

**Feedback from the Preparatory Workshop  
“Integrated Local Approaches to Ecosystems Restoration Governance”  
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Museum of the Environment

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The workshop was organized by the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework EU support project. It featured an introductory session setting the ambitions for restoration in the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework and case studies of successful ecosystem restoration initiatives by subnational and local governments, private sector and NGOs. Presentations will be made available on the website of the EU support project.

**A lot of the discussion reconfirmed objective, scope, principles and key activities laid down in the short term action plan for ecosystem restoration adopted at CBD COP XIII (CBD COP XIII/5).**

Group discussions resulted in the following findings:

- 1. Subnational governments and local actors, non-governmental organizations and private sector play an instrumental role in the implementation of ecosystem restoration. Therefore subnational and local networks for implementation should be empowered.**
- 2. Ecosystem restoration needs to balance biodiversity conservation and provision of ecosystem services to maintain human well-being.**
- 3. Ecosystem restoration aims to restore biodiversity and the whole range of ecosystem functions and services. Restoration action should promote approaches focused on the recovery of ecological processes such as rewilding and open-ended restoration.**
- 4. Ecosystem restoration is vital for addressing climate change, contributes to job creation, poverty alleviation and provides business opportunities.**
- 5. National policies are in place to reduce and counterbalance all ecosystem degradation, and prioritized restoration programs established to reduce x % of the degradation of already degraded ecosystems. When fully implemented these together will provide net positive impact for ecosystems.**
- 6. Resource mobilization mechanisms should also include bottom up approaches, which build ownership and participatory engagement.**
- 7. Assign funds designated to restoration for capacity building, education, communication and the promotion of ecosystem restoration as a benefit for societies**
- 8. Restoration targets can be measured in terms of ecosystem condition, pressures and direct and indirect drivers.**

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9. **Effective monitoring needs to be guaranteed which requires resources and open data.**
10. **For ecosystem restoration in areas where IPLCs live, there shall be a Free and Prior Informed Consent. IPLCs shall be part of restoration efforts also building on their traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.**
11. **Ecosystem restoration is carried out in urban and rural areas considering their specificities.**

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