественность отличается от лиц, принимающих решения в правительстве или бизнесе)

**Define your objectives: knowledge – attitudes – behaviour** (Определите свои цели: знания - отношение – поведение)

Develop your communication in dialogue with your audience – understand their barriers and motivations to change (Развивайте свои связи в диалоге с аудиторией - понимая их мотивы и барьеры для изменений)

Realize that people take decisions based on emotion rather than on rational decisions (Поймите, что люди принимают решения, основываясь на эмоциях, а не на рациональных решениях)

Behavior change is based on personal experiences and social groups (Изменение поведения основывается на личном опыте и социальных группах)



Each audience is different in getting their attention, interest, desire, action (AIDA)





### 2. Use plain language messages

Like the video 'Love. Not Loss.' suggests, showcase success, what we have not what we've lost (Как видео 'Love. Not Loss.' предполагает, демонстрируйте успехи, то, что у нас <u>есть</u>, а не то, что мы потеряли)

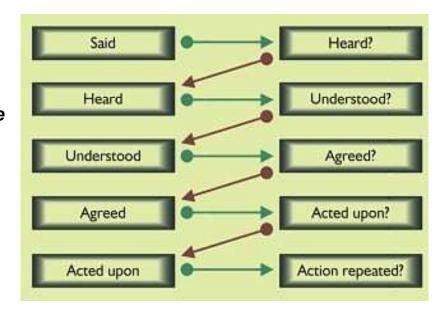
What one thing must they remember about you and your issue? (Какая самая главная мысль/факт которую они должны запомнить о Вас и вашей проблеме/вопросе?)

Have a clear, specific call to action: "Can you help me plant some trees?" (Иметь четкий, конкретный позыв к действию: "Можете ли вы помочь мне посадить деревья?")

Use messages that are memorable, keep them short, simple and snappy (Используйте сообщения которые запомнятся, будут короткими, простыми и энергичными)

Create word of mouth – give people the tools to pass the message on (Передовать знания методом из уст в уста - дать людям инструменты, чтобы передали сообщение дальше)

(Используйте простой язык для вашего сообщения)



It is an assumption that information alone leads to change of behavior.





Set an example for others to follow and let others tell the story (Покажите пример для подражания для других )

Always integrate communication right from the start of your projects (Всегда интегрируйте коммуникации с самого начала ваших проектов)

Be creative – explore different channels that suit your objective and audience best (Будьте изобретательны - изучите различные варианты, которые подходят вашей цели и аудитории лучше всего)

Hire the right external expertise, find relevant people to partner with (Вовлечь подходящих внешних экспертов, подобрать людей для партнёрства)

Always (pre)test and evaluate (Всегда (предварительно) проверить и провести оценку)

### 3. Be strategic

(Будьте стратегичны)

Free after Les Robinson High Participatory approaches Building innovation social capital Seminars Joint action Joint management research Workshops All level capacity Complexity Demonstration sites development of issue **Participatory** Short planning Peer Pilot demos Coaching Public exchange projects & advice meetings Services Print ads Mail and supply articles **Fairs** One way Two way communication communication TV ads Low High — Certainty of outcome -

The choice of communication means depends on audience, objectives, messages and context





#### CEPA toolkit - CBD, IUCN CEC

http://www.cbd.int/cepa/toolkit/2008/cepa/index.htm

Guide to Participatory Action Planning – Ramsar, IUCN CEC <a href="http://www.ramsar.org/pdf/outreach\_actionplanning\_guide.pdf#9">http://www.ramsar.org/pdf/outreach\_actionplanning\_guide.pdf#9</a>

**Branding Biodiversity, Futerra** 

http://www.futerra.co.uk/downloads/Branding\_Biodiversity.pdf

Sell the Sizzle, the new climate message, Futerra http://www.futerra.co.uk/downloads/Sellthesizzle.pdf

**IUCN Commission on Education and Communication** http://www.iucn.org/cec/

**CEPA Specialty Group, IUCN CEC** (with links to the CEPA Toolkit in English, French and Spanish)

http://www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/cec/cec specialty groups/cec cepa specialty group/

You learn something new every day (blog on learning and facilitation) <a href="http://welearnsomething.blogspot.com/">http://welearnsomething.blogspot.com/</a>

The Art of Positive Change (blog on CEPA and behaviour change) <a href="http://cepatoolkit.blogspot.com/">http://cepatoolkit.blogspot.com/</a>

'Love. Not Loss.' - video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BvIdwOEzreM

#### **CEPA Resources**











#### My personal communication checklist:

- Listen first!
- Share positive examples.
- Bring it from the head (rational) to the center of the body (emotions).
- Help people discover how they can help instead of preaching on what is wrong.
- Engage more people and less paper.
- Be people oriented + simple + strategic.

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### **PHOTOS**



