**IPSI Plan of Action 2013-2018**

**Questionnaire for Interim Review**

*Thank you for taking your valuable time to fill out this questionnaire on the interim review of the IPSI Plan of Action 2013-2018. The information you provide will be extremely valuable for the IPSI Secretariat to assess the partnership’s progress, and to plan IPSI’s strategic direction in the future.*

*Please complete this questionnaire and mail it as an attachment to the IPSI Secretariat at isi@unu.edu by* ***Friday, 27 November 2015****. Please fill out as much of the questionnaire as you can. If some sections are not applicable to your organization, please just leave them blank.*

*IPSI Secretariat*

**1: Information about your organization:**

Organization name:

Contact person name and title: 

E-mail address: 

In which region(s) does your organization conduct its main activities (check all that apply)?

Africa

Americas

Asia

Europe

Oceania and Pacific Islands

Please list countries where your organization conducts its main activities related to SEPLS:



**2: Your organization and the IPSI Plan of Action:**

*This information will help to assess how current IPSI members perceive and use the Plan of Action.*

How familiar are you (or relevant people in your organization) with the IPSI Plan of Action?

Very familiar

Mostly familiar

Somewhat familiar

Mostly unfamiliar

Completely unfamiliar

How often does the IPSI Plan of Action influence your organization’s decision-making and/or strategic direction?

Often

Sometimes

Occasionally

Rarely

Never

In your opinion, how relevant is the IPSI Plan of Action to current trends in biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, and related fields?

Very relevant

Mostly relevant

Somewhat relevant

Mostly irrelevant

Completely irrelevant

Please comment on your organization’s use of the IPSI Plan of Action, including your intention to consider it in your decision-making in the future:



Please provide any suggestions you may have for improvements in future IPSI strategic documents:



**3: On-the-ground activities:**

*This section will help to determine IPSI’s effectiveness in quantifiable terms. If this section is not relevant for your organization, please go to the next section***:**

If your organization conducts on-the-ground activities, approximately how many **hectares** are covered by them? ha

How many of these are newly covered since joining IPSI? ha

Please provide any relevant comments on how you calculate these numbers:



If your organization conducts on-the-ground activities, approximately how many **sites** are covered by your organization’s activities? 

How many of these are newly covered since joining IPSI? 

Please provide any relevant comments on how you calculate these numbers:



If your organization conducts on-the-ground activities, approximately how many **people** are covered by your organization’s activities? 

How many of these are newly covered since joining IPSI? 

Please provide any relevant comments on how you calculate these numbers:

**4: Priority actions:**

*The following are the Priority Actions for IPSI in the Plan of Action. Your responses in this section will be vital for the Secretariat to assess IPSI’s progress to date.*

**Strategic Objective 1**: Increase knowledge and understanding of SEPLS and make information widely accessible

* The following are the priority actions identified in the IPSI Plan of Action for Strategic Objective 1. Please 1) check those that your organization has contributed to since joining IPSI, and 2) briefly describe specific activities for any actions you have checked:

Develop a comprehensive communications and knowledge management strategy targeting a range of levels including policy and decision makers and local stakeholders.

(activities:)

Promote mechanisms for effective knowledge sharing, utilizing the full range of communication materials from organizations working with SEPLS.

(activities: )

Build on and further map SEPLS around the world at local, national, regional, and global levels to further enhance knowledge generation and sharing, and communicate lessons and experiences.

(activities: )

Further promote existing studies and analysis on SEPLS and promote similar analysis on different thematic issues.

(activities: )

Support indigenous peoples and local communities to produce case studies and relevant materials to increase the understanding about traditional systems of landscape and seascape management.

(activities: )

Promote a dynamic collaboration between modern science and traditional knowledge systems, considering particularly prior informed consent and other appropriate traditional knowledge safeguards, and collect and use best practices to enhance linkages among cultural diversity, traditional knowledge, and management of SEPLS.

(activities: )

Exchange knowledge and lessons learned, including from case studies, member activities, and Collaborative Activities, and feed synthesis into relevant policy discussions.

(activities: )

Share information and material on IPSI and the Satoyama Initiative at relevant meetings and other events.

(activities: )

* Please briefly describe any other activities related to Strategic Objective 1:



* Which of the above Priority Actions should IPSI emphasize most in the future? Please describe briefly why you think so.



**Strategic Objective 2:** Address the direct and underlying causes responsible for the decline or loss of biological and cultural diversity and ecosystem services from SEPLS:

* The following are the priority actions identified in the IPSI Plan of Action for Strategic Objective 2. Please check those that your organization has contributed to since joining IPSI:

Fully utilize diversity of IPSI membership to conduct research on identifying the direct and underlying causes that are impacting SEPLS, including through analysis of NBSAPs/LBSAPs and taking into account the direct and indirect drivers of change identified within the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment.

(activities: )

Undertake assessments at various levels of SEPLS, building on the Japan Satoyama-Satoumi Assessment (JSSA).

(activities: )

Use solid evidence and scientific arguments through mechanisms such as NBSAPs, national reports, and National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) to influence national and global processes addressing the direct and underlying causes for the decline or loss of biological and cultural diversity, as well as those aimed at maintaining, restoring, revitalizing, or rebuilding SEPLS.

(activities: )

Facilitate and promote on-the-ground activities to empower local communities to evaluate, assess, and manage SEPLS.

(activities: )

Contribute to rebuilding, adaptation, and revitalization of areas in which SEPLS have been lost or degraded due to negative impacts from natural disasters, climate change, and other causes, including human activities.

(activities: )

* Please briefly describe any other activities related to Strategic Objective 2:



* Which of the above Priority Actions should IPSI emphasize most in the future? Please describe briefly why you think so.



**Strategic Objective 3:** Enhance benefits from SEPLS:

* The following are the priority actions identified in the IPSI Plan of Action for Strategic Objective 3. Please check those that your organization has contributed to since joining IPSI:

Support indigenous peoples and local communities to govern and manage their resources, and sustain or improve social cohesion and local economies.

(activities: )

Continue building on the existing work with indicators of resilience in SEPLS by additional testing in a broad range of landscapes and seascapes, and further refining of the set of indicators to enhance community empowerment and engagement, In addition, develop linkages with other relevant processes, including among others, the indicator framework under the CBD.

(activities: )

Explore opportunities for certification and branding of products derived from SEPLS, including through potential partnerships with the private sector and the further development of market linkages.

(activities: )

Further promote analysis of multiple benefits related to SEPLS, including their contribution to disaster risk reduction and towards realizing the objectives of the three Rio Conventions, the MDGs, post-2015 development agenda, and other relevant agreements.

(activities: )

Promote adaptive management of SEPLS to increase and enhance the benefits for indigenous peoples and local communities.

(activities: )

Promote benefits for people and biodiversity in SEPLS by using a holistic approach in the implementation of climate change adaptation and mitigation plans as well as reducing habitat conversion, over-exploitation, pollution, and impact of invasive species.

(activities: )

* Please briefly describe any other activities related to Strategic Objective 3:



* Which of the above Priority Actions should IPSI emphasize most in the future? Please describe briefly why you think so.



**Strategic Objective 4:** Enhance the human, institutional and sustainable financial capacities for the implementation of the Satoyama Initiative:

* The following are the priority actions identified in the IPSI Plan of Action for Strategic Objective 4. Please check those that your organization has contributed to since joining IPSI:

Identify and develop potential windows and mechanisms to finance SEPLS-related activities, including through new financing mechanisms.

(activities: )

Facilitate efforts to feed and implement the SEPLS concept into key policy programmes and plans, including NBSAPs/LBSAPs.

(activities: )

Increase awareness of policy- and decision-makers on SEPLS and IPSI by promoting education, information dissemination, and document production.

(activities: )

Strengthen the institutional capacity of the IPSI Secretariat in the context of a growing membership and the implementation of the Plan of Action.

(activities: )

Organize workshops, seminars, and other capacity building activities, including the exchange of experiences among indigenous peoples and local communities based on capacity-needs assessment to implement the IPSI Strategy and Plan of Action, to develop human and institutional capacities of IPSI members and other stakeholders, to formulate and implement relevant initiatives, and to generate and mobilize necessary financial resources.

(activities: )

* Please briefly describe any other activities related to Strategic Objective 4:



* Which of the above Priority Actions should IPSI emphasize most in the future? Please describe briefly why you think so.



* Overall comments about IPSI’s Priority Actions:



**5: Planned measures:**

*The following are the Planned Measures in the IPSI Plan of Action for 2013-2018. For each category, please choose a few measures that are most important to your organization. This information will be used to guide the IPSI Secretariat in coordinating IPSI activities for the rest of the Plan of Action’s term.*

1. **Building the Partnership** please choose the ones (up to 3) that you consider most important:

Increase the number of member organizations, especially within underrepresented categories.

Translate IPSI publications, promotional materials, and other documents into additional UN languages, particularly French and Spanish.

Prepare and share promotional packages and materials that are readily available with potential partners.

Encourage organizations working with pastoral landscapes, inland wetland landscapes, and seascapes to join IPSI.

Organize side events to promote and raise awareness about SEPLS and the Satoyama Initiative during relevant international events.

Encourage enhanced participation by IPSI members towards promoting activities aimed at contributing to implementation of the Plan of Action 2013-2018.

Comments



1. **Promoting Collaborative Activities** please choose the ones (up to 3) that you consider most important:

Review and further elaborate the Collaborative Activity mechanism to clarify the steps towards the development, proposal and financing of the activities as well as paths to further strengthening existing collaboration.

Review previously endorsed Collaborative Activities to assess how they are contributing to the achievement of the strategic objectives, and provide suggestions on how to address gaps in their implementation.

Encourage and support IPSI members in the identification, development and implementation of Collaborative Activities in a more synergistic manner.

Drawing on the Collaborative Activities, document and share relevant achievements and lessons learned regarding the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity with the CBD and other relevant processes.

Operationalize the Satoyama Development Mechanism as one means to support Collaborative Activities.

Comments



1. **Collaboration with Relevant International Agreements, Initiatives, Programmes, and Networks** please choose the ones (up to 3) that you consider most important:

Develop, maintain, and expand a list of networks and other relevant initiatives and programmes working on issues related to SEPLS, including through knowledge sharing.

Establish collaboration with key networks, initiatives, and programmes working on issues related to SEPLS.

Strengthen collaboration with CBD and establish collaboration with Intergovernmental science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and other relevant processes, including through reporting IPSI’s progress in accordance with the items on their respective agendas.

Enhance collaboration with other relevant initiatives, programmes, and networks, including those dealing with climate change and sustainable land and water management issues.

Invite IPSI members and relevant stakeholders at local, national, regional, and global levels to consider implementing this Plan of Action, including through the mainstreaming and harmonization of the proposed priority actions with relevant plans or appropriate processes.

Comments



* Overall comments about IPSI’s Planned Measures:



**6: Experience with IPSI:**

*This section will help to provide important information on how IPSI membership affects member organizations after joining, and help to guide future activities.*

* Please mark the column on the right that you most agree with for each of the following points about your experience with IPSI:

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|  | This is true, and is a new development for my organization since joining IPSI. | This was already true for my organization before joining IPSI. | This is not true for my organization. | Not sure / not applicable |
| My organization’s activities have begun to focus more at the landscape level. |  |  |  |  |
| My organization’s activities have begun to take a more multisectoral approach, rather than focusing on few sectors. |  |  |  |  |
| My organization’s activities have begun to emphasize incorporation of more diverse ecosystems in project sites. |  |  |  |  |
| My organization has begun to consider traditional knowledge in project planning. |  |  |  |  |
| My organization has begun to collaborate with other IPSI members. |  |  |  |  |
| My organization has found increased opportunities for dissemination of our work. |  |  |  |  |
| My organization has found increased learning and information-sharing opportunities. |  |  |  |  |
| My organization has found improved links to policy-making processes. |  |  |  |  |
| My organization has found increased funding opportunities. |  |  |  |  |
| My organization has gained better stature and/or reputation. |  |  |  |  |

* Comments on the above points, or any other benefits for your organization since joining IPSI: 
* Your experience with **IPSI events**. Have you found IPSI’s events (IPSI Global Conference, Regional Workshops, etc.) helpful? Other comments about IPSI events?



* Your experience with **IPSI case studies**:

Has your organization submitted one or more case studies to IPSI?

Yes

No

(If “No”) What has prevented you from doing so?



How have you found the process of submitting case studies? Have you found other members’ case studies helpful? Other comments about IPSI case studies?



* Your experience with **IPSI collaborative activities**: Have you been involved in any IPSI collaborative activities? Are you aware of IPSI collaborative activities? Other comments about IPSI collaborative activities?



* Your experience with **IPSI communications materials**. Do you regularly read the IPSI Newsletter or look at the IPSI website? Other comments about IPSI communications?



**7: Others:**

* Please let us know of any changes and/or developments in your organization since you filled out the IPSI Application Form (e.g. changes in number of staff members, countries active, etc.):



* Please let us know of any upcoming major events or developments for your organization:



* Other comments for the IPSI Secretariat:



 **Thank you very much!**