

## **Time for a new kind of relationship? Development cooperation and biodiversity for Sustainable Development\***

\* or how to link and implement Aichi targets 2, 17 and 19, while evolving towards the SDGs and post -Aichi

This event led by CEBioS<sup>1</sup> and UHasselt<sup>2</sup> will bring together the views of development cooperation practitioners within the EU, working towards the conservation of biodiversity in the global South. It will assemble hand-picked enthusiastic participants with field experience, coming from EU institutions, governments, NGOs, research institutions and the (private) foundations sector.

We aim at brainstorming ideas related to the modalities and tools to integrate biodiversity and development, including capacity building, best-practices and synergies. How do we do that? Are the European actors (providers of aid on biodiversity) each doing their own thing with or without harmonisation, are redundancies avoided and synergies fostered (in line with e.g. Paris Declaration on efficiency of Aid, Accra, Busan)?

Some of the topics we aim to cover:

- Should the EU Biodiversity Strategy aim at giving directions on Development Cooperation and Biodiversity to the European Commission programmes, and also to national development cooperation programmes? Is there a need for a platform of exchange, or are the current communication channels sufficient?
- Are gender and ethics an issue? How do we link to the SDGs and how should post 2020 look like concerning biodiversity in the global South from the perspective of Europe?
- Has biodiversity mainstreaming, as proposed by Aichi Target 2, been a successful endeavour or a hollow message until now? Are we able to list 10 recommendations towards a better mainstreaming and harmonisation for biodiversity?
- Does a consensus exist on what we consider “best practices” regarding (capacity building for) biodiversity monitoring? E.g., do we favour disaggregating global data, or aggregating local/national data? Is a train-the-trainer approach preferable over longer-term technology transfer at the individual level?
- Is there a need to easier outsourcing modalities from the EU to agencies, NGOs, aid programmes and foundations? Should we strive for a new kind of relationship between practitioners in development cooperation for biodiversity and sustainable development in a changing world?

This event will take place on June 18<sup>th</sup>, during the EKLIPSE / ALTER- Net conference on the EU Biodiversity Strategy beyond 2020 (in Ghent, Belgium). For more information about the conference itself, please visit: <http://www.alter-net.info/outputs/alter-net-eklipse-conf-2019>

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