

Support mechanism to develop National Wetland Inventories

Section 1: General Information	
Summary	<p>The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands will develop a National Wetland Inventories (NWI) support mechanism. This will include the design and implementation of a series of training programme to support UN Member States / Contracting Parties to the Convention to develop NWI, jointly with UNOSD.</p> <p>There will be also a programme of direct support to +8 African countries to help national authorities undertaking and completing a National Wetland Inventory with a scientifically robust and action-oriented approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Providing technical capacity building (trainings) to +50 countries in the world</i> • <i>Completion of National Wetland Inventories in +8 African countries</i>
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Section 2: Commitment	
Target	<p>World's wetlands are decreasing at an alarming rate, with 35% losses of natural wetlands since 1970, where data are available. Wetlands are being lost faster than forests, making them the most threatened ecosystem on Earth. At the same time, wetlands are essential to human wellbeing. We depend on wetlands for water, food, biodiversity, livelihoods and for protection against floods, droughts and extreme weather hazards, to build resilience of communities to climate change. The multiple benefits and services provided by wetlands are essential in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p> <p>Data and information on wetland extent, condition and changes over time is critical to inform the necessary actions by governments and other actors to protect and sustainably use wetlands. An important mechanism is the development of the National Wetland Inventories (NWI), providing a foundation for wetland assessment and monitoring as well as planning and decision support. This is reflected in the Convention on Wetlands Strategic Plan 2016-2024, under strategic goal 3 – wisely using all wetlands, target 8 – “NWIs are a key tool for effective policies and actions of the Convention on Wetlands mission: the conservation and effective management of all wetlands”.</p> <p>Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands have committed to provide data on the extend of wetlands, drawing from their NWI, as part of their National Reports which Parties submit to every Conference of Parties (COP).</p> <p>The Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands will develop a NWI support mechanism. This will include the design and implementation of a series of</p>

	<p>training programme to support UN Member States / Contracting Parties to the Convention to develop NWI, jointly with UNOSD.</p> <p>There will be also a programme of direct support to +8 African countries to help national authorities to undertake a National Wetland Inventory with a scientifically robust and action-oriented approach.</p> <p>This activity will contribute to better capacity to implement the 2030 Agenda, specifically achievement of SDG Goal 6 and tracking SDG indicators 6.6.1, as well as support effective management of wetlands in their territories to fulfil their commitments under the Convention.</p> <p>Tangible deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Providing technical capacity building (trainings) to +50 countries in the world</i> <p><i>Elaboration of National Wetland Inventories in +8 African countries</i></p>
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Section 3: Actions and Outcomes to Achieve Targets		
Relevant Sub-Theme	Water for Humans and Nature Knowledge and Technologies	
Implementation Period	Start Date	2024
	End Date	2026
Financial Commitment	Some fundings are already available to develop technical capacity building (Norway, UNOSD) and direct support to Parties in Africa (Flanders government, Belgium).	