



Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions

Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage
 Convention on Biological Diversity
 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
 Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals
 Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat
 International Plant Protection Convention
 International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
 International Whaling Commission

Report of the meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, 8 September 2025, Geneva, Switzerland

The meeting opened with a brief welcome and adoption of the agenda. The group acknowledged the importance of these gatherings to exchange experiences, lessons learned and identify opportunities for commonalities among heads of organizations.

The review of previous action points revealed mixed progress. While specific convention-related actions had largely been completed, collective BLG actions were harder to track, often due to unclear responsibilities. Members agreed that joint communication efforts—such as coordination for upcoming meetings including UNEA or CBD SBI6—would be valuable. The idea of convening communications officers to identify joint opportunities gained support. The concept of a “Learning Academy” resurfaced, envisioned as a central repository for tools and training resources. Members agreed to provide links to existing materials and insert them in a specific section of the BLG webpage hosted by the CBD Secretariat website.

Updates from individual MEAs highlighted significant developments. Conventions reported on upcoming meetings as well as on progress on strategic plans and initiatives. Common challenges included the need for greater collaboration.

The discussion on the global review of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) focused on the need for coordinated BLG contributions. The CBD Secretariat provided a brief overview of the process. Members expressed concerns about fragmented inputs and agreed to hold a webinar for technical experts to align contributions. Emphasis was placed on submitting concise, evidence-based information, including case studies.

Financing for KMGBF was another major topic. The group reviewed progress under GEF-9 and the Kunming Biodiversity Fund. Preparations for UNEA-7 were also discussed. Members stressed the importance of coordination and discussed side events of interest to the group.

The next BLG meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 2026 in Rome, in connection with the CBD SBI meeting and possibly to be chaired by the IPPC. The meeting concluded with a call to leverage collective strengths to address common drivers of biodiversity loss and ensure effective implementation of the KMGBF.