



Indigenous peoples and local communities are central to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (20 - 22 November 2019 - Montréal, Canada)

14 November 2019, Montreal, Canada - The eleventh meeting of the [Working Group on Article 8\(j\) and Related Provisions \(WG8J 11\)](#) is expected to continue to raise the profile of discussions about and including indigenous peoples and local communities throughout the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) process. Of particular prominence will be discussions centered on the importance of involving indigenous peoples and local communities in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and Parties' progress toward increasing their participation in the implementation of the Convention.

Furthermore, participants are expected to share insights and stories about innovative uses of traditional knowledge, and the contributions of the practices of indigenous peoples to the long-term conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The Working Group will also consider the development of objectives to close the gaps between the current work of the Convention and the integrated, effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the post-2020 agenda and framework.

Discussions will, among other things, focus on:

- **Progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 (on traditional knowledge)**

The Working Group will consider a progress report regarding the [national implementation of Target 18](#), based on an analysis of the sixth national reports and submissions from Parties to the CBD.

- **Contributions of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities and cultural diversity to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework**

The Working Group will have an in-depth dialogue on "Contribution of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities, and cultural diversity, to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework" between experts on this topic and participants. A summary report on this item and the discussions' conclusions will be drafted and annexed to the final meeting report.

- **Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework**

The Working Group is expected to discuss [recommendations concerning possible objectives, general principles, elements of work of a future programme of work](#) on traditional knowledge, and institutional arrangements along with their budget estimates.

- **Nature and Culture in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework**

Over the past year, the CBD Secretariat has collaborated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to

develop a shared vision for how a link could be established between [nature and culture in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#). The meeting will discuss options for continuing future work on biological and cultural diversity, including possible elements of work on the links between nature and culture in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

- **Recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII)**

The Working Group will consider recent [recommendations from the UNPFII to the CBD](#) including on encouraging further collaborations between a wide breadth of actors on the development of biodiversity conservation and human rights commitments in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as well as on strengthening the application of information technologies and undertaking research on the many contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities to the work of the CBD.

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