



KM:Land Initiative: First Phase

Medium Sized Project:

Ensuring Impacts from SLM – Development of a Global Indicator System

First Expert Workshop:

Evaluation of Available LD Indicators and Development of a Learning Network

28-30 August 2007

Hotel Selfoss, Iceland

The KM:Land Initiative is intended to lay the foundations for a comprehensive system to track progress across the LD Focal Area and its portfolio of projects. Under this MSP, indicators to demonstrate the benefits derived from actions on sustainable land management will be developed, as a first step in this process. Further information about the project is available from: <http://gefonline.org/projectDetails.cfm?projID=2863> The First Expert Workshop is to be attended by the members of the InterAgency Working Group, the Expert Advisory Group, selected GEF Project Managers, and other Experts taking part in the project activities.

The key objectives of this First Expert Workshop of the MSP on Evaluation of Available SLM Indicators and Development of a Learning Network are to:

- Initiate the work of the KM:Land Expert Advisory Group;
- Review current practices in indicator usage in the GEF LD Focal Area;
- Evaluate and select global-level indicators;
- Discuss the scope and priorities for an SLM Learning Network to be launched during the International Forum on Soils, Society and Global Change and COP 8, immediately following the Workshop.

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Draft Agenda

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Session I: Introduction to the Expert Workshop

- 08:30 Welcome Remarks (SCS, UNU-INWEH, GEF Sec, UNDP)
- 08:45 Overview of the First Expert Workshop Objectives and Modus Operandi (Zafar Adeel)
- 09:15 Overview of the GEF LD Focal Area and Ongoing Strategic Discussions (Andrea Kutter)
- 09:30 Overview of Global Environmental Impacts from SLM Projects to be Captured by Indicators at the GEF Project and Portfolio Levels (Michael Stocking)
- 09:45 Overview of KM:Land Objectives and Ongoing Activities on Indicator Development (Caroline King)
- 10:00 *Coffee Break*

Session II: Thematic Discussion on the Use of Indicators to Capture SLM Impacts

- 10:15 Ongoing Parallel Indicator Work: Potential inputs to KM:Land (15 minutes each)
 - 2010 Biodiversity Indicators (Neville Ash)
 - Land Use Cover Change Indicators (Jennifer Olson)
 - Relevant indicators already explored by GLADA and LADA (Freddy Nachtergaele)
 - Examples from Indicators for Capacity Building and Mainstreaming in LDC/SIDS context (Hans Eschweiler, UNDP)
 - Relevant indicators already explored by SIP/TerrAfrica (Erick Fernandes - not confirmed)
 - WOCAT (HansPeter Liniger)
 - Indicators from Environmental Sustainability Index Related to Land Degradation (Alex de Sherbinin)Discussion
- 12:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30 Current GEF Project-level Characterization of Desired Impacts and Indicators (15 minutes each)
 - GEF Secretariat Overview (Andrea Kutter, GEF Sec)
 - UNEP LD Projects Overview of Projected Impacts and Indicators: Selected Examples (Gemma Shepherd, UNEP DEWA - not confirmed)
 - Sustainable Land Management for Mitigating Land Degradation, Enhancing Agricultural Biodiversity and Reducing Poverty (SLaM), Ghana (Edwin Gyasi)
 - Multi-Sectoral Mechanism and Incentives for Sustainable Land Management, Bhutan (Chencho Norbu and Malcolm Jansen)
 - Development and Implementation of a Sustainable Resource Management Plan for Marsabit Mountain and its associated Watersheds, Kenya (Sam Chema)
 - Sustainable Management of Inland Wetlands in Southern Africa: a Livelihoods and Ecosystem Approach (Mutsa Masiyandima)
- 15:00 *Coffee break*
- 15:15 Discussion
- 16:00 Meeting adjourned

Dinner outing to Golden Circle, Thingvellir National Park to visit geysers and waterfall in a glacier river

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Session III: Global Indicator Short-listing and Selection

- 09:30 Indicator Selection Criteria: Expert Advisory Group Comments (10 minutes each)
Discussion
- 10:30 Proposed Global Level Indicator Short-List (David Niemeijer)
Discussion
- 11:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:45 Causal Network Analysis Approach to Development of an Integrated System of Indicators at Global and Project Levels (David Niemeijer)
Discussion
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 Proposed Global Level Indicator Selection (Zafar Adeel)
Discussion
Expert Advisory Group Comments on Strengths and Weaknesses of Indicators Selected (any remaining gaps in selection to be addressed before Dec '07 adoption of indicators) (10 Minutes Each)
- 16:00 *Coffee break*

Session IV: Project Level Issues in Indicator Harmonization and Assessment of Capacity Needs

- 16:15 Small break-out groups chaired by Expert Advisory Group members

Discussions will focus on the formulation of recommendations regarding:

- Opportunities for a few indicators to be used across all projects, to connect project-level results to global environmental changes
- Recommendations for training and guidance needs for new project managers to use harmonized indicators
- Recommendations for appropriate methods for pilot-testing potential project-level indicators in a few selected existing projects
- Specific challenges for retrofitting indicators to existing projects and capacity needs
- Recommendations for design of a web-based survey on current project outcomes, indicator usage and indicator retrofitting capacity needs of existing project managers

- 17:00 Presentation of group findings by Expert Advisory Group Members

- 17:30 Discussion

- 18:00 Meeting Adjourned

- 18:30 Group Dinner

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Session V: Planning for SLM Learning Network

09:30 Overview of SLM Learning Network Development Objectives (Caroline King)

09:45 Existing Learning Networks and Experiences (15 minutes each)

- Current GEF FA Networks: IW:Learn, BiDi, Adaptation (Andrea Kutter)
- SLM Sub-networks: LDC SIDS, WISP (Anna Tengberg, UNDP)
- SLM Sub-networks: FAO (Parviz Koohafkhan, FAO)

11:00 *Coffee Break*

- CGIAR SLM Learning Networks (Dr Nefzaoui Ali, ICARDA)
- TerrAfrica (Erick Fernandes, World Bank)
- OSS Experience with Multi-country Learning Networks (Wafa Esshahli, CENSAD)
- WOCAT Learning Activities (HansPeter Liniger, WOCAT)

12:00 Discussion of Learning Network Strategy: (Zafar Adeel)

- Scope: analysis of state of knowledge on LD and ‘shopping list’ of themes and best practices that require attention
- Modalities
- Priority Products

13:00 *Lunch*

14:00 Wrapping Up Recommendations to Global Forum to Soils Society and Global Change and UNCCD COP 8 (Zafar Adeel)

14:30 Meeting Adjourned

15:00 Closed Working Group Meeting