

Open Webinar

Global Presentation of the Botswana National Ecosystem Assessment

15 July 2026, Wednesday

14:00 – 15:15 PM British Summer Time (GMT+1)

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Co-organized by the National Ecosystem Assessment Initiative at UNEP-WCMC, Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN), and the Department of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Botswana

Concept Note and Agenda

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Background

Since its inception in 2017 and building on over 20 years of ecosystem assessment experience, UNEP-WCMC's National Ecosystem Assessment Initiative ([NEA Initiative](#)) in partnership with UNDP and UNESCO through the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Network ([BES-Net](#)) has supported countries around the world to conduct or scope national ecosystem assessments.

Botswana launched its national ecosystem assessment project in August 2022 with support from the NEA Initiative and the BES-Net consortium. The assessment was coordinated by the Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN) in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Environment and Tourism. The assessment was part of the BES-Net Phase II project, with financial support from the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the Federal Government of Germany. Within the Federal Government, the IKI is anchored in the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN).

Botswana's ecosystems are central to the country's development, livelihoods, cultural identity and long-term resilience. From the Okavango Delta and other wetland systems to forests, rangelands, agroecosystems, desert landscapes and culturally significant hill ecosystems, nature underpins food security, water provision, tourism, rural economies, traditional and cultural practices and national well-being.

[The Botswana National Ecosystem Assessment](#) provides the country's first comprehensive, evidence-based assessment of the current status/condition, trends and future pathways of Botswana's ecosystems. The assessment brings together scientific evidence, spatial analysis, scenario modelling, socio-economic insights and Traditional and Local Knowledge gathered through participatory community dialogues.

The assessment highlights growing pressures from climate change, droughts, floods, land-use change, invasive species, pollution, overgrazing and unsustainable natural resource use. It also identifies opportunities to support green and blue economy pathways through sustainable tourism, community-based natural resource management, fisheries, sustainable forestry, ecosystem restoration, natural capital valuation and biodiversity finance.

This global webinar will present the key messages and policy-relevant findings of the Botswana National Ecosystem Assessment to an international audience. It will provide an opportunity to hear directly from the assessment team, government partners and stakeholders involved in the process, and to discuss how the findings can inform national planning, biodiversity action, climate resilience, sustainable livelihoods and future investment in Botswana's ecosystems.

Download the Technical Report and Summary for Policymakers [here](#).

Objectives

The webinar aims to:

- Present an overview of the Botswana National Ecosystem Assessment process, including its scope, methodology and stakeholder engagement approach.
- Share the main findings and key messages emerging from the assessment, including evidence on biodiversity, ecosystem services, drivers of change and implications for people.
- Highlight policy-relevant options and opportunities for using assessment findings in national planning, implementation and decision-making.
- Reflect on the weaving of Traditional and Local Knowledge and the role of communities and stakeholders in the assessment process.
- Facilitate discussion on next steps for dissemination, uptake and implementation of the Botswana National Ecosystem Assessment findings.

Target Audience

This webinar is organized as part of the Sub-Global Assessment Network ([SGAN](#)) and is relevant to government representatives, policymakers, researchers, academia, civil society organizations, Indigenous Peoples and local community representatives, private-sector actors, development partners, media, students, youth groups, and ecosystem assessment practitioners from Botswana and around the world.

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Event Format and Registration

This virtual webinar will be held on Zoom in English with live French and Spanish interpretation. Access to the online event will be provided to all pre-registered participants.

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Proposed Agenda

75mins

Time	Session	Moderator/Speaker
5'	Welcome and Introduction to the Webinar	UNEP-WCMC
5'	Opening Remarks	Prof. Patricia Kefilwe Mogomotsi Deputy Permanent Secretary - Environment Ministry of Environment and Tourism
10'	Overview of the Botswana National Ecosystem Assessment process <i>Scope, assessment process, implementing arrangements and stakeholder engagement</i>	Prof. Wame.L. Hambira Project Manager and Co-chair Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (BUAN)
12'	Main Findings and Key Messages from the Botswana National Ecosystem Assessment <i>Status and trends of biodiversity and ecosystem services, drivers of change, future scenarios and implications for people</i>	Dr. Keoikantse Sianga Technical Lead BUAN Prof. Victor Muposhi Data and Knowledge Management Lead BUAN
10'	From Evidence to Policy and Implementation <i>Policy-relevant options and opportunities to use the assessment findings in national planning and decision-making</i>	Ms. Mokgadi Monamati Department of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Environment and Tourism
8'	Weaving Traditional and Local Knowledge and Stakeholder Perspectives <i>Lessons from community engagement, multiple evidence systems and knowledge co-production</i>	Dr Nelson M. Tselaesele Traditional Knowledge Lead, BUAN
8'	Interactive Mentimeter Exercise <i>Audience reflections on priorities for uptake, dissemination and implementation</i>	Moderated by UNEP-WCMC

12'	Panel Discussion and Q&A <i>Opportunities for uptake, implementation, financing, partnerships and peer-to-peer learning</i>	Moderated by UNEP-WCMC
5'	Closing Remarks and Next Steps	UNEP-WCMC

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