



BES-Net Caribbean Regional Trialogue on Pollinators, Food Security and Climate Resilience

Hotel Catalonia, Santo Domingo, 4th – 6th September 2018

Agenda

Through BES-Net, UNDP contributes to the capacity building work of the Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). BES-Net facilitates and promotes dialogue between the three communities of science, policy and practice on the themes of the IPBES global assessments.

BES-Net's **Caribbean Regional Trialogue on Pollinators, Food Security and Climate Resilience** will take place at the Hotel Catalonia in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic, between 4-6 September 2018, hosted by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, as the IPBES Focal Point, with financial support from the German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU). The Trialogue will place a special focus on the IPBES Member States in the Caribbean region: Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The *IPBES Thematic Assessment Report on Pollinators, Pollination and Food Production* highlights the decline of pollinators and pollination services worldwide. Participants of the Trialogue will jointly assess the current situation in the Caribbean region, including economic impact on agriculture and food security; the drivers of pollinators' decline in the region and the important co-benefits of sustainably managing pollinators and their habitat for biodiversity, agriculture and ecosystem-based adaptation and climate resilience building.

Objectives of the Trialogue are to:

1. Raise awareness of the findings of the global assessment on pollinators by IPBES;
2. Create a shared space for the joint assessment of regionally-relevant knowledge on pollinators, food security and climate resilience, and the co-creation of locally appropriate policy options; and
3. Build a common agenda for action.

Day 1: Tuesday 4th September

Time	Activity
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:40	OPENING SESSION
09:40 – 10:50	INTRODUCTORY SESSION: Objectives of the Trialogue, Methodology and interactive ice-breaker.
10:50 – 12:00	THEMATIC SESSION I: Keynote Speech - "Is there a Problem and how can we tell? Status and Trends for Pollinators, Food Production and Food Security". A keynote address by IPBES global expert and regional experts on the reasons for global concern, the results of IPBES assessment at the global and regional level, and implications for food production, food security and climate resilience. Followed by Q&A.
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 19:00	THEMATIC SESSION II: Site Visit: Values of Pollination Services to Agriculture and Food Security. Participants visit a selection of sites near Santo Domingo and discuss with local practitioners the issues around managed and wild pollinators for key agricultural products.

Day 2: Wednesday 5th September

Time	Activity
09:00 – 09:30	REVIEW OF DAY ONE: Values and Trends of Pollinators
09:30 – 11:15	THEMATIC SESSION III: TV Panel Show - “Regional and National Drivers of Change to Pollinators and Pollination Services”. In the format of a TV Panel Show with audience participation, a Panel made up of policymakers and scientists from the region presents and debates the drivers of change at the national level and find commonalities and differences in the threats facing pollinators between countries at the regional level.
11:15 – 11:45	Berry Break: A pollinator-themed coffee break
11:45 – 13:30	THEMATIC SESSION III: WORLD CAFÉ - Drivers of Change to Pollinators and Pollination Services. Participants have the chance to further explore the threats and drivers of change at the national and regional level.
13:30 – 15:00	Pollinator-Themed Lunch
15:00 – 18:00	THEMATIC SESSION IV: Working Groups - Policy and Management Options to address risks and opportunities. A preliminary working group session to identify locally-appropriate policy options within the format of a Regional Action Plan on Pollinators, in readiness, to share with high-level invitees.
19:00 –	Cultural Dinner

Day 3: Thursday 6th September

Time	Activity
08:30 – 10:00	HIGH LEVEL BREAKFAST. Key messages from the IPBES global assessment and from the Triologue sessions are discussed by high-level government authorities, donors and partners.
08:30 – 10:00	THEMATIC SESSION IV: Innovation Corner. In parallel to the High-Level Breakfast, participants will “sell” innovative ideas and actions to promote pollinator-friendly practice from each of their countries. Short videos will be taken of “Stories of Change” to capture local ideas that can be shared across the region.
10:00 – 10:15	Interviews with the media
10:15 – 10:30	Feedback from the High-Level Session
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 13:00	THEMATIC SESSION IV: Drafting Groups: Refining the Regional Action Plan on Pollinators. A working group session to incorporate ideas from the morning sessions and refine the locally-appropriate policy and management options to be included in the Regional Action Plan on Pollinators.
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	THEMATIC SESSION V: Panel Discussion - “How to Move Forward and Keep the Momentum Going”. A Panel discussion to identify ways in which the ideas and actions emerging from the Triologue can be supported by new and ongoing initiatives at the national and regional level.
16:00 – 16:30	Moment of Reflection and Evaluation, agreement on ways to follow up on actions.
16:30 – 17:00	CLOSING SESSION


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