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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
- 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
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
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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
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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
Thanks for your attention – and for your commitment!