Capacity building for the implementation of the Satoyama Initiative: a proposal

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Capacity building:
What it is

Process of developing and/or strengthening skills, competencies, instincts, abilities, motivations and resources that individuals, communities, organizations, societies, nations etc. need so that they can solve problems, set and achieve objectives in a sustainable manner, live well, survive, adapt, upgrade their performances, improve livelihoods/well-being (UNDP, Wikipedia etc.)

**Human:**
- Understanding
- Knowledge
- Skills
- Competencies
- Motivations

**Institutional & Infrastructural:**
- Laws and regulations
- Governance
- Management structures, processes & procedures

**Financial resources**
Objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Well-being
Livelihoods
Poverty reduction
Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
Sustainable development

Cluster 1:
Knowledge Facilitation
(understand and raise awareness)

Cluster 2:
Policy research

Cluster 3:
Research on indicators

Cluster 5:
On-the-ground: maintain, rebuild & revitalise SEPL

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Capacity building (IPSI and others)
Capacity building:
How it is done

**Approaches**
- Sharing knowledge & information
- Training
  - Informal: e-learning, seminar, workshops, cooperation/collaboration, networking etc
  - Formal: school, university curricula, graduate and post graduate, etc
- Funds

**Examples from IPSI**
- Horizontal “Contact Learning” zone/Cusco, Peru; SCBD; UNU-IAS
- Training
  - Landscape Measures Resource Center/EcoAgriculture Partners; SCBD
  - UNCRD/JICA Training Course and seminars; Institute of Environment Rehabilitation and Conservation
  - Japan-Asia Satoyama Education Initiative (Master’s course)/University of Tokyo
- Funds: JICA, GEF, Japan Fund
Roadmap for capacity-building

Capacity needs assessment & programme designing
Roadmap for capacity-building

- **Need assessment**
  - Target groups and their requirements;
  - Document existing practices, knowledge and experiences
  - Assessment of ongoing capacity-building activities and their effectiveness,
  - Gap analysis (knowledge, skills, information, laws, policies, management, manpower, awareness)

- **Planning and designing with clear goals and SMART targets**

- **Establishment of enabling environment and mechanisms:**

- **Implementation and monitoring of successes/performance**
Roadmap for capacity-building (ctd)

- Need assessment

- Planning and designing with clear goals and SMART targets. Emphasis on:
  - capacity for assessing existing and abandoned SEPL, status, and possibly trends ecological and socioeconomic value, threats/pressures
  - hard and soft technologies
  - financial planning, fund-raising and management

- Establishment of enabling environment and mechanisms:

- Implementation and monitoring of successes/performance
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- Establishment of enabling environment and mechanisms:
  - Integration of SI objectives in wider programmes, plans and strategies relating to poverty reduction and sustainable development (NBSAPs, NAPA etc.)
  - National focal points for the Initiative
  - (Sub-)Regional nodes/coordinators for training
  - Technical clinics
  - CEPA programmes
  - Compilation and development of learning tools and materials such as e-learning modules
  - Interactive websites within existing national and regional CBD clearing house mechanisms

- Implementation and monitoring of successes/performance
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- Need assessment
- Planning and designing with clear goals and SMART targets
- Establishment of enabling environment and mechanisms:
- Implementation and monitoring of successes/performance
  - ✔️ using *inter alia* indicators of resilience and
  - ✔️ ensuring that capacity building is linked to actual implementation of the Initiative’s activities on the ground
Capacity-building is the engine of the SATOYAMA INITIATIVE.

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.

(Chinese proverb)