

Mobilizing biodiversity data for policy making in Africa: progress and challenges

A COP13 side event



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13.15-14.45

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A shortage of accessible data on the biodiversity of Africa is recognized as a significant impediment to sustainable development of the continent.

This event will report progress on mobilizing data in Africa since COP12, including the commitments on free and open access to biodiversity information made by governments, international organizations and research institutions at the conference *Africa Rising: Mobilising Biodiversity Data for Sustainable Development* held in Cape Town, South Africa, May 2015.

Among the initiatives presented will be:

- The Biodiversity Information for Development (BID) programme, operated by GBIF with funding from the European Union
- SANBI's strategy to coordinate data mobilization in Africa
- UN Environment's Connect programme to mainstream biodiversity information in Africa
- The Sud Expert Plantes Développement Durable programme for plant conservation in francophone countries

SIDE EVENT PROGRAMME

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Lunch

13.30-13.45

The Biodiversity Information for Development (BID) programme in Africa - background, current projects and upcoming call for proposals

Tim Hirsch
Deputy Director, GBIF Secretariat

13.45-14.00

Mobilizing Data, Building Human Capacity and African Regional Engagement are key for better Biodiversity Policy and Management

Dr Tanya Abrahamse
CEO, South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)

14.00-14.15

Introducing the Connect project – mainstreaming biodiversity information in three African countries to deliver global lessons

Hilary Allison
Head of Ecosystem Assessment Programme, UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre

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Sud Experts Plantes Développement Durable: supporting plant collections in francophone Africa

Maïté Delmas
Director of European and International Relations, Natural History Museum, Paris

14.30-14.45

Questions and Discussion