

Open Webinar: Global Presentation of Azerbaijan National Ecosystem Assessment

12 April 2024

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM BST

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Co-organised by the National Ecosystem Assessment Initiative at UNEP-WCMC, The Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus and the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Concept Note and Agenda

As of 27 March 2024

Background

As part of the global initiative, “Supporting decision-making and building capacity to support the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) through National Ecosystem Assessments”, Azerbaijan embarked on a grand endeavour of national ecosystem assessment, a dedicated effort to develop a comprehensive synthesis of knowledge on biodiversity and ecosystem services to inform the country’s future policymaking, planning and actions. The project began in 2019 and concluded in 2024. Financial support for the National Ecosystem Assessment of Azerbaijan was provided by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection, with technical support from the National Ecosystem Assessment (NEA) Initiative at the UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC). The Azerbaijan National Ecosystem Assessment process was

implemented by the Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (REC Caucasus) in coordination with the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan.

A [Summary for Policymakers Report](#) is an important outcome from the Azerbaijan National Ecosystem Assessment. This report draws on the Azerbaijan National Ecosystem Assessment Technical Report, highlighting key messages, important findings to form an essential knowledge ground for the management, use and conservation of biological diversity and ecosystem services. The national ecosystem assessment will support policy makers to improve existing ecosystem management policies and create grounds for management approaches. With the aim of facilitating exchange of experiences on key lessons learned, as well as provide an overview of the Azerbaijan National Ecosystem Assessment, a webinar is being organised to present main findings, lessons learned and challenges faced during the national ecosystem assessment process.

Objectives

The webinar aims to bring a wide range of stakeholders together to:

- Provide an overview of the Azerbaijan National Ecosystem Assessment process, including main findings, policy recommendations and key lessons learned;
- Provide a platform to discuss the lessons learned and best practices from Azerbaijan that can be implemented in a national ecosystem assessment process;

Target Audience

The target audience will include researchers, government representatives, policy makers, representatives of private sector, media, civil society organisations, and other experts from across the globe. The webinar is open to the general public, anyone with an interest in nature and biodiversity conservation.

Date and Time

The webinar will be held on Friday, 12 April 2024 from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM BST

Registration

This webinar will be held fully virtually. Access to the online event will be provided to all pre-registered participants. Please register for the event here:

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Organisation of the webinar

The webinar will be held on Zoom online platform. It is conducted in English with simultaneous translations in French and Spanish.

Proposed Agenda

90mins

Time	Session	Moderator/Speaker
5'	Welcome and Opening	Dr. Thiago Uehara, Head of Policy Innovation, UNEP-WCMC
5'	Introduction to the Webinar	Ms. Juanita Chaves Senior Programme Officer, UNEP-WCMC
10'	Keynote speaker <i>Session Title: Mainstreaming holistic analysis of biodiversity and ecosystem services in national decision-making</i>	Mr. Rashad Allahverdiyev, Project Coordinator Azerbaijan NEA, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan
15'	Overview of the Azerbaijan National Ecosystem Assessment process	Mr. Yashar Karimov, Project Manager, Director of RECC Azerbaijan
25'	<i>Session Title: Opportunities for Knowledge-Sharing and Reflections</i> Main Findings, Lessons Learned and Best Practices	Dr. Rovshan Abbasov, Khazar University, Coordinating Lead Author on Freshwater Ecosystems and Indigenous and Local Knowledge of Mountain Ecosystems
15'	<i>Session Title: Opportunities for Knowledge-Sharing and Reflections</i> Weaving Indigenous and Local Knowledge in the Azerbaijan National Ecosystem Assessment	Dr. Shahnaz Amanova, Author, Research Institute of Crop Husbandry
10'	Question & Answer session	Moderated by UNEP-WCMC
5'	Closing	Ms. Juanita Chaves

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