

The Draft Lima Action Plan for UNESCO's MAB Programme and its World Network of Biosphere Reserves 2016-2025

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MAB: Strategies and Plans

- 1971: Establishment of the MAB Programme
 - 14 Project Areas
- 1984: Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves
 - 243 Biosphere Reserves (65 countries)
- 1995: Seville Strategy & Statutory Framework for the World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR)
 - 324 Biosphere Reserves (82 countries)
- 2008: Madrid Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves (MAP) 2008-13
 - 531 Biosphere Reserves (105 countries)



Evolving global context

- Protected areas in regional contexts
 - e.g. 5th World Parks Congress, 2003 “Benefits beyond boundaries”
- Global change
 - climate, biodiversity, population, industrialisation
- Sustainable development
 - Rio 1992, Johannesburg 2002, Rio 2012
- 2015
 - 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - Paris Agreement on climate change

Evaluation of the MAP (2014)

Low response rates

- 39% of Biosphere Reserves (BRs)
- 45% of MAB National Committees

Main recommendations regarding the WNBR:

- Strengthen its value for BRs; actively include them in WNBR activities
- Strengthen clearing-house function
- Develop global role as a platform for new ideas
- Raise the profile
- Strengthen the financial and human resource base



UNESCO Context

- 2011: UNESCO General Conference invitation to prepare new MAB Strategy
- 2014: UNESCO Medium-Term Strategy 2014-21



MAB Strategy 2015-25

2014

- March: global request for **key elements for Strategy**
- June: ICC
 - **Zero draft strategy** presented and discussed
 - MAB Strategy Group: ICC Bureau + 1 expert per region
- August: global request for experts
 - 38 nominations received
- October
 - 6 nominees selected for MAB Strategy Group
 - 32 nominees -> Roster of Experts
- November: meeting of MAB Strategy Group
 - **Condensed zero draft strategy**



MAB Strategy 2015-25

2015

- January: Revision by MAB Strategy Group
- February: **Preliminary Draft Strategy** circulated globally for comment
- March: 40 comments and inputs received
- April: **Advanced Draft Strategy** reviewed by MAB Strategy Group + Roster of Experts
- May: **Final Draft Strategy** published on web
- June: ICC adopts **MAB Strategy**
- November: UNESCO General Conference endorses **MAB Strategy**



MAB Strategy 2015-25: Content

Preamble

- 4 Strategic Objectives
 - Expected results
 - 4-7 per Objective: total 21
- 5 Strategic Action Areas
 - Strategic lines of action
 - 5-9 per Strategic Action Area: total 31



Lima Action Plan 2016-25

2015

- September: Meeting of MAB Strategy Group
 - considered elements remaining from Strategy drafting
 - keep the Action Plan concise and focused on the MAB Strategy 2015-25
 - structure according to its Strategic Action Areas
- **First draft** prepared and circulated globally for comment
- November: 18 comments and inputs received
- November-December: revision by MAB Strategy Group
- December: **Second draft** circulated globally for comment



Lima Action Plan 2016-25

2016

- January
 - 20 comments and inputs received
 - revision by MAB Strategy Group
 - **Third draft** circulated for comment to Roster of Experts
- February
 - revision by MAB Strategy Group
 - **Final Draft** published on web
- March:
 - Lima Congress: proposed for endorsement
 - ICC: proposed for adoption



Lima Action Plan 2016-25: Content

Preamble

- Vision and mission (from MAB Strategy)
- Link to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals
- Implementation: MAB National Committees and MAB networks strongly encouraged to prepare strategies and action plans
 - founded in national and regional realities and imperatives
 - contribute to addressing these and to implementing the Lima Action Plan at the global level
 - Mid-term evaluation in 2020



Lima Action Plan 2016-25: Content

Strategic Action Areas (from MAB Strategy)

- A. The World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR) consisting of effectively functioning models for sustainable development
- B. Inclusive, dynamic and results-oriented collaboration and networking within the MAB Programme and the WNBR
- C. Effective external partnerships and sufficient and sustainable funding for the MAB Programme and the WNBR
- D. Comprehensive, modern, open and transparent communication, information and data sharing
- E. Effective governance of and within the MAB Programme and the WNBR



Lima Action Plan: Structure

Outcomes

- ❖ Total 29
- Actions
 - ❖ 1-6 per Outcome
 - ❖ Total = 62 (A:25, B:10, C:14, D:8, E:7)
- Outputs
- Primary responsibility/ies
- Time range
- Performance indicators



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