



BIODIVERSITY INTEGRATION CASE STUDY COMPETITION

Apply 25 March to 3 May 2019.

The U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) E3 Office of Forestry and Biodiversity (FAB) announces a case study competition that invites examples of biodiversity integration from across USAID’s portfolio. The [Biodiversity Results and Integrated Development Gains Enhanced Project \(BRIDGE\)](#) project will work with winners to enhance and adapt cases to share with USAID, partners and the public. BRIDGE will highlight the case studies in a networking and learning event in Washington, DC.

Integration of biodiversity conservation with other sectors has the potential to increase the sustainability of development programming, amplify results and promote cost-savings. Integrated programming offers an opportunity to advance learning and an evidence-based approach, to identify lessons learned and to capture best practices. This case study competition seeks to understand and capture field-level learning on biodiversity integration into USAID programming across sectors. Your case study will help broaden knowledge and evidence on integration both within and outside of USAID.

The competition seeks examples of biodiversity integration across a range of sectors, from biodiversity programming with other sector development outcomes to health or food security programming with biodiversity outcomes. In addition to integration success stories, case studies are welcome to discuss challenges in designing, implementing or monitoring integration. The BRIDGE project manages the case study competition.

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THE COMPETITION

All USAID staff and implementing partners working on USAID projects and activities are eligible to enter this case study competition. We will consider all entries that:

- address biodiversity integration at any stage of the USAID program cycle.
- receive USAID funding. **Applicants are not required to receive biodiversity funding** and can come from any sector but must address biodiversity in some aspect of their integration case.
- are submitted in English by 3 May 2019. USAID staff and implementing partners are encouraged to collaborate on joint submissions.

THE JUDGES

A high-level judging panel will evaluate submitted cases. Judges include:

- Cynthia Gill, Office Director, E3 Forestry and Biodiversity Office, USAID
- Tony Pryor, Senior Advisor, Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning, USAID
- James Watson, Development Diplomat in Residence, USAID

FREQUENTLY ASK QUESTIONS

HOW CAN I APPLY

On March 25, you can go to the case competition website, BridgeBioIntegration.net, to view additional information and download a fillable pdf form.

WHAT CLASSIFIES AS AN “INTEGRATION” PROJECT OR ACTIVITY?

Integration typically includes co-funding, co-locating and/or collaboratively designing activities related to biodiversity and at least one other sector (such as democracy and governance, food security or health). In addition, we welcome examples of “unplanned” integration, such as a single-sector, non-biodiversity project or activity that generated benefits for biodiversity.

WHAT IF MY PROJECT OR ACTIVITY IS NOT FULLY FUNDED BY USAID?

Any amount of USAID funding is acceptable; there is no minimum percentage of funding.

ARE THERE LIMITATIONS ON WHEN MY CASE TOOK PLACE?

There are no time limits as long as the case has not been published elsewhere.

WHEN AND HOW WILL I HEAR WHETHER I HAVE BEEN SELECTED?

Applicants will be notified by email by 28 June. All winning cases will be formally announced in July.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY CASE STUDY IF IT IS NOT SELECTED?

BRIDGE will also recognize honorable mentions and other case examples that are notable for learning on biodiversity integration. BRIDGE may collaborate with applicants to develop a blog post or incorporate lessons learned into internal USAID learning materials.

WILL COSTS FOR DEVELOPING APPLICATIONS BE REMINBURSED?

Unfortunately we are not able to reimburse applicants for any costs incurred.

ARE THERE OTHER WAYS TO WORK WITH THE BRIDGE TEAM OUTSIDE OF THIS COMPETITION?

Yes, [BRIDGE](#) is engaged in a number of activities related to integrated programming and welcomes interaction with USAID staff and implementing partners on integration. Interested individuals can contact the BRIDGE team at BRIDGEBioIntegration@gmail.com.