

Inclusive Nature Action From Principles to Practice

Securing equity, rights and local leadership in delivering the
Global Biodiversity Framework



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NETHERLANDS PAVILION
CBD COP17, Yerevan

Dilys Roe, IIED

The Inclusive Nature Action Principles provide a framework for locally led, rights-based and gender-responsive biodiversity action.

Join speakers exploring how the principles are being put into practice through local leadership, equitable finance and action on the ground.

SPEAKERS

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Learn more at
inclusivenatureaction.org

Gemma Harper, UK Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)



Rob Small, Fauna & Flora International

A group of approximately 15 people, including men and women of various ages, are posing for a group photo on a narrow, stone-paved path. The path is heavily covered in green moss and fallen autumn leaves. The surrounding environment is a dense forest with tall, moss-covered trees and lush greenery. The group is arranged in several rows, with some people standing and others crouching or sitting on the path. They are dressed in casual outdoor attire, including jackets, scarves, and boots. The overall atmosphere is natural and serene.

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From Principles to Practice



Recognise & address structural &
intersectional inequities

Provide direct, patient, flexible,
predictable and accessible funding

Safeguard local actors,
beyond 'do no harm'

REDAA – CHAMPIONING INCLUSIVE, LOCALLY-LED RESTORATION IN AFRICA AND ASIA



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Reversing Environmental Degradation in Africa and Asia (REDAA) is a programme that supports locally led research and action for nature restoration and climate resilience in Africa and Asia.

It is funded by the UK government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) through its Global Research and Technology Development (GRTD) portfolio, and managed by IIED.



1 Recognise and respect rights

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3 Recognise and address structural and intersectional inequalities

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Tapiwa Magaisa, Nutrition Action Zimbabwe

FARMING WITH ALTERNATIVE POLLINATORS

Tapiwa Magaisa, Nutrition Action Zimbabwe



Smallholder Farmer in her Demonstration plot in Gokwe North, Zimbabwe. NAZ 2026

Agroecological innovation

Flowering habitat crops support wild pollinators and provide food or income. Trees, soil and water practices reinforce FAP.

Farmer-reported benefits

Some farmers report harvests more than doubling, encouraging continued stewardship of their land.

Partners supporting local action

NAZ, University of Zimbabwe, PORET, Action Against Hunger, My Trees and government extension services.



INCLUSIVE NATURE ACTION IN PRACTICE

Principle 2 is the focus, with clear connections to Principles 3, 6 and 7

PRINCIPLE 2 - MAIN FOCUS

Devolve decision making and strengthen local leadership

Farmers choose crops and plot layouts.
They review results between cropping cycles.

Community-led monitoring
Pollinators, soil, water, harvests and income

PRINCIPLE 3 INCLUSION

Recognise and address structural and intersectional inequalities

Gender dialogues strengthen women's voice and access to productive resources.

>70%

Women participants

>60%

Women community monitors

PRINCIPLE 6 KNOWLEDGE

Recognise the mutual value of scientific, and local and traditional knowledge

Farmers and researchers combine local experience with scientific methods.

Evidence that farmers can use

PRINCIPLE 7 SCALING

Promote collaborative and coherent action and investment

AGRITEX and local authorities connect farmer learning with extension services.

Next step: extension training and policy

Scaling inclusive nature action means investing in farmers' ability to decide, experiment and lead



Ritchel Cahilig, Haribon Foundation



AGOS Project: Engaging Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) in Ensuring Environmental Safeguards for the Aklan River Watershed Forest Reserve (ARWFR)



IKSP Enumerators Training

Ritchel C. Cahilig | HARIBON

Integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices (IKSP) and Involving Akeanon Bukidnon Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) in the Aklan River Watershed Forest Reserve Governance and Safeguards (AGOS)



Paul Matiku, Nature Kenya



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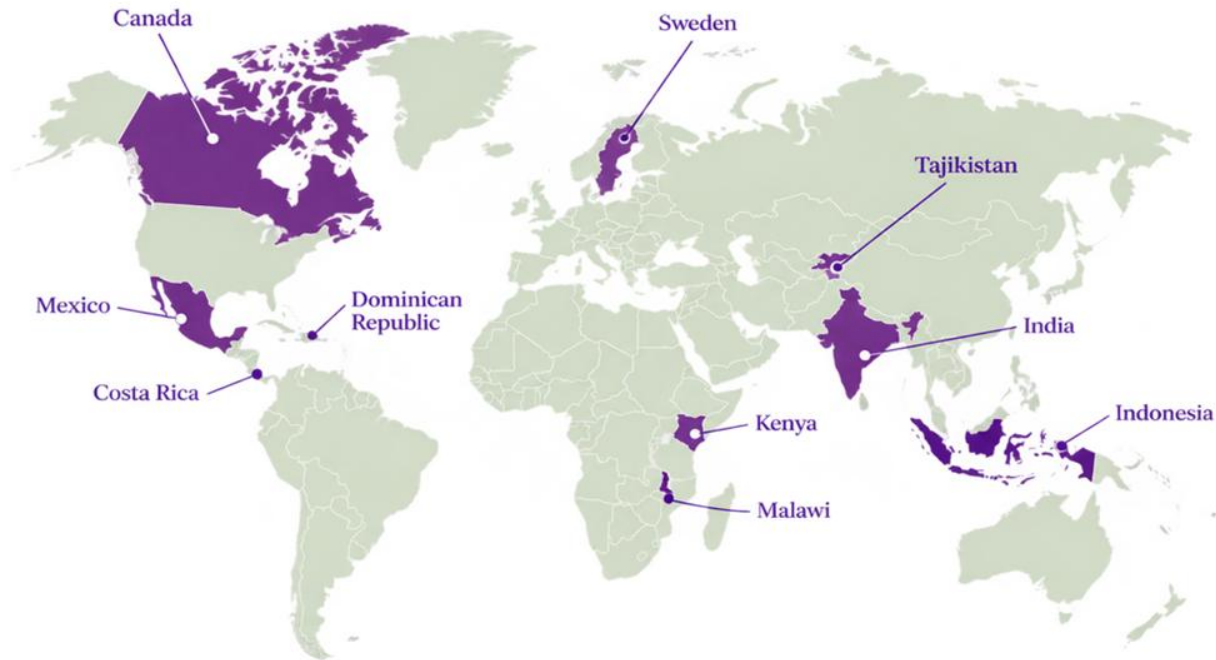
PROJECT PARTNERSHIP with IPLCs

Cherang'any Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs)

- Beneficiaries of the research packages
- Trained and work as enumerators collecting data linked to indigenous use of forest resources, adaptation and forest management
- Active participants supporting project implementation



Emily Woodhouse, University College London



**Policies in Practice
report: 10 country case
studies of gender-
responsive biodiversity
policy and action**

Representation must be accompanied by land and resource rights, recognition of diverse knowledge and efforts to overcome structural barriers



Photo: National Center for Biodiversity and Biosafety (NCBB), Tajikistan



Formal legal and policy reforms need to be backed up with capacity, enforcement, and initiatives tackling gender norms and institutional cultures

Photo: Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association



POLICIES IN PRACTICE

Learning from National Experiences for
Gender-Responsive Implementation of the
Global Biodiversity Framework



Report launching on Thursday 22nd

**Side event @18.15 in Women's Caucus
Meeting room**



**Policy brief on Gender and
Biodiversity Focal Points here**



POLICY BRIEF OCTOBER 2026

**Strengthening the role of Gender and
Biodiversity Focal Points in the
implementation of Target 23 of the Kunming-
Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

Key points

Gender and Biodiversity Focal Points (GBFPs) play a critical role in translating Target 23 and the Gender Plan of Action into national biodiversity policy and action. Drawing on a global survey, interviews and peer exchanges, this briefing provides new evidence on the experiences, challenges and priorities of GBFPs.

Many GBFPs operate with limited time, resources and institutional support, reducing their effectiveness. Funding constraints, limited capacity, weak coordination mechanisms, and gaps in data and monitoring systems remain significant barriers to implementation.

Although the Gender Plan of Action is widely recognised as a valuable framework, its influence on implementation remains uneven in the absence of adequate financial resources and support for alignment with national policy processes.

Parties should move beyond the formal appointment of GBFPs to ensure that they are in dedicated roles with sufficient financial and technical support, access to decision-making processes, and the ability to facilitate coordination across ministries, levels of government and women's organisations.

The CBD Secretariat, Regional Technical Support Centres and partners can further support implementation by strengthening international and regional peer learning networks, co-developing practical context-relevant guidance and building the strategic leadership capacities of GBFPs.

Ana Di Pangracio, CBD Women's Caucus

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