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**NOTIFICATION**  
**Dates of the Intersessional Meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity**  
**for the biennium 2019-2020**

Dear Madam/Sir

I would like to inform you that, after consultation with the Bureaux of the Conference of the Parties and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and taking into account the calendar of major international meetings, the dates of major intersessional meetings of the Convention for 2019-2020 are now confirmed as follows:

- WG-8J 11: 20-22 November 2019
- SBSTTA 23: 25-29 November 2019
- SBSTTA 24: 18-23 May 2020
- SBI 3: 25-29 May 2020

These meetings will all take place at ICAO in Montreal, Canada.

By decision 14/34, the Conference of the Parties established an open-ended intersessional working group to support the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It is envisaged that Working Group would meet at least twice in the intersessional period and that additional meetings could be envisaged if the need arises, subject to the availability of resources.<sup>1</sup> The Working Group will deliver the proposed framework on post-2020 to COP, drawing upon the inputs from the Subsidiary Bodies. Accordingly, following consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Working Group and the COP Bureau, the following arrangements are being made:

- The Secretariat is exploring options for venues with a view to convening the first meeting 27-30 August 2019.
- A meeting of the Working Group will take place 27-31 July 2020.
- The Secretariat is exploring options for additional meetings to be financed through extrabudgetary resources.

Further information on the post-2020 process including a detailed and updated schedule of events is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/post2020/>.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Enclosure

<sup>1</sup> Decision 14/37 provides core budgetary resources for two meetings of the Working Group.

To: All CBD National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, Traditional Knowledge Focal Points, and relevant organizations and stakeholders

**INDICATIVE CHRONOLOGY OF KEY ACTIVITIES AND MILESTONES LEADING TO THE  
CONSIDERATION OF THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK BY COP 15, CP-  
MOP 10 AND NP-MOP 4**

*Note:*

- Rows in green indicate consultations events with Parties and observers to the Convention and Protocols and stakeholders.
- Rows in blue indicate when key documents in the preparation process will become available and consultation windows.
- Rows in grey indicate the timing of key meetings organised under the Convention and Protocols.
- Rows in pink are key international events (does not represent an exhaustive list of events)

**2019**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
January 2018	Initial discussion paper, grounded on submissions received and other sources of knowledge.
January-15 April 2019	Parties and observers invited to provide views on the initial discussion paper as well as any additional views and inputs arising from their national and regional consultations.
28 January – 1 February 2019	Asia-Pacific Group Regional Consultation, in Nagoya, Japan
19 February 2019	Webinar on the Integration of Article 8(j) and provisions related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention and its Protocols
19 February- 12 March 2019	Online Forum on the integration of Article 8(j) and provisions related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention and its Protocols
28 February- 15 April 2019	Parties and observers invited to provide views on relevant biosafety elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
11-15 March 2019	Fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-4) in Nairobi, Kenya
19-21 March 2019	Western Europe and Others Group Regional Consultation, in Bonn, Germany
2-5 April 2019	Africa Group Regional Consultation, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
11-12 April 2019	Global consultation on Gender, in New York, United States of America
16-18 April 2019	Central and East Europe Group Regional Consultation, Belgrade, Serbia
24-26 April 2019	Canada Summit in Montreal, Canada
29 April – 4 May 2019	Seventh Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES-7) in Paris, France
5-6 May 2019	G7 Environment Ministers Meeting in France
14-17 May 2019	Latin America and the Caribbean Group Regional Consultation, in Montevideo, Uruguay
15 May 2019	Discussion paper focusing on possible elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework developed and made available for comment.
15 May -15 August 2019	Peer review by Parties and observers to the Convention and Protocols and stakeholders on the elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
20-22 May 2019 (TBC)	Thematic consultation on Capacity Building, in Istanbul, Turkey (TBC)
22 May 2019	International Day for Biological Diversity “Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health”
2019 May-June (TBC)	Consultation workshop among the biodiversity related conventions, in Geneva, Switzerland

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
23 May- 4 June 2019	CITES COP 18 in Colombo, Sri Lanka
12-13 June 2019	Stockholm Food Forum in Stockholm, Sweden
2-5 July 2019	Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity in Trondheim, Norway
25-27 August 2019	45 <sup>th</sup> G7 summit in Biarritz, France
<b>August / September 2019 (TBC)</b>	<b>Open-ended Working Group – 1<sup>st</sup> Session, (location TBC)</b>
September 2019 (TBC)	Thematic consultation on Landscapes and Seascapes in Japan (TBC)
15 September 2019	Draft fifth edition of the <i>Global Biodiversity Outlook</i> , made available for consideration during SBSTTA-23.
17-30 September 2019	74 <sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, USA
23 September 2019	UN 2019 Climate Summit in New York, USA
24-25 September 2019	Heads of State Meeting of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in New York, USA
7-18 October 2019	UNCCD COP 14 in New Delhi, India
<b>20-22 November 2019</b>	<b>WG8J-11</b> examines the potential role of traditional knowledge, customary sustainable use and the contribution of the collective actions of indigenous peoples and local communities to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
<b>25-29 November 2019</b>	<b>SBSTTA-23</b> reviews possible elements for the post2020 global biodiversity framework, including any implications arising from the IPBES global assessment, the draft of the fifth edition of the <i>Global Biodiversity Outlook</i> as well as other relevant information and sources of knowledge.
December-January 2019/2020	Oceans Global Consultation, location TBD
<b>2020</b>	
January-March 2020	Ongoing global consultations including thematic and online consultations.
March 2020	Draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework made available
May 2020	The fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook published on the basis on the 6 <sup>th</sup> national reports, updated NBSAPS, the IPBES Assessments and information from the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership
<b>18-23 May 2020</b>	<b>SBSTTA-24</b>
22 May 2020	International Day for Biological Diversity
<b>25-29 May 2020</b>	<b>SBI-3</b>
11-19 June 2019	IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020 in Marseille, France
<b>27-31 July 2020</b>	<b>Open-ended Working Group Session (location TBC)</b>
September 2020	<b>Leaders' summit</b> meeting on the margins of the opening of the United Nations General Assembly provides political direction and momentum to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
<b>October 2020 (TBC)</b>	<b>COP-15, CP/MOP10 and NP/MOP4</b> considers for adoption the post-2020 global biodiversity