

Concept Note

Purpose and background

The workshop will follow on from the first TEEB training workshop on “Mainstreaming the values of water and wetlands into decision-making” was held 31 August 2013, and the first Wetlands Forum held in Kigali in July 2013. The latter involved a bottom-up participatory process, involving around a 110 participants to develop proposals for activities for the management and protection of African wetlands.

The agenda of the Bali meeting was informed both by the Ramsar-TEEB for wetlands Report and by a needs assessment conducted by UNEP TEEB unit at the Kigali meeting.

As a follow on from those two events, and recognising the important roles played by RAMSAR secretariat and RAMCEA in African wetland management, and their participation in Kigali, it is proposed to host a follow up meeting under the auspices of the Wetland Forum theme on 25th-27th November 2013. The meeting will be funded by a grant from UNEP_TEEB and organised in partnership with, and co-financed by, UNESCO-IHE, the Ramsar secretariat, and the Ramsar Centre for East Africa (RAMCEA).

Programme

The workshop will build on the Bali TEEB workshop by guiding participants through three core modules:

- Module 1 on TEEB and its role in water and wetlands , highlighting the “TEEB for Water and Wetlands” report (February 2013) and the “Guidance Manual for TEEB Country Studies” (May 2013);
- Module 2 on improving measurement and assessment for better governance and wise use , presenting key indicators for this, and assessing the advantages and limitations of monetary valuation; and
- Module 3 on integrating the value of water and wetlands into decision-making, using the most important policy tools toward the wise use of wetlands, their respective advantages and disadvantages, and a global set of case studies on how the ecosystem approach is and can be applied.

Participation

Attendance will be through invitation to a number of participants who were active in proposal developments in the Kigali workshop, taking account of the need for pan-African involvement and to support implementation of the Wise Use of wetlands promoted by Ramsar and others.

The workshop will include a particular emphasis on Africa, best practice for proceeding and options for activities. It will include valuation case studies within Africa. The Programme will include a field trip if this is feasible, with follow up class room work.

Support for participants will be based on potential to carry forward the lesson of the week, including activities in key wetlands. Options that some participants can be funded from other sources will be explored.

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