

MEDIA ADVISORY

Launch of the UNDP-managed Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (BES-Net) web-portal A new online capacity building tool is available

WHAT The BES-Net web portal (www.besnet.world) is a newly developed UNDP capacity building tool promoting dialogue among science, policy and practice for more effective management of biodiversity and ecosystems, hereby supporting the achievement of the Aichi Targets and of the sustainable development goals.

Serving as a one-stop-shop for online learning, networking and collaboration on hot topics in the area of biodiversity and ecosystem services, the website provides access to 85 key organisations and 91 international experts who agreed to respond to questions from users.

WHY The BES-Net web-portal can play a key role in promoting an active dialogue among all the stakeholders who play a role in the management of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, recognising that biodiversity loss, ecosystem decline and the unsustainable use of natural resources are barriers to sustainable development, and that there is a need to prioritize biodiversity and ecosystems to help meet core objectives in relation to poverty eradication, governance and resilience.

BES-Net follows an inclusive approach, collaborating with the CBD on issues including the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI), supporting the capacity building work of the Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and working in the field of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

WHO

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WHERE Side-event 2 room, Universal building - Cancun, Mexico

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