

Exchange and Networking Workshop for International Climate Initiative (IKI) Projects in Mexico

6 - 7 June 2017

Location: Mexican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT), Av Ejército Nacional 223, Anáhuac I Secc, 11320 Ciudad de México

Context

Mexico has taken proactive steps to advance climate and biodiversity politics, both nationally and internationally. As part of the Paris Agreement, Mexico's nationally determined contribution (NDC) foresees an unconditional 22% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. The Mexican NDC dedicates special attention to adaptation measures, including a zero deforestation rate by 2030. In 2016, Mexico was one of the first countries to publish its Mid-Century Strategy. Nationally, Mexico's national climate law entered into force in 2012. In 2016, Mexico hosted the 13th Conference of the Parties to the Convention of Biological Diversity emphasizing the importance of mainstreaming biodiversity consideration in different sectors. In 2016, Mexico also launched its National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and is currently working on a biodiversity law.

The International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) is a key element of Germany's climate financing and funding commitments in the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Initiative focuses on four work areas: 1. climate change mitigation, 2. climate change adaptation, 3. conservation and sustainable use of natural carbon sinks/ REDD+, and 4. biodiversity conservation. These efforts provide various co-benefits, particularly the improvement of living conditions in partner countries.

Mexico is a focus country of IKI funding. IKI currently finances about 40 bilateral, regional and global projects in Mexico which are implemented by 13 organizations in all four IKI work areas.

As part of the knowledge management strategy of the International Climate Initiative (IKI), so-called "interface projects" have been set up in selected partner countries. These projects support the exchange of all implementing organizations and projects that are engaging in these countries and provide BMUB with information regarding the entire country portfolio. Knowledge management is the main task of interface projects including the organization of regular workshops and meetings, and the distribution of an IKI newsletter. The information is used by BMUB for internal consultation both at the technical and the management level in order to ensure a better understanding and management of IKI activities within partner countries and with regards to the communication with partners.

In Mexico, BMUB assigned this interface function to the GIZ-run bilateral project "Mexican-German Climate Change Alliance". This Networking Workshop is the kick-off to IKI-interface related activities in Mexico.

Overall Objectives

- Facilitate networking and exchange between IKI projects and Mexican partners
- Discuss how activities of IKI projects feed into priorities of the Mexican government
- Promote synergies between IKI projects
- Define a knowledge management strategy for IKI projects in Mexico
- Identify opportunities for future collaboration

Objectives Day 1

- Understand IKI priorities
- Discuss how IKI project activities feed into partner priorities in the four support areas of IKI
- Identify synergies between projects
- Share knowledge management products (studies, tools, etc) relevant for Mexican partners and IKI projects

Objectives Day 2

- Inform IKI projects about role and services of the interface project
- Define a knowledge management strategy for IKI Mexico

Workshop Format

- Language: Spanish, simultaneous translation to English can be made available upon prior request
- Participants day 1: Mexican partners, representatives of IKI projects in Mexico, BMUB representatives
- Participants day 2: representatives of IKI projects in Mexico, BMUB and PB

Agenda Day 1

Networking between IKI projects and Mexican partners

1. Welcome and introduction	
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination Unit for International Affairs (UCAI), Mexican Ministry of Environment (SEMARNAT) • German Embassy Mexico City • German Federal Ministry of Environment (BMUB) • GIZ Mexico
09:30-09:40	Presentation of workshop agenda and objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator
2. Climate and biodiversity governance and IKI projects in Mexico	
09:40-10:10	Priorities of Mexican climate and biodiversity governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexican Ministry of Environment (SEMARNAT) • Mexican National Commission on Natural Protected Areas (CONANP)
10:10-10:20	Questions and answers
10:20-10:35	Introduction of IKI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • German Federal Ministry of Environment (BMUB)
10:35-10:50	Questions and answers
10:50-12:00	IKI projects in Mexico <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of IKI projects IKI Interface, Mexican-German Climate Change Alliance, GIZ Mexico • Round of introduction
12:00-12:20	Break
3. Synergies between IKI projects in Mexico (group work)	
12:20-13:00	Group work: how do IKI projects contribute to meeting Mexico's policy goals?
13:00-13:30	Group work: what are effective processes for ensuring coherence, knowledge management and exchange among projects and with partners?
13:30-14:00	Presentation of results

14:00-15:30	Lunch break
15:30-16:15	Group work: what are existing knowledge management products (studies, tools etc.)?
16:15-16:45	Presentation of results
4. Conclusion	
16:45-17:15	Summary of the day and closing of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moderator• SEMARNAT• IKI Interface, Mexican-German Climate Change Alliance, GIZ Mexico
17:15-19:00	Networking reception

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Agenda Day 2

Exchange between IKI projects in Mexico

1. Introduction of IKI interface projects	
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:20	Wrap up day 1 and presentation of workshop agenda and objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator
09:20-09:40	IKI interface projects and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme Office IKI
2. Knowledge management of IKI projects in Mexico	
09:40-10:20	IKI projects' existing knowledge management instruments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator
10:20-10:35	Break
10:35-11:30	Blog and newsletter IKI Mexico <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interface IKI Mexico, Mexican-German Climate Change Alliance, GIZ Mexico
11:30-12:00	Break
12:00-13:30	Definition of a knowledge management strategy for IKI Mexico and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator
3. Conclusion and feedback	
13:30-14:00	Feedback: suggestions and potential topics for follow-up workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator
14:00-14:15	Closing of the workshop