The World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the Equator Principle Financial Institutions, and the Business and Biodiversity Offsets Program (BBOP) have partnered together to develop and deliver a set of training materials that will assist the banking community to incorporate Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (BES) risks into their lending decisions.

This event is a half-day taster course that will introduce key elements of the capacity building program. This course will be hosted in D.C. surrounding the UNEP Finance Initiative Global Roundtable (Oct. 19 – 20), the IFC Community of Learning (Oct. 25 – 26), the Equator Principles AGM (Oct. 24th) and the BBOP AGM (Oct. 24th).

Context: Over the past 20 years there has been a notable shift by bankers and investors to increasingly account for environmental and social risk. The current revision of the International Finance Cooperation’s Performance Standards (IFC PS) creates an important opportunity to provide a high value capacity building program to increase awareness and commitment towards the management of BES.

Tailor made regional one-day workshops will be hosted in a variety of geographies throughout 2011 – 2012.

RSVP: Please register here or RSVP your interest in participating by writing to: Jessica Boucher at: jessica.boucher@unep.org.