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**BMU IKI-funded Global Project *Mainstreaming EbA* – Strengthening Ecosystem-based Adaptation
in Planning and Decision-Making Processes
& United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)**

Invitation

4th International EbA Community of Practice Workshop

11 – 14 June 2019, Bonn (Germany)

Strengthening Networks for Mainstreaming Ecosystem-based Adaptation – Partnerships Across Conventions and Sectors

Since the introduction of the term Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) more than 10 years ago, many organizations have been intensively working to harness the use of their countries' natural resources to fight the adverse effects of climate change. EbA has been successfully anchored in various policies such as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the UNFCCC, the CBD, and UNISDR, which provide a strong foundation for implementation and upscaling. However, more joint efforts are needed to overcome existing barriers and to make efficient use of the many opportunities and synergies with other policies. This includes forming partnerships beyond project cycles and reaching out to key sectors such as finance, insurance, rural land use and urban planning, infrastructure, and development.

Opportunities and challenges for mainstreaming EbA will be showcased by examples and discussed during the 4th international EbA Community of Practice Workshop. It will be jointly organized by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS). The event will take place prior to the UNFCCC's SB 50 in Bonn and the 5th EbA Knowledge Day at GIZ (19 June 2019).

The objective is to identify **new opportunities for mainstreaming EbA into other sector-policies** and planning schemes through partnerships with diverse actors, recognizing their motivations and settings.

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The workshop's **main topics** are:

1. **Leveraging networks** for strengthening EbA in other sectors and across conventions:
 - a. NDC Implementation & National Adaptation Planning (NAP)
 - b. EbA & Eco-DRR
 - c. Resilient & Sustainable Infrastructure / Urban EbA
 - d. Finance & Incentive Systems (e.g. Climate Risk Insurance)
 - e. Watershed Management
2. Define joint interests, targets and formats for further collaboration under the global network of EbA practitioners and modes of operation (**Community of Practice – the way forward**)
3. **Demonstrate practical examples for EbA in Germany** during a field trip (14 June 2019)

Workshop participants: approximately 60 members of the international EbA Community of Practice and related networks, especially:

- decision-makers at national and sub-national levels involved in EbA mainstreaming, implementation and coordination with key actors for budget planning, mobilizing public and private finance, and key actors for private sector engagement;
- policy advisors in relevant international and national networks such as FEBA, PEDRR, NAP Global network, NDC Partnership, and Global Initiative for Disaster Risk Reduction;
- experts and practitioners from international organizations, think tanks, and civil society.

We welcome your suggestions on contributions: Please contact andrea.bender@giz.de.

Please note: A training on reaching the NDCs with the help of Ecosystem-based Adaptation to Climate Change will be organized by GIZ's Academy for International Cooperation (AIZ), 4-7 June in Bonn, Germany. Additional costs apply. Please register separately [online](#).

Kindly find the registration form in the attachment. Suggestions for your accommodation in Bonn will be provided after receiving your registration. For questions on the logistics and the submission of your registration form, please contact nadine.girard@giz.de. We will provide the finalized program and practical information for your stay in Bonn in brief.

Best regards from the EbA team,

Dr Arno Sckeyde (Head of the Global Project *Mainstreaming EbA*)

Attachment: Registration form