

NBP ETHIOPIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SUB- COMMITTEES CONDUCT THEIR FIRST 2026 ANNUAL MEETING



Welcoming the participants, the Director General of the EBI and Chair of the NBP, Dr. Karta Kaske, emphasized the importance of the Platform in supporting the country's biodiversity conservation efforts. He highlighted its role in promoting coordinated action on biodiversity and related issues by bringing together diverse sectoral institutions and stakeholders to strengthen conservation initiatives and enhance ecosystem services. He further outlined the key priority activities to be implemented by the Platform during the fiscal year.

BISHOFTU-March 26, 2026 - (HoAREC&N) - The National Biodiversity Platform of Ethiopia (NBP-E) kicked off its first meeting for 2026 last Thursday, bringing together Executive Committee members and representatives from the three technical sub-committees. The gathering provided a key opportunity to review and align on the Platform's 2026 annual plan, which was prepared earlier this year. With the plan now moving into its implementation phase, the Secretariat Office has already begun carrying out routine activities, ensuring that Ethiopia's biodiversity initiatives stay on track for the year ahead. The meeting underscored the Platform's continued commitment to fostering collaboration and effective action in biodiversity conservation.

On the occasion the Deputy Director General of EBI and Secretary of the Platform, Dr. Abiyot Birhanu presented the 2026 annual plan, which is aligned with the Platform's strategic plan. The annual plan was developed based on seven thematic areas identified in the strategy: awareness raising and capacity building; knowledge co-generation and exchange; inclusive participation and partnership building; information dissemination and mainstreaming of biodiversity and ecosystem services (BES) issues; communication and outreach; resource mobilization and support for BES conservation; and monitoring and evaluation.

Following the presentation, participants engaged in an interactive discussion on the annual plan, raising clarification questions and providing constructive comments and suggestions. This was followed by breakout discussions within the three sub-committees, where members further examined the plan and worked on cascading its activities for the fiscal year in alignment with their respective mandates and areas of focus. (HoAREC&N)

