

Call for case studies

Ecosystem Governance and Urban & Rural Linkages

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both formal and informal, that govern human behavior in decision-making processes as well as disciplines to explore ways that human can protect the environment and maintain activities in a sustainable manner. It is an inclusive approach that better connects the social system with the ecological system to improve conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem health for human well-being. It examines the actions that can be undertaken to move forward and contribute to the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

During the first WFEG in Beijing, several participants were discussing the challenges of urban rural ecosystems and the disconnect that exist. The linkages between both have declined over the past decades as more people live in urban centres and few maintain connections (through vacations or families) with the rural ecosystem. However at the same time, rural ecosystems and their communities are essential for the survival of urban centres as our food is coming from there. There is a need to better understand the connections and how this can be optimized in the future. To do so, the thematic group aims to produce for the next World Forum on Ecosystem Governance a document that analyses case studies from various ecosystems and regions of the world on this aspect of rural-urban linkage and how ecosystem governance can support it.

The proposed activity is a compilation of case studies to initiate discussion regarding commonalities, lessons learned, and good practices that can be replicable in other circumstances regarding issues related to ecosystem governance in the context of rural-urban linkages. The compilation will include an analytical approach for each case study. It will have three parts: 1) background and information on ecosystem governance, 2) case studies, and 3) analysis of the case studies and discussion of commonalities and best practices.

Timeline:

January 15, 2018: Call for abstracts (maximum 15 case studies)

February 1st: Decision on acceptance of abstracts

May 1st, 2018: Manuscript submissions

May-June:

context of conservation and ecosystem management); and (6) lessons learned. Abstract should have no more than 300 words.