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# Post-2020 global biodiversity framework: Commitment, Implementation and Accountability

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- 100 participants including:

- CBD national focal points,
- EU member states representatives,
- Project's partner countries representatives.

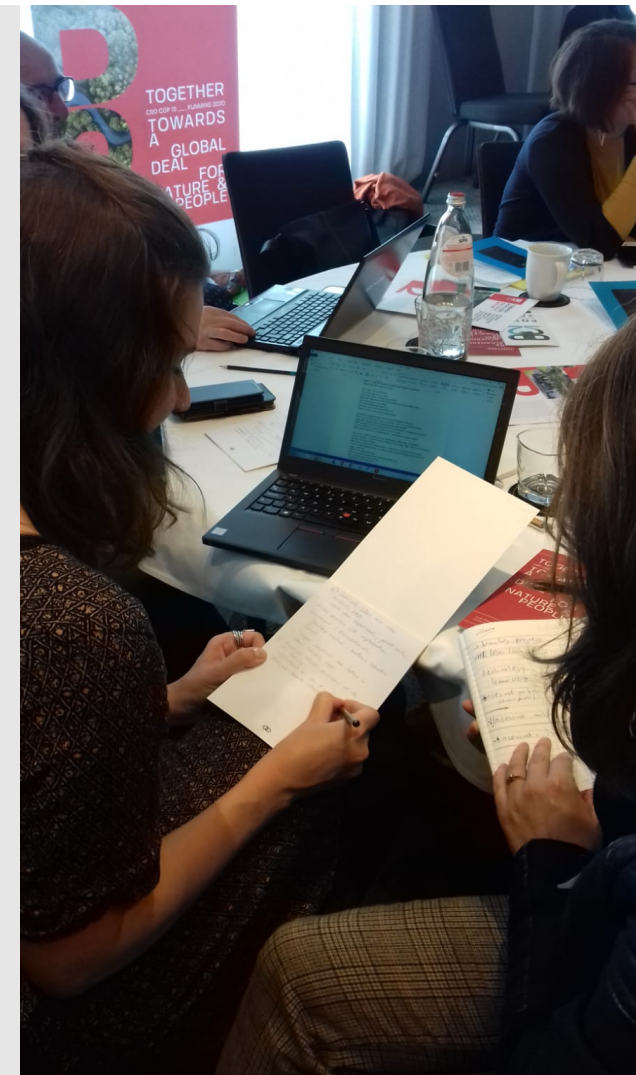
(Argentina, Brazil Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Turkey, Uganda, Japan).

- Working group discussions on:

- Parties commitments (NBSAPs) (1),
- Implementation mechanisms (2),
- Review & reporting (3),
- Accountability & transparency (4).

- Organization:

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- Opening speeches from key speakers:
  - Marina Von Weissenberg, CBD Focal Point in Finland,
  - Neville Ash, UNEP-WCMC Director,
  - Stephan Leiner, Head of the Unit-Biodiversity at the EU Commission.
- Brief presentation on discussion topics.
- Breakout group discussions.
- Feedbacks on each topic.
- Wrap-up session with:
  - Consideration of implications for future meetings of OEWG,
  - Identification of next steps.



## [Workshop agenda](#)



## Topic 1: “*Commitment: NBSAPs and other national commitments that respond to the Convention and its Protocols, and to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework*”.

- Strengthening the NBSAPs process:
  - Lack of monitoring and review of commitments undertaken (by Governments and others),
  - NBSAPs are a key instrument for implementation of the CBD and SDGs at the national level,
  - Linking NBSAPs to means of implementation,
  - Splitting NBSAPs into two clear components, the strategy and the plan
- Supporting increased ambitions through instruments and new stakeholders
  - Mechanisms and tools to increase ambition to meet identified gaps and shortfalls.
  - Lack of resources as a key limiting factor in delivery of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets,
  - Involving of non-state actors: NGOs, IPLCs, the private sector,
  - identifying ways to better reflect the many values of biodiversity and ecosystem services in trade and supply chains, and their relationship to delivery of the SDGs
  - Fostering of further coordination by creating a platform for National Focal Points.

## Topic 2: “*Implementation: National reports as a means for tracking implementation and achievement of commitments made through NBSAPs and other mechanisms*”.

- Improving reporting processes :
  - Understanding where there is progress and where gaps in progress, and what is working and what is not,
  - Concerns about the format, while online reporting is good innovation (to be improved)
  - Questions on the use made by the Secretariat of CBD of all the material and really poor feedbacks
  - Significant thought needs to be put into the form, content and frequency of reports that will be needed over the next ten years
- accessing information from different reporting processes :
  - Bringing together information from multiple sources,
  - Increase the efficiency of reporting processes (MEA, Intergovernmental processes, SDGs,...)
- capturing information on contributions of non-State actors :
  - Science, particular stakeholders, biodiversity-related commitments, beyond governments

**Topic 3: “*Learning from review and reporting under other intergovernmental processes, where national efforts to address global commitments and accountability are encouraged*”.**

- **Lessons to be learnt from other intergovernmental processes**
  - **Considering** the mandate and scope of CBD (review and reporting are voluntary processes)
  - **Learning** from compliance committees and mechanisms from other processes,
  - **Including a « number »** by countries as part of their own efforts to improve implementation.
  - **Exploring** differences in approach to national reporting by other conventions/processes.
- **Form and function of review**
  - **Need** for review mechanisms to provide tangible added value for Parties in order to be effective,
  - **Technical missions** (which could be part of the voluntary peer review process) can be beneficial
  - **Intensifying** rhythm of national reporting to identify gaps and needs earlier,
  - **Expanding** the facilitating role of the Secretariat in reviewing and reporting,
  - **Increasing** the role of science and independent reviews.

## One discussion group identified three possible approaches to establishing a review mechanism

### First proposal

*Step 1 – Verification of the status of the global ecosystem*

*Step 2 - National action targets*

*Step 3 – Are the actions relevant for the country and do they contribute a fair share*

*Step 4 – Do the national targets add up to the global plan*

### Second proposal

1) Identify both the desired and actual status of biodiversity

2) Identify the gap between the desired and actual status of biodiversity

3) Agree on the gap

4) Reduce the gap

### Third proposal

1) Are the right actions in the national action plan

2) Do some of the national actions add up to address the gap

3) Do the global actions make the difference

4) Do the national actions meet the national commitment

## Topic 4 : “*Accountability and transparency - tracking and reporting on delivery of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework at the global level*”.

- **Strengthening the use of indicators:**

- Indicators should be **identified concurrently** with the framework (easier for SMART targets)
- **Effective use** of indicators at the national level, for reviewing and reporting on pressure, state and response in the national context
- **Smaller sub-set of ‘headline’ indicators**, to help prioritise and converge efforts towards a set of indicators which are measured in a consistent and comparable way across countries
- The indicators must be **carefully selected** to make sure that they are addressing their purpose.

- **Tracking commitments:**

- Better **understanding of the commitments** made and of the progress being made in delivering
- **Inventory of commitments and follow-up** using COPs for « light reporting »
- Over time a **systematic and transparent online process** for reviewing commitments made and actions to realise them could be developed
- **asking independent organisations** to assess progress for specific targets, at both global and national levels.



## RELEVANT RESSOURCES

### [Agenda](#)

### [Background documentation](#)

### [Final Report](#)

### [Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework – EU Support website](#)

EU2019.FI Finland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Ympäristöministeriö Miljöministeriet Ministry of the Environment

UN WCMC environment 40 years

**Post-2020 global biodiversity framework: commitment, implementation and accountability**

8 October 2019, Hotel Sofitel Brussels Europe, Brussels, Belgium

**Background documentation and key resources**

*The purpose of the following notes and draft questions is to help participants prepare for the meeting through identifying key information sources and summarising key issues. The notes are not intended to be comprehensive nor to express any positions, and are merely presented in order to promote further discussion. We recognise that the four discussion topics are closely related, and as a result some of the issues raised here under one topic – and the sources identified – may well also be relevant to discussion on a different topic.*

If you experience difficulties in accessing any of the sources identified, please contact [jerry.harrison@unep-wcmc.org](mailto:jerry.harrison@unep-wcmc.org)

General background
<p>The workshop is taking place less than two months after the first meeting of the open-ended working group on post-2020 convened by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). There has been significant consultation and sharing of views on the form and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the associated enabling activities, although to date no explicit decisions have yet been taken.</p> <p>Given the wealth of discussion that has already taken place, and the urgency of the problem, it is important that this workshop builds on previous discussion and does not just repeat what has already been said before. Hence the many links in this document to other sources.</p> <p>Given the value of open and frank discussion, this meeting will operate under the spirit of the Chatham House Rule, and nothing will be done outside the meeting to identify who said what.</p>
<p><b>It is assumed that all participants will be familiar with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <a href="#">CBD COP decision 14/34</a> which established the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including the annex to that decision.</li><li>• The draft outcomes of the first meeting of the open ended working group, including the <a href="#">report</a>, the <a href="#">conclusions</a>, the <a href="#">annex</a> to the conclusions, and the non-paper on <a href="#">possible elements</a> of a post-2020 global biodiversity framework for further discussion. When available final versions will be posted <a href="#">here</a>.</li><li>• Recent discussion under the Convention with respect to review of implementation (see for example documents <a href="#">CBD/COP/14/5</a>, <a href="#">CBD/COP/14/5/Add.1</a> and <a href="#">CBD/COP/14/5/Add.2</a>) which communicates some of the concerns over the pace of implementation and gaps.</li></ul>
<p><b>Other useful resources for discussion include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The many <a href="#">submissions</a> made by Parties and observers over the last year, which between then set out the range of views that have been expressed concerning the form and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and its future implementation. Syntheses of the views expressed in the submissions are in documents <a href="#">CBD/POST2020/PREP/1/INF/2</a> and <a href="#">CBD/POST2020/PREP/1/INF/1</a>.</li><li>• Other documents prepared as part of the post-2020 process, including the reports of the regional consultations, and the consultation/expert meetings focused on the Protocols, gender, and on working with the other biodiversity-related conventions. All documents can be found at <a href="http://www.cbd.int/post2020">www.cbd.int/post2020</a>.</li></ul>



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## OUR THREE-YEARS ACTION

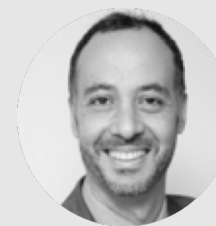
- Facilitating comprehensive & participatory international negotiations on biodiversity issues
- Adopting an ambitious post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- Fostering commitments and implementation.

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