

Ecosystem-based Adaptation for Coastal Resilience: In-depth Workshop on Stocktake and Finance Perspectives

Location: ZUG (Zukunft Umwelt Gesellschaft), Stresemannstraße 69, 10963 Berlin

Programme, 06 th October 2025	
Arrival & get together	
17:00 - 19:00	City walking tour (optional)
19:00 - 21:00	Dinner (optional)

Programme, 07 th October 2025	
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome Coffee
Introduction Session & Keynote Presentations	
09:15 - 10:15	Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulf Jaeckel (<i>BMUKN</i>) • Kim Grützmacher (<i>BfN</i>) Introduction to the Workshop & Interactive Introduction of Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grit Martinez (<i>Ecologic Institute</i>)
10:15 - 11:00	Keynote Presentations of Stocktake of EbA <i>Advocacy for EbA: What is the status of its implementation</i> Jessica Troni (<i>Chief Climate Change Adaptation Unit, UNEP</i>) <i>Scaling up the use of Ecosystem-based Adaptation</i> Celia A. Harvey (<i>formerly the Climate Director of Rainforest Alliance</i>) Discussion
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 12:15	Keynote Presentations on EbA under Climate Change <i>Projected impacts of sea-level rise. State of research and implications for EbA</i> Robert Nicholls (<i>University of East Anglia</i>) <i>Potential and limitations of EbA in the context of coastal adaptation to rising sea levels.</i> Athanasios Vafeidis (<i>Christian-Albrechts University Kiel</i>) Discussion
12:15 - 13:15	Lunch: Finger food will be served while participants have the opportunity to network with peers
Session on Stocktaking – Where Do We Stand?	
13:15 - 14:30	Review of Coastal EbA Initiatives: Taking stock of current success factors & challenges <i>Impulse Statements from:</i> Margaux Monfared (<i>International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI); Blue Pangolin</i>) Chris Roy (<i>IUCN</i>) Newton Eristhee (<i>Operations Director at Clearcaribbean</i>)

14:30 - 15:15	Group discussion based on the impulse statements exploring recent developments, success factors, and ongoing challenges in implementing EbA within coastal ecosystems. The session will focus on the practical effectiveness of EbA measures in addressing ecological and socio-economic pressures in dynamic coastal environments.
15:15 - 15:30	Coffee break
Session on Building Evidence	
15:30- 16:15	Building evidence for successful adaptation: Delivering measurable outcomes for climate change resilience in coastal communities through EbA <i>Impulse Statements from</i> Sebastiano Bacca (<i>Global Climate Forum</i>): "Adapting to Rising Seas: The Global Economic Case for Green vs. Gray Coastal Infrastructures" Further impulse statements to be confirmed
16:15 - 17:15	Group discussion A focused exchange based on the impulse statements on how tangible outcomes of EbA can be identified, measured, and communicated in coastal communities. The session will explore how local actors perceive the effectiveness of EbA interventions, what constitutes "successful adaptation" on the ground, and which methodological or practical barriers remain when it comes to assessing and attributing resilience outcomes in dynamic and uncertain environments, taking changing climate conditions into consideration.
17:15 – 17:30	Short presentation of the results & outlook for the next day
Social & Networking Session	
17:30 – 18:30	Fresh air and walking exercise: Walk around Anhalter Bahnhof / Potsdamer Platz
18:30 – 20:00	Dinner

Programme, 08 th October 2025	
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome Coffee
Day 2: Financing of coastal EbA – financing instruments and funding opportunities?	
09:15 - 09:30	Recap of Day I and start of Day II
09:30 - 10:00	Financing Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Coastal Areas: Funding Opportunities and Instruments <i>Keynote Presentation, tba</i> Impulse: Thyrsa Zoons (<i>Blue Action Fund</i>): "Funding EbA in the Western Indian Ocean: lessons learned from the Blue Action Fund funding window"
10:00 - 11:00	Financing coastal EbA instruments: Deep-dive with focus on Blue Carbon Credits <i>Impulse by Lisa Schindler Murray</i> (<i>Rare Europe</i>) <i>and Group Discussion</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	Financing coastal EbA instruments: Deep-dive with focus on Payment for Ecosystem Services <i>Impulse (tba)</i> <i>and Group Discussion</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch: Finger food will be served while participants have the opportunity to network with peers
13:30 - 14:30	Financing coastal EbA instruments: Deep-dive with focus on Blue Bonds <i>Impulse (tba)</i>

	<i>and Group Discussion</i>
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee break
15:00 - 16:00	<p>Mobilizing the Private Sector in Coastal Ecosystem-based Adaptation</p> <p><i>Impulse by Andrew Ross (Seascope Caribbean)</i></p> <p><i>Impulse by Newton Eristhee (Operations Director at Clearcaribbean)</i></p> <p><i>Group Working Session examining the role of the private sector in coastal Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA), identifying key stakeholders, and exploring strategies to enhance collaboration with other actors for effective implementation.</i></p>
16:00 - 17:00	<p>Interactive-Session about networking & communication</p> <p><i>The session focuses on discussing professional networks and communication tools for coastal EbA. Participants will reflect on where they currently exchange ideas, which networks they find useful and how they access key information. We will explore platforms for collaborative problem-solving and discuss critical aspects of networking and communication.</i></p>
17:00 - 17:30	<p>Final Plenary: Summary & Next Steps</p> <p><i>Key takeaways and commitments for follow-up actions</i></p>
17:30	End of the event