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# Scenario note††

**Note by the Secretariat**

## I. Introduction

1. In paragraph 14 of its decision 16/25, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested its Bureau and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to publish scenario notes for each intergovernmental meeting held under the Convention.

2. The present scenario note has been prepared by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, with the support of the Secretariat, pursuant to the decision.

3. It presents a plan for holding concurrently the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization.

4. The general approach for holding the meetings concurrently is based on the experience gained since 2016 in the organization of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.

5. The meetings will be preceded by regional preparatory meetings. Meetings of the Bureau will be convened on 18 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and each morning thereafter, from 8 to

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9 a.m., except on 19 October and, unless deemed necessary by the Bureau after a review of progress on negotiations.

# II. Scenario note for the meetings

## A. Overview of the meetings and daily calendar

6. The three meetings, known collectively as the United Nations Biodiversity Conference, will be held over a two-week period, from 19 to 30 October 2026. An opening ceremony will be held on 18 October and will include the participation of high-level representatives of the presidency of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the host country and the United Nations, as well as cultural performances. A ministerial high-level segment will be held on 27 and 28 October. Ministers are also invited to remain until the conclusion of the concurrent meetings to provide political guidance on agenda items where views remain highly divergent, together with the duly accredited heads of delegations for Parties. A number of associated events will also be held prior or in parallel to the official opening of the meetings, including the Leaders' Summit hosted by the Government of Armenia on 16 October, large forums for major stakeholder groups, shorter side events at lunchtime and in the early evening and several workshops, and there will also be a number of pavilions. Annex I provides an overview of the meetings.

7. The formal negotiating sessions will be held in two formats:

(a) Plenary and working group sessions: formal seating, with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations, open to all registered delegates[1] and live-streamed on United Nations Web TV;[2]

(b) Contact groups: flexible seating arrangements to facilitate negotiations among Parties, in English only and open to all Parties. The participation of a reasonable number of observers will also be permitted, at the discretion of the chair or co-chairs of the contact group, while giving priority to Party delegates. The usual practice and rules will apply to participation of observers. They may speak at the discretion of the chair or co-chairs, and any substantive proposal from an observer must be supported by at least one Party. These meetings are not public.

8. In line with usual practice, a typical day will comprise three main meeting periods: 10 a.m.–1 p.m. ("morning"), 3–6 p.m. ("afternoon") and 7.30–10.30 p.m. ("evening"). The timings are, however, subject to change with the agreement of the Bureau or President; and the most up-to-date information will be available on the Conference webpage and displayed on the monitors in the venue. A tentative schedule of sessions is provided in annex II. Delegation and regional group meetings are usually held before the formal morning sessions.

9. In paragraph 7 of decision 16/25, the Conference of the Parties recognized the need to limit evening negotiating sessions to reasonable hours and recommended, unless otherwise agreed, that preferably no session be scheduled beyond 13 hours from the start of the first open-ended meeting of the day. Consequently, all evening sessions are expected to finish no later than 11 p.m., unless otherwise agreed by Parties.

10. All documents for the meetings, including in-session documents, will be made available on a dedicated website. In accordance with rule 10 of the rules of procedure and subparagraph 13 (a) of decision 16/25, every effort will be made to ensure that pre-session official documents will be made available in the official languages of the United Nations at least six weeks before the opening of the meeting, and any possible delays will be communicated with the Bureau.[3] Every effort will be also made to ensure timely meeting announcements on screens and on the website of the meetings during the sessions.

[1] For reasons of physical space constraints, access to the negotiating rooms may be limited. In such cases, participants who do not have access to the meeting rooms may follow the proceedings in an overflow room, or online.
[2] https://webtv.un.org/.
[3] https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2026/insession.

## B. Opening of the meetings

11. On 19 October, the meetings will be opened by their respective Presidents. The Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, as President of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and President of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, or his/her representative, will declare open the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol. Crown Counsel II of the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda, Nneka Nicholas, as President of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, or her representative, will declare open the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

12. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to elect its president. Following tradition, a representative of the Government of Armenia, the host country, is expected to be elected President of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

13. In line with rule 21 of the rules of procedure, the term of office of the new President commences immediately on his or her election. The President becomes a member of the existing Bureau, which also serves as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.

14. Since Armenia is a Party to the Cartagena Protocol and also became a Party to the Nagoya Protocol with effect from 6 September 2026,[4] the President will also serve as the President of the twelfth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and President of the sixth meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

15. The President will then convene a joint plenary session of the three bodies to hear brief opening statements, including concise statements made by Party representatives on behalf of regional groups and representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities or of major stakeholder groups. Regional groups and observer groups will be encouraged to present consolidated statements covering the Convention and the Protocols.

## C. First plenary session

16. During the first plenary session, a number of agenda items of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be considered, and the Conference of the Parties will agree on the organization of work proposed for the concurrent meetings, as described in the present document. It is envisaged that two working groups will be established to address the agenda items, as set out in the proposed organization of work (see annex III).

17. The Bureau will keep progress on the various agenda items under review and may propose adjustments in the assignment of items between working groups and in the time allocated to the various items.

18. The Conference of the Parties will designate the chairs of each working group.[5] The President will then invite the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol followed by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol to: agree on the organization of work proposed for the concurrent meetings, as described in the present document; endorse the working groups established by the Conference of the Parties; and refer items of their respective agendas to the working groups, as appropriate.

19. Under agenda item 2, the Conference of the Parties will need to elect 10 vice-presidents,[6] for a term of office commencing upon the closure of the seventeenth meeting and ending at the

[4] United Nations depositary notification C.N.192.2026.TREATIES-XXVII.8.b

[5] In the event that the chair is from a country that is not party to one or both Protocols, a substitute will be elected from among the Parties to the Protocol to chair the items related to one or the other Protocol.

[6] In the event that one or more vice-presidents are elected from Parties to the Convention that are not party to one or both Protocols, a substitute will be elected from among the Parties to the Protocol to chair items related to one or the other Protocol.

closure of the eighteenth meeting. The Conference of the Parties will also elect the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, for similar terms of office. A single report on credentials will be submitted by the Bureau in the context of agenda item 3 of the present meetings.

20. Under agenda item 6 of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, item 4 of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and item 4 of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, reports of the following meetings will be presented:

(a) The reports of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth meetings;

(b) The reports of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on its sixth and seventh meetings;

(c) The report of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on its first meeting;

21. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols will also hear reports from their respective compliance committees. However, substantive matters arising from the reports of the compliance committees are expected to be referred to the working groups. The President will also call for nominations of members of the compliance committees whose terms of office will commence in January 2027.

22. The report of the Executive Secretary on the programme of work and budget will be addressed under agenda item 7 of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and item 6 of the other two meetings. It is expected that the Conference of the Parties will establish a contact group on budgetary matters and may designate two co-chairs, one from developing country Parties, and the other from developed country Parties. If established, the contact group on budgetary matters will hold its first meeting on 20 October and meet as necessary thereafter.

23. The plenary session will then be adjourned so that the working groups may commence their work.

## D. Working groups and contact groups

24. With the exception of some specific items that will be addressed directly in plenary sessions, most of the agenda items for each meeting will be first considered by one of the two working groups. Upon concluding its work, each working group will deliver a set of draft decisions and its report to the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol or the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, as relevant.

25. Each working group will have to devote an appropriate amount of time to address the agenda items assigned to it. In accordance with the adopted organization of work, agenda items from each of the meetings that are of a similar or related nature will, where appropriate, be addressed in proximity by the same working group.

26. Given the limited time available, it is envisaged that most of the draft decisions that have been prepared by the subsidiary bodies (Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, Subsidiary Body on Implementation, and Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention) will not require a further reading in the working group sessions before the preparation of texts by the chairs of the working groups or of the contact groups in the form of conference room papers or non-papers. However, where draft decisions contain unresolved issues, alternative options or matters on which consensus was not reached, sufficient opportunity will be provided for Parties to introduce, clarify and negotiate textual proposals. Consequently, the time initially allocated to a working group session for each of those items is brief, yet sufficient for the procedural requirements. Specifically, two scenarios are envisaged for those items coming from the Subsidiary Bodies:

(a) For items with many or complex unresolved issues, a contact group will be established to facilitate text-based negotiations among Parties with a view to preparing a consensus text that can be submitted to the working group by the Chair as a conference room paper. In identifying prospective co-chairs of contact groups, the Bureau may wish to take into account their skills in building trust and consensus among those with differing views and their demonstrated knowledge of the issues to be addressed by the group, pursuant to paragraph 8 of decision 16/25. For most items, the contact group is expected to work on the basis of the draft decisions prepared by the subsidiary bodies. Where necessary, the co-chairs of the contact groups, with the assistance of the Secretariat, may prepare "non-papers" as a basis for discussions, preferably, if time permits, after the first discussion of the draft decisions in the contact group;

(b) For items with few unresolved issues, the Chair of the working group will prepare a conference room paper directly and may consult Parties in doing so.

27. For those items that have not been addressed by a subsidiary body, due time will be allocated in the working group session for a first reading. This applies in particular to a number of items under the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol, as indicated in annex IV. However, Parties and observers will be strongly encouraged to keep their interventions brief, and make use of the early submission of their statements in accordance with the modalities guided by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties,[7] and to make full use of the facility for uploading their full statements to the meeting website. Following the first reading, each item will be progressed through one of the scenarios outlined in the previous paragraph. In most cases, though, it is expected that the Chair will be able to prepare a text without the need for a contact group.

28. Annex IV illustrates the scenarios envisaged for each item in details, including:

(a) items requiring full first reading in the working group with early submission of statements (items, which were not discussed at one of the Subsidiary Bodies or for which new documents are available), which will be sent to a contact group thereafter or for which a CRP will be prepared;

(b) items for which conference room papers will be prepared by the Chair of the Working Group without needing contact groups based on the draft decisions prepared by the subsidiary bodies. These items will not be open for early submission of statements;

(c) items which have been discussed during subsidiary body meetings and that may benefit from a discussion in contact groups, which would therefore not undergo a first reading in the working group and not be open for early submissions of statements.

29. Annex IV also indicates which working group will consider which agenda item.

30. To ensure the efficient management of the proceedings, the Chairs of the Working Groups will limit interventions made on behalf of regions to four minutes, those by individual Parties to two minutes, those by indigenous peoples and local communities and major stakeholder groups to three minutes and those by non-Parties and other observers to one minute, time permitting. Microphones will be turned off when those time limits have been reached unless otherwise decided by the Chairs.

31. In line with established practice, contact groups will be established in plenary or by the working groups, as needed, to address specific items. However, with a view to enabling delegations to better plan their preparations for the meetings, for those items for which the Bureau has already identified the likely need for a contact group, a tentative schedule of the sessions of such groups in the early part of the meeting has been included in annex II. The Bureau will keep the timetable under review and may propose changes to the schedule. In scheduling contact groups, consideration should be given on the inter-relatedness of agenda items, taking also into account paragraph 4 of decision 16/25.

32. The contact groups will generally be tasked to build consensus for the preparation of conference room papers. For items falling under the third scenario described in para 28 above,

[7] See notification No. 2026-072.

they will build on recommendations from the respective Subsidiary Bodies, while for items under the first scenario described in paragraph 28, they will take into account all viewpoints expressed and submitted by delegates during the first reading at the present meeting and, where applicable, statements officially accepted following the early submission of statements. Parties can table textual proposals in contact groups, in order to help reach consensus in response to the evolving negotiations, in line with the mandates of the contact group, provided by the respective Chair of the Working Group when a contact group is established. Speaking time during contact groups will be managed by the respective Co-Chairs of the contact groups in an effective and balanced manner that is conducive to building consensus.

33. In accordance with the guidelines on conduct expected of participants in CBD processes, neither Parties nor observers may make audio or video recordings during contact group meetings. Still photographs are also not generally permitted in contact groups. Exceptionally, at the discretion of co-chairs, still photographs of text projected on the screen may be allowed in contact groups for use during the contact group discussions only. Still photographs taken by official photographers or those contracted by Secretariat, such as the Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB) are generally permitted.

34. Meeting participants will be expected to comply with the principles of good conduct during meetings, approved by the Bureau and set out in annex V. The principles are also available on the meeting website.

35. Annex IV provides a table of items with an indication of the envisaged scenario for each agenda item, as prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.

36. In all scenarios, the intention is to prepare a conference room paper that can secure consensus in the respective working group with minimum further discussion, while also ensuring inclusiveness and transparency.

37. Following the review of the conference room paper and approval by the working group, a text ("L" document) will be submitted by the President in plenary for adoption.

## E. Stocktaking plenary sessions

38. A joint plenary session of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocols is scheduled for 23 October, at the end of the first week. It will be devoted to reports on progress from the Chairs of the working groups and the chairs of any contact groups established in plenary and to taking stock of progress. "L" documents" that are ready for adoption may be considered at that session.

39. Additional plenary sessions may be held as necessary to take stock of progress and consider any further "L" documents" that are ready for adoption.

## F. Final stages of the negotiations

40. During the final days of the meetings, negotiations may continue through various modalities. Technical matters will continue to be addressed through the working groups and, as necessary, contact groups and informal consultations. Matters requiring higher level political engagement may be facilitated by ministers (or the duly accredited heads of delegations for Parties not represented at the Ministerial level) acting under the authority of the President. The President may also convene meetings of heads of delegations for informal consultations. The President, the Chairs of the working groups and the Secretariat will ensure that all final texts are brought back to the working groups or in plenary to ensure transparency.

## G. Final plenary sessions

41. The final plenary sessions will be convened on the final day of the meetings, in the morning of 30 October. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols will each: adopt the draft decisions submitted to them by the working groups and the contact group on budgetary matters; consider other matters, if any, under their respective agenda items; and adopt their respective meeting reports.

42. Representatives speaking on behalf of regional groups and representatives of other delegations will then be invited to make closing remarks on matters related to one or more of the meetings, if they so wish and time allowing. Following the closing remarks, the President will declare each meeting closed.

43. To ensure that all delegations have the opportunity to participate fully in the final plenary discussions and decision-making processes, while also allowing adequate time for rest before departure, delegations are encouraged to arrange their return flights not earlier than 5 p.m. on 31 October.

## H. Technical arrangements

44. Whether in plenary or in working groups, States that are not Parties to the Cartagena Protocol or the Nagoya Protocol will be considered as observers for the consideration of the items specific to the agendas of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols. Technical measures will be in put place during the related deliberations to assist the President of the meetings or the chairs of the working groups with identifying Parties and non-Parties, so that they may give priority in speaking order to the Parties to the Protocols.

45. For practical reasons, the seating arrangements for the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will also be used for the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.

46. The three meetings will be conducted in person to allow the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols to complete their work and engage in full negotiations.

47. To ensure the efficient management of the proceedings, as requested by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the President will limit interventions made on behalf of regions to four minutes, those by individual Parties to two minutes, those by indigenous peoples and local communities and major stakeholder groups to three minutes and those by non-Parties and other observers to one minute, time permitting. Microphones will be turned off when those time limits have been reached unless otherwise decided by the President.

## I. Early submission of statements

48. In paragraph 3 of decisions 16/25, CP-11/5 and NP-5/10, the Executive Secretary was requested, together with the Bureaux, to continue to explore and make use of, as appropriate, relevant ways and means to facilitate early preparations for meetings, including the early submission of statements.

49. Further to that request and building on experience gained at the sixth and seventh meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, agreed to the application of the modalities for the early submission of statements to the following substantive agenda items of the meetings, which will be open for first readings:

(a) Agenda items 11, 18 (a), 18 (f) and 20 of the provisional agenda of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

(b) Agenda items 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the provisional agenda of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol;

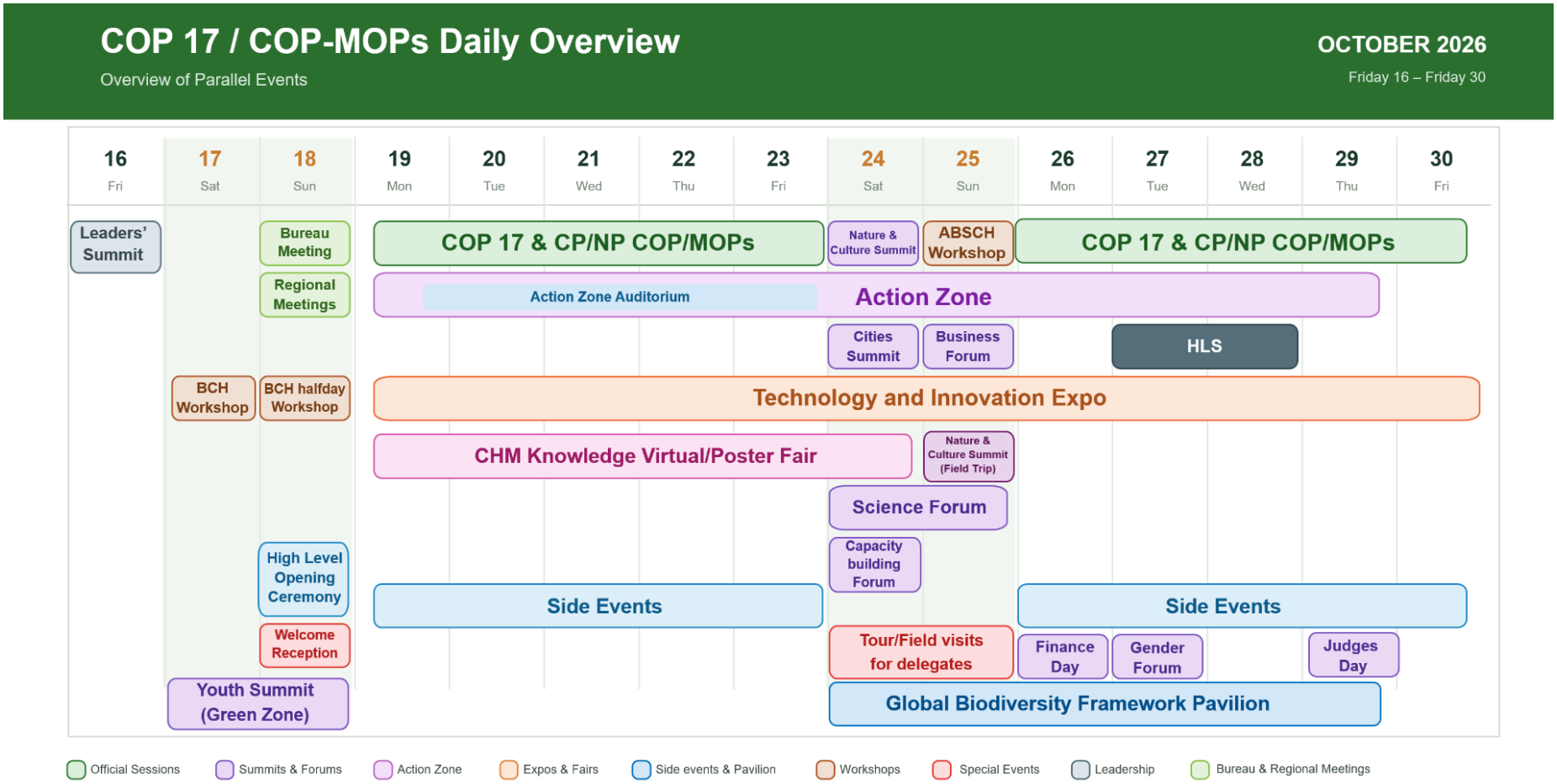
(c) Agenda items 5, 7, 10, 12 and 13 of the provisional agenda of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

50. Parties and observers registered for the present meetings have been encouraged, through notification No. 2026-072, to submit written statements, on a voluntary and informal basis, through a designated online portal or by email, by 18 October 2026.

51. The modalities for the early submissions of statements are provided in annex VI.

# Annex I

## Overview of the United Nations Biodiversity Conference 2026




*Abbreviations*: COP, Conference of the Parties; CP MOP, Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; NP MOP, Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization.

# Annex II

## Tentative schedule[8]

Agenda item of WG I for potential Contact Group (TBD)

Agenda item of WG II for potential Contact Group (TBD)

| | Mon. 19 Oct. | Tue. 20 Oct. | Wed. 21 Oct. | Thu. 22 Oct. | Fri. 23 Oct. | | | Mon. 26 Oct. | Tue. 27 Oct. | Wed. 28 Oct. | Thu. 29 Oct. | Fri. 30 Oct. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Morning 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | Opening plenary session | WG I<br>SWM<br>IPBES | CB/TSC<br>Article 8(j)<br>WG II | Resource Mob.<br>Mainstrea -ming<br>WG II | WG I<br>RA-RM<br>IPBES | | | WG I<br>CG (tbc)<br>CG (tbc) | CG<br>CG<br>CG<br>CG<br>High-level segment | CG<br>CG<br>CG<br>CG<br>High-level segment | WG I<br>WG II | Closing plenary session (including adoption of decisions) |
| Afternoon 3–6 p.m. | WG I<br>WG II | Resource Mob.<br>Mainstrea -ming<br>WG II | PMRR/MF<br>Financial mech.<br>Climate<br>Strategic Review | Global Review<br>DSI<br>WG II | Global Review<br>Article 8(j)<br>WG II | | | CG (tbc)<br>CG (tbc)<br>WG II | CG<br>CG<br>CG<br>CG<br>High-level segment | CG<br>CG<br>CG<br>CG<br>High-level segment | WG I<br>WG II | Closing plenary session (*continued*) |
| Evening 7.30–10.30 p.m. | Global Review<br>Article 8(j)<br>POWPA<br>Marine | Global Review<br>DSI<br>WG II | DSI<br>Cooperati on<br>RA-RM<br>Marine | Financial mech.<br>Art4 NP<br>Climate<br>Further work area | Plenary session: stocktake, elections and adoption of decisions | | | WG I<br>CG (tbc)<br>CG (tbc) | CG (tbc)<br>CG (tbc)<br>WG II | Plenary session: stocktake, adoption of decisions | | |

*Abbreviations*: CG, contact group; CB/TSC, capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation; DSI, digital sequence information on genetic resources; RA-RM, risk assessment and risk management; WG, working group.

[8] The holding of contact group sessions, including their scheduling, will be decided by the Bureau on the basis of its assessment of progress made at the meeting.

# Annex III

## Proposed organization of work for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol

*Note: The holding of contact group sessions, including their scheduling, will be decided by the Bureau on the basis of its assessment of progress made at the meeting.*

| *Date* | *Agenda items to be considered in plenary* | | | |
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| | COP | CP | NP | |
| Monday, 19 October (morning session) | 1 | 1 | 1 | Opening of the meeting |
| | 2 | 2 | 2 | Organizational matters (agenda, election of officers, organization of work) |
| | 3 | 3 | 3 | Report on credentials of representatives of Parties |
| | 4 | | | Pending issues |
| | 5 | | | Date and venue of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties |
| | 6 | 4 | 4 | Reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings |
| | | 5 | 5 | Report of the Compliance Committee |
| | 7 | 6 | 6 | Administration of the Convention and Protocols and budget for the trust funds |

| *Date* | *Agenda items to be considered by Working Group I* | | | | *Agenda items to be considered by Working Group II* | | | |
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| | COP | CP | NP | | COP | CP | NP | |
| Monday, 19 October (afternoon session) | 8 | | | Resource mobilization and financial mechanism | 16 | | | Synthetic biology |
| | 9 | | | Planning, monitoring, reporting and review | 17 (a) | | | Strategic review and analysis of the programme of work under the Convention in the context of the Framework |
| | 10 | | | Implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities | 17 (b) | | | Strategic review of and updates to the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity |
| | 12 (a) | | | Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation | 17 (c) | | | Strategic review of and updates to the programme of work on protected areas |
| | | | | | 17 (d) | | | Areas of potential further work in the context of the Framework |

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| | 12 (b) | | | Clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management. | 17 (e) | | | Matters related to the work of the Platform |
| | 12 (c) | | | Communication, education and public awareness | 18 (b) | | | Sustainable wildlife management |
| | 13 | | | Cooperation with international organizations and bodies established under other conventions | 18 (c) | | | Marine and coastal biodiversity and island biodiversity |
| | 14 (a) | | | Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors | 18 (d) | | | Biodiversity and agriculture |
| | | | | | 18 (e) | | | Invasive alien species |
| | | | | | 18 (a) | | | Biodiversity and climate change (full first reading/early submission) |
| | 14 (b) | | | Engagement with subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to enhance implementation of the framework | 18 (f) | | | Biodiversity and health (full first reading/early submission) |
| | 15 | | | Gender Plan of Action | | | | |
| | 19 | 12 | 14 | Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols | | | | |
| | 20 | | | Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties (full first reading/early submission) | | | | |
| | 11 | | 15 | Digital sequence information on genetic resources (full first reading/early submission) | | | | |
| Monday, 19 October (evening session) | 9 (a) | | | *Contact group: global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework* | 17 (c) | | | *Contact group: strategic review of and updates to the programme of work on protected areas* |
| | 10 (a) (b) | | | *Contact group: implementation of Article 8(j)* | 18 (c) | | | *Contact group: marine and coastal biodiversity, and island biodiversity* |
| Tuesday, 20 October (morning session) | | | 8 | Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol | 18 (b) | | | *Contact group: sustainable wildlife management* |
| | | | 11 | Specialized international access and benefit sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol | 17 (e) | | | *Contact group: matters related to the work of the Platform* |
| | | | 7 | Monitoring and reporting (full first reading/early submission) | | | | |
| | | | 9 | Enhancing the implementation of Nagoya Protocol (full first reading/early submission) | | | | |
| | | | 10 | Financial mechanism and resources (full first reading/early submission) | | | | |

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| | | | 12 | Global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanisms (full first reading/early submission) | | | | |
| | | | 13 | Cooperation with international organizations, bodies established under other conventions, and initiatives (full first reading/early submission) | | | | |
| | 7 | 6 | 6 | *Contact group on budgetary matters (will meet when needed)* | | | | |
| Tuesday, 20 October (afternoon session) | 8 (a) | | | *Contact group: resource mobilization* | | 13 | | Risk assessment and risk management of living modified organisms |
| | 14 (a) | | | *Contact group: mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors* | | 8 | | Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol |
| | | | | | | 5 | | Report of the Compliance Committee (full first reading/early submission) |
| | | | | | | 7 | | Monitoring and reporting (full first reading/early submission) |
| | | | | | | 9 | | Matters related to the financial mechanisms and resources (full first reading/early submission) |
| | | | | | | 10 | | Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House (full first reading/early submission) |
| | | | | | | 11 | | Cooperation with international organizations, bodies established under other conventions, and initiatives (full first reading/early submission) |
| Tuesday, 20 October (evening session) | 9 (a) | | | *Contact group: global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework* | | 14 | | Detection and identification of living modified organisms (full first reading/early submission) |
| | 11 | | 15 | *Contact group: digital sequence information on genetic resources* | | 15 | | Socioeconomic considerations (full first reading/early submission) |
| | | | | | | 16 | | National legislation, regulations and guidelines on new developments in modern biotechnology (full first reading/early submission) |
| | | | | | | 17 | | Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress (full first reading/early submission) |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Wednesday, 21 October | 12 (a) | | | *Contact group: Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation* | | | | Pending items |
| | | | | | | | | Review of conference room papers |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (morning session) | 10 (a) (b) | | | *Contact group: implementation of Article 8(j) (modus operandi and programme of work)* | | | | |
| Wednesday, 21 October (afternoon session) | 9 (b) | | | *Contact group: Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework* | 18 (a) | | | *Contact group: biodiversity and climate change* |
| | 8 (b) | | | *Contact group: financial mechanism* | 17 (a) | | | *Contact group: strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity in the context of the Framework* |
| Wednesday, 21 October (evening session) | 11 | | 15 | *Contact group: digital sequence information on genetic resources* | | 13 | | *Contact group: risk assessment and risk management of living modified organisms* |
| | 13 | | | *Contact group: cooperation with international organizations and bodies established under other conventions* | 18 (c) | | | *Contact group: marine and coastal biodiversity, and island biodiversity* |
| Thursday, 22 October (morning session) | 8 (a) | | | *Contact group: resource mobilization* | | | | Review of conference room papers |
| | 14 (a) | | | *Contact group: mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors* | | | | |
| Thursday, 22 October (afternoon session) | 9 (a) | | | *Contact group: global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework* | | | | Review of conference room papers |
| | 11 | | 15 | *Contact group: digital sequence information on genetic resources* | | | | |
| Thursday, 22 October (evening session) | 8 (b) | | | *Contact group: financial mechanism* | 18 (a) | | | *Contact group: biodiversity and climate change* |
| | | | 11 | *Contact group: Specialized international access and benefit sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol* | 17 (d) | | | *Contact group: areas of potential further work in the context of the Framework* |
| Friday, 23 October (morning session) | | | | Pending matters<br>Review of conference room papers | | 13 | | *Contact group: risk assessment and risk management of living modified organisms* |
| | | | | | 17 (e) | | | *Contact group: Matters related to the work of the Platform* |
| Friday, 23 October (afternoon session) | 9 (a) | | | *Contact group: global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework* | | | | Review of conference room papers |
| | 10 (a) (b) | | | *Contact group: implementation of Article 8(j)* | | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Friday,<br>23 October<br>(evening session) | 2 | 2 | 2 | **Plenary session**<br>Stocktaking and adoption of decisions<br>Organizational matters (election of officers) | | | |
| Saturday,<br>24 October | | | | *No meetings will be held on Saturday, 24 October* | | | |
| Sunday,<br>25 October | | | | *No formal sessions are currently scheduled for Sunday, 25 October; however, on the advice of the Bureau, a limited number of contact groups or informal consultations could be convened if needed* | | | |
| Monday,<br>26 October<br>(morning session) | | | | Review of conference room papers | | | Review of conference room papers |
| Monday,<br>26 October<br>(afternoon session) | | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* |
| Monday,<br>26 October<br>(evening session) | | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* |
| Tuesday,<br>27 October<br>(morning session) | | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* |
| Tuesday,<br>27 October<br>(afternoon session) | | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* |
| Tuesday,<br>27 October<br>(evening session) | | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)*<br>Review of conference room papers |
| Wednesday,<br>28 October<br>(morning session) | | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* |
| | | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* | | | *Contact groups (to be determined)* |

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| Wednesday, 28 October (afternoon session) | | | | | | | | |
| Wednesday, 28 October (evening session) | **Plenary session**<br>Stocktaking and adoption of decisions | | | | | | | |
| Thursday, 29 October (morning session) | | | | Review of conference room papers | | | | Review of conference room papers |
| Thursday, 29 October (afternoon session) | | | | Review of conference room papers | | | | Review of conference room papers |
| Friday, 30 October (morning session) | **Closing plenary session**<br>Adoption of decisions | | | | | | | |
| Friday, 30 October (afternoon session) | **Closing plenary** | | | | | | | |
| | 21 | 18 | 16 | Other matters | | | | |
| | 22 | 19 | 17 | Adoption of the report | | | | |
| | 23 | 20 | 18 | Closure of the meeting | | | | |

*Note*: greyed out dates are also dates for the high-level segment.

*Abbreviations*: COP, Conference of the Parties; CP, Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; NP, Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization.

# Annex IV

## Envisaged scenario for each agenda item

**Table 1 Items for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting**

*Note: The holding of contact group sessions, including their scheduling, will be decided by the Bureau on the basis of its assessment of progress made at the meeting.*

| Item No. | Agenda item title | Basis of draft decision and meeting documents | Working Groups (I or II) | Potential way forward | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Full first reading/ Early submission of statements | Straight to CRP | Contact group |
| 5 | Date & venue of next meeting | COP Doc (TBD) | *Plenary only* | | | |
| 7 | Administration & Budget | SBI-6/9<br>COP/17/3<br>COP/17/4<br>COP/17/4/Add.1<br>COP/17/4/Add.2<br>COP/17/4/Add.3<br>COP/17/4/Add.4 | *Plenary only* | | | Y (to be established by the Plenary) |
| 8 | Resource mobilization and financial mechanism | | WG I | | | |
| 8(a) | Resource mobilization | SBI/REC/6/1<br>SBI/REC/7/2<br>COP/17/5 | WG I | N | N | Y |
| 8(b) | Financial mechanism | SBI/REC/6/2<br>SBI/REC7/3<br>COP/17/5/Add.1 | WG I | N | N | Y |

| Item No. | Agenda item title | Basis of draft decision and meeting documents | Working Groups (I or II) | Potential way forward | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Full first reading/ Early submission of statements | Straight to CRP | Contact group |
| 9 | Planning, monitoring, reporting and review | | WG I | | | |
| 9(a) | Global review of collective progress in the implementation of the KMGBF | SBI/REC/7/1 | WG I | N | N | Y |
| 9(b) | Monitoring framework for the KMGBF | SBSTTA/REC/28/1<br>SBI/REC/7/1 | WG I | N | N | Y |
| 10 | Implementation of Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity | | WG I | | | |
| 10(a) | Modus Operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities | SB8j/REC/1/2 | WG I | N | N | Y (CG for 10a and 10b (i)) |
| 10(b) (i) | Implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030: guidelines to strengthen the legal and policy framework for implementation of Targets 2 and 3 of the Framework, including on indigenous and traditional territories, to support the protection and restoration practices led by indigenous peoples and local communities (Task 1.1) and guidelines for the inclusion and consideration of traditional lands and of resource use in spatial planning | SB8j/REC/1/3 | WG I | N | N | Y (CG for 10a and 10b (i)) |

| Item No. | Agenda item title | Basis of draft decision and meeting documents | Working Groups (I or II) | Potential way forward | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Full first reading/ Early submission of statements | Straight to CRP | Contact group |
| | processes and environmental impact assessments (Task 1.2) | | | | | |
| 10(b)(ii) | Implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030: process to review and update the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention (Task 5.4) | SB8j/REC/1/4 | WG I | N | Y | N |
| 10(c) | In-depth dialogue on Article 8(j) and related provisions | SB8j/REC/1/1 | WG I | N | Y | N |
| 10(d) | Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues | SB8j/REC/1/6 | WG I | N | Y | N |
| 11 | Digital sequence information on genetic resources | SBI/REC/7/4<br>COP/17/6<br>COP/17/6/Add.1<br>COP/17/6/Add.2<br>COP/17/6/Add.3 | WG I | Y | N | Y |
| 12 | Matters related to support the mechanisms for the implementation and awareness of the Convention, and the Framework | | WG I | | | |
| 12(a) | Capacity-building and development, and technical and scientific cooperation | SBI/REC/6/5<br>SBI/REC/7/9 | WG I | N | N | Y |

| Item No. | Agenda item title | Basis of draft decision and meeting documents | Working Groups (I or II) | Potential way forward | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Full first reading/ Early submission of statements | Straight to CRP | Contact group |
| 12(b) | Clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management | SBI/REC/7/10 | WG I | N | Y | N |
| 12(c) | Communication, education and public awareness | SBI/REC/7/12 | WG I | N | Y | N |
| 13 | Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations | SBI/REC/6/6 | WG I | N | N | Y |
| 14 | Mainstreaming of biodiversity and engagement with subnational governments | | WG I | | | |
| 14(a) | Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors | SBI/REC/7/11 | WG I | N | N | Y |
| 14(b) | Engagement with subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to enhance implementation of the framework | SBI/REC/7/8 | WG I | N | Y | N |
| 15 | Gender Plan of Action | SBI/REC/6/4 | WG I | N | Y | N |
| 16 | Synthetic Biology | SBSTTA/REC/28/3<br>SBI/REC/7/7 | WG II | N | N | Y |
| 17 | Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework and matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services | | WG II | | | |

| Item No. | Agenda item title | Basis of draft decision and meeting documents | Working Groups (I or II) | Potential way forward | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Full first reading/ Early submission of statements | Straight to CRP | Contact group |
| 17(a) | Strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention in the context of the Framework | SBSTTA/REC/27/4 | WG II | N | N | Y (CG for 17a and 17d) |
| 17(b) | Strategic Review of and updates to the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity | SBSTTA/REC/27/5 | WG II | N | Y | N |
| 17(c) | Strategic review of and updates to the programme of work on protected areas | SBSTTA/REC/28/5 | WG II | N | N | Y |
| 17(d) | Areas of potential further work in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework | SBSTTA/REC/27/6 | WG II | N | N | Y (CG for 17a and 17d) |
| 17(e) | Matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services | SBSTTA/REC/27/2<br>SBSTTA/REC/28/2 | WG II | N | N | Y |
| 18 | Scientific and technical issues related to the implementation of the Framework | | WG II | | | |
| 18(a) | Biodiversity and climate change | SBSTTA/REC/27/3 | WG II | Y | N | Y |
| 18(b) | Sustainable wildlife management | SBSTTA/REC/28/4 | WG II | N | N | Y |
| 18(c) | Marine and coastal biodiversity, and island biodiversity | SBSTTA/REC/28/6 | WG II | N | N | Y |
| 18(d) | Biodiversity and agriculture | SBSTTA/REC/27/9 | WG II | N | Y | N |
| 18(e) | Invasive alien species | SBSTTA/REC/27/8 | WG II | N | Y | N |

| Item No. | Agenda item title | Basis of draft decision and meeting documents | Working Groups (I or II) | Potential way forward | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Full first reading/ Early submission of statements | Straight to CRP | Contact group |
| 18(f) | Biodiversity and health | SBSTTA/REC/27/10<br>COP/17/7 | WG II | Y | N | Y |
| 19 | Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols | SBI/REC/6/8 | WG I | N | N | Y |
| 20 | Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties | COP/17/8 (to be prepared in consultation with the Bureau) | WG I | Y | N | N |

**Table 2 Items for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol**

*Note: The holding of contact group sessions, including their scheduling, will be decided by the Bureau on the basis of its assessment of progress made at the meeting.*

| Item No. | Agenda item title | Basis of draft decision and meeting documents | Working Groups (I or II) | Potential way forward | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Full first reading/ Early submission of statements | Straight to CRP | Contact group |
| 5 | Report of the Compliance Committee | CP/MOP/12/3 | WG II | Y | N | N |
| 6 | Administration of the Protocol & budget for the trust funds | SBI-6/9<br>CP/MOP/12/4<br>CP/MOP/12/5<br>CP/MOP/12/4/ Add.1 | *Plenary only* | | | Y (to be established by the Plenary) |
| 7 | Monitoring and reporting | CP/MOP/12/6 | WG II | Y | N | N |
| 8 | Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol and midterm evaluation of the implementation plan and capacity-building action plan for the Protocol | SBI/REC/7/5 | WG II | N | Y | N |
| 9 | Matters related to the financial mechanism and resources | SBI/REC/6/2<br>SBI/REC/7/3<br>CP/MOP/12/7<br>COP/17/5/Add.1 | WG II | Y | N | N |
| 10 | Operation and activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House | CP/MOP/12/8 | WG II | Y | N | N |
| 11 | Cooperation with international organizations, bodies established under other conventions, and initiatives | CP/MOP/12/9 | WG II | Y | N | N |

| Item No. | Agenda item title | Basis of draft decision and meeting documents | Working Groups (I or II) | Potential way forward | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Full first reading/ Early submission of statements | Straight to CRP | Contact group |
| 12 | Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols | SBI/REC/6/8 (section III) | WG I (to be discussed under COP17 item 19) | -- | -- | -- |
| 13 | Risk assessment and risk management of living modified organisms | SBSTTA/REC/27/7 | WG II | N | N | Y |
| 14 | Detection and identification of living modified organisms | CP/MOP/12/10 | WG II | Y | N | N |
| 15 | Socioeconomic considerations | CP/MOP/12/11 | WG II | Y | N | N |
| 16 | National legislation, regulations and guidelines on new developments in modern biotechnology | CP/MOP/12/12 | WG II | Y | N | N |
| 17 | Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress | CP/MOP/12/13 | WG II | Y | N | N |

**Table 3 Items for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol**

*Note: The holding of contact group sessions, including their scheduling, will be decided by the Bureau on the basis of its assessment of progress made at the meeting.*

| Item No. | Agenda item title | Basis of draft decision and meeting documents | Working Groups (I or II) | Potential way forward | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Full first reading/ Early submission of statements | Straight to CRP | Contact group |
| 5 | Report of the Compliance Committee | NP/MOP/6/3 | WG I | Y | N | N |
| 6 | Administration of the Protocol & budget for the trust funds | SBI-6/9<br>NP/MOP/6/4<br>NP/MOP/6/5<br>NP/MOP/6/5/Add.1 | *Plenary only* | | | Y (to be established by the Plenary) |
| 7 | Monitoring and reporting | NP/MOP/6/6 | WG I | Y | N | N |
| 8 | Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol | SBI/REC/7/6 | WG I | N | Y | N |
| 9 | Enhancing the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol | | WG I | | | |
| 9(a) | Capacity-building and development and awareness-raising | NP/MOP/6/7 | WG I | N | Y | N |
| 9(b) | Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information-sharing | NP/MOP/6/7 | WG I | N | Y | N |
| 9(c) | The Protocol in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework | NP/MOP/6/7 | WG I | N | Y | N |

| Item No. | Agenda item title | Basis of draft decision and meeting documents | Working Groups (I or II) | Potential way forward | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Full first reading/ Early submission of statements | Straight to CRP | Contact group |
| 10 | Financial Mechanism and resources | SBI/REC/6/2<br>SBI/REC/7/3<br>NP/MOP/6/8 | WG I | Y | N | N |
| 11 | Specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol | SBI-6/7 | WG I | N | N | Y |
| 12 | Global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism | NP/MOP/6/10 | WG I | Y | N | Y |
| 13 | Cooperation with international organizations, bodies established under other conventions, and initiatives | NP/MOP/6/11 | WG I | Y | N | N |
| 14 | Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols | SBI/REC/6/8 (section IV) | WG I<br>(to be discussed under COP17 item 19) | -- | -- | -- |
| 15 | Digital sequence information on genetic resources | SBI/REC/7/4<br>Outcome of COP 17 item 11 (DSI) | WG I | N | Y | N |

*Abbreviations: CG, contact group; COP, Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity; CP MOP, Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; FoC, Friends of the Chair; NP MOP, Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity; SBI, Subsidiary Body on Implementation; SBSTTA, Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice; SB8J, Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions.*

**Table 4. Overall summary of substantive items (including subitems) for consideration**

**By COP-17, CP-COP/MOP-12 and NP-COP/MOP-6**

| **Working Groups** | **COP-17** | **CP-COP/MOP-12** | **NP-COP/MOP-6** | Total items |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Working Group I | 19 | | 11 | **30** |
| Working Group II | 12 | 11 | | **23** |
| Total items | **31** | **11** | **11** | **53** |

**By Working Groups of the COP-17, CP-COP/MOP-12 and NP-COP/MOP-6**

*Note: The holding of contact group sessions, including their scheduling, will be decided by the Bureau on the basis of its assessment of progress made at the meeting.*

| **Working Groups** | Items for **full first reading** | Items that can go **straight to CRP preparation** without first reading/contact groups | Items that may need **Contact Groups** for CRP preparation | Total items |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Working Group I | COP17 : 2<br>NP-COP/MOP-6 : 5 | COP 17 : 7<br>NP-COP/MOP-6 : 5 | COP 17 : 10 +1 (after first reading)<br>NP-COP/MOP-6 : 1 + 1 (after first reading) | **COP 17 : 19**<br>**NP-COP/MOP-6 : 11** |
| Working Group II | COP 17 : 2<br>CP-COP/MOP-12: 9 | COP17: 3<br>CP-COP/MOP-12: 1 | COP17 : 7+2 (after first reading)<br>CP-COP/MOP-12 : 1 | **COP 17 : 12**<br>**CP-COP/MOP-12 : 11** |
| Total items | **COP 17: 4**<br>**COP/MOPs : 14** | **COP 17 : 10**<br>**COP/MOPs : 6** | **COP 17 : 17 + 3 (after first reading)**<br>**COP/MOPs : 2 + 1 (after first reading)** | **COP17:31**<br>**COP/MOPs : 22** |

**Total number of contact groups proposed for the COP-17, CP-COP/MOP (including those combined one)**

| **Working Groups** | **COP-17** | **CP-COP/MOP-12** | **NP-COP/MOP-6** | Total number of proposed CGs |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Working Group I | 10, including 1 combined CG for Art 8j items | | 2 | **12** |
| Working Group II | 8, including 1 combined CG for items 17a and 17d | 1 | | **9** |
| Total number of proposed CGs | **18** | **1** | **2** | **21** |

# Annex V

## Principles of good conduct during meetings

1. Participants are expected to adhere strictly to the Rules of Procedure (www.cbd.int/doc/legal/cbd-rules-procedure-en.pdf).

2. Participants should wait for the Chair or co-chair to invite them to speak, as stipulated in rule 31(1). The Chair or co-chair will endeavour to provide opportunities for interventions from both Parties and observers.

3. Interventions should be kept brief, concise, and focused. The Chair or co-chair reserves the right to call a speaker to order if their remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion or if they exceed the allotted time (rule 31).

4. Participants should refrain from interrupting the proceedings of the Meeting, except when raising a point of order as per rule 33. Only representatives of Parties are permitted to raise points of order.

5. Participants are encouraged to liaise with one another and, where appropriate, collaborate on joint interventions to minimize the repetition of points.

6. Patience and respect are paramount in all interactions. Participants are also expected to seek information honestly and respectfully during the Meeting.

7. Disruptive behaviour, such as heckling other participants or the Secretariat, is not acceptable.

8 Participants should refrain from repetitive interventions under the same agenda item, bearing in mind that all Parties should be able to express their views within the constraints of limited meeting time.

9. Participants are expected to engage in a manner that is appropriate and courteous, and any instances of physical or verbal abuse should be reported immediately to the Executive Secretary or Unites Nations Security personnel present on-site.

10. Participants should adhere to the Code of Conduct developed for United Nations system events that prohibits harassment, including sexual harassment. It is imperative to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct at all times (www.un.org/en/content/codeofconduct/).

11. Participants are also expected to follow the Guidelines on conduct expected of participants in CBD processes available at www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/guidelines-cbd-processes-en.pdf

12. Participants must not take photographs or record videos of others without their explicit consent.

13. Areas designated exclusively for delegates or the Secretariat must be respected.

14. The meeting should not be used for demonstrations or similar activities.

15. The objectives of the Convention and its Protocols should always be kept in mind.

# Annex VI

# Modalities for the early submission of statements for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol

## I. Introduction

1. In paragraph 3 of decision 16/25 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the concurrent decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity,[9] the Executive Secretary, together with the Bureaux, was requested to explore and make use of, as appropriate, relevant ways and means to facilitate early preparations for meetings, such as options for streamlining agendas, peer-reviewing documents in advance and the early submission of statements.

2. At its meeting held on 14 September 2026, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties agreed to implement modalities for the early submission of statements for COP 17, COP-MOP 12 and COP-MOP 6, building upon the experience related to the implementation of the modalities at SBI-6, SBI-7, SBSTTA-27 and SBSTTA-28. Based on the experience and feedback from Parties and observers, the modalities have been updated to improve efficiency, transparency, clarity and inclusiveness, while maintaining the Party-driven nature of intergovernmental meetings under the Convention and its Protocols.

3. The modalities constitute an informal and voluntary process, not intended to pre-empt any decisions of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols. The modalities are solely aimed at improving the efficiency of the CBD operations and meetings, including the early submission of statements. The voluntary and informal nature of the early submission process will be fully preserved and will not affect the procedural rights of Parties during the formal negotiations.

## II. Objectives of the modalities

4. The modalities are designed to facilitate effective preparation and communication among Parties and observers, allowing them to informally submit their positions or comments on draft recommendations contained in the relevant pre-session documents, in writing, prior to formal discussions.

5. The aim is to reduce the amount of time spent on the first reading of the respective agenda items, promote more focused and efficient deliberations, and support consensus-based decision-making during formal consideration at the meeting.

6. Such measures should be implemented in a manner that preserves the right of all Parties to intervene during meetings, including presenting or clarifying their views orally, providing textual proposals, responding to proposals made by others, or adjusting their positions in light of the evolving negotiations.

[9] Decisions CP-11/5 and NP-5/10, respectively.

7. The modalities are intended to serve as one of the practical tools for the improvement of the effectiveness of meetings, while acknowledging that they will require continuous refinement based on the experience and feedback from Parties and observers.

# III. Application of the modalities

8. The modalities will be applied on a voluntary basis to the following agenda items:

(a) COP 17: Agenda items 11, 18(a), 18(f) and 20.

(b) COP-MOP 12: Agenda items 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

(c) COP-MOP 6: Agenda items 5,7, 10, 12 and 13.

9. Parties and observers are encouraged to use these modalities. Nevertheless participation is on a voluntary basis and does not affect the rights and prerogative of Parties under the rules of procedure to make oral interventions, submit proposals, present regional statements, participate fully in plenary and contact group discussions, or revise positions during the meeting. The modalities will be implemented in a manner that ensures inclusive and equitable participation and fosters efficiency, while fully preserving the rights of the Parties under the Rules of Procedure.

# IV. Process

## A. Notification and submission of statements

10. The Secretariat issued notification No. 2026-072 on 18 September 2026, one month before the opening of the meetings, inviting and encouraging all Parties and observers who are registered for participation in the meetings to submit statements, on a voluntary and informal basis, including textual proposals addressing the recommendations contained in the pre-session documents issued under the agenda items referred to in paragraph 8 above. The deadline for the early submission of statements relating to each of the relevant agenda items will be 8 p.m. (Yerevan time, UTC + 4) on the day before the opening of the meeting.

11. Submitters will be encouraged, where possible, to ensure that their statements clearly provide textual proposals, keep general comments concise and focused, and distinguish between general comments and specific textual proposals, as appropriate. A template of an early statement, which can be used on a voluntary basis, has been provided in the notification, for reference.

12. The notification also contains guidelines on how to upload the statements online in any of the six United Nations official languages. Submitters will be requested to include, on the first page of their statements, the name of country or organization, as appropriate, and the agenda item. Submissions sent by email will be treated as equivalent to submissions uploaded through the online portal.

13. The portal will include clear version control features identifying the most recent version of each submission. In line with the common practice relating to the submission of statements, only the latest version of a statement will be considered and will, therefore, supersede any earlier versions.

## B. Publication of statements

14. The statements will be published as is without any editing or translation by the Secretariat. To enhance accessibility, once a statement has been published, the system will automatically initiate AI-assisted translations of the statement into the other five United Nations official languages. These translations will be uploaded for viewing, alongside the original statement. The AI-generated translations will be clearly identified as such and accompanied by a disclaimer regarding their accuracy and will not be relied upon for the interpretation of a Party's negotiating position or textual proposal. Only the original submitted version of the statement will be considered authoritative.

15. All statements uploaded on the online portal will be made available for viewing by all Parties and observers as follows: for Party statements, unless a Party explicitly requests that its submission be published immediately, these will be made available simultaneously after the deadline for the submission of statements for that particular agenda item and prior to the first reading of the item; for observer statements, these will be made available upon upload.

# V. Outcome of the process for the early submission of statements

## A. Information documents

16. The Secretariat will prepare information documents for the agenda items under which statements were received during the informal process. The respective information documents will contain a list of Parties and observers that submitted statements under the relevant agenda items, as well as a link to the statements portal, and will be submitted at the meetings,[10] without prejudice to formal deliberations when the respective agenda items are considered.

## B. Entry of statements on record

17. When the relevant agenda item is taken up for the first reading at the meeting, the Chair will provide guidance on the conduct of proceedings as to how early statements will be considered. The Chair will state that, unless there are any objections from Parties and observers listed in the information document and present at the meeting, their statements will be formally entered on the record of the meeting. Textual proposals contained in statements entered on the record should be duly taken into account in the preparation of conference room papers or non-papers. Lists of Parties and observers that submitted early statements will also be shown on slides during the meeting, for reference.

18. The Chair will request Parties that wish to do so, to express their support for statements submitted by particular observers. In practice, Parties supporting particular observer statements will be requested to press the microphone button so that the Chair can read out their names from the speakers' list. Alternatively, if the system is appropriately configured, the names of the Parties supporting an observer's statement will be projected on a screen in the meeting room once the concerned Parties press the microphone button[11]. Indication of support by a Party for an observer statement shall not be interpreted as endorsement of every element or textual proposal contained in that statement unless explicitly indicated by the Party. Confirmation of partial support may be requested, where time permits, if no Party supports a statement in its entirety. Statements submitted by indigenous peoples and local communities will be identified as such, recognizing their distinct status under Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention.

19. Parties and observers that submitted written statements during the informal process but wish to revise their statements or provide additional statements after the relevant deadline for early submissions, may deliver an oral statement during the first reading of the particular agenda item , and submit the revised written statement in accordance with established meeting procedures.

20. As the early submission of written statements is intended to be a time-saving measure, Parties and observers that participate in this pilot will be encouraged not to deliver an oral statement during the first reading of the particular agenda item, except where necessary to make clarifications. This does not limit their right to make concise oral interventions to highlight priorities, respond to developments during the meeting, clarify proposals, or participate in plenary and contact group discussions. The Chair may guide and, where appropriate, limit repetition in order to ensure efficient use of time.

[10] The information document will be posted in the morning of the first day of the meeting and introduced under the respective agenda item.

[11] In consultation with the Bureau, an alternative system for expediting this process of indicating support by Parties could be explored and applied.

21. It is expected that Parties and observers that did not submit written statements during the early submission process, including regional groups, will have opportunities to submit their oral and written statements during the formal meeting in accordance with established meeting procedures. Oral statements made by observers would, as per normal procedure, require Party support. No Party will be disadvantaged for not participating in the early submission process.

## C. Preparation of conference room papers

22. In accordance with normal meeting processes, the Chair will subsequently prepare a conference room paper. In the event that a contact group is established for a particular item, a non-paper, if needed for the concerned agenda item, would be prepared.

23. The conference room paper or non-paper will be based on any oral statements or interventions made during the first reading, as well as statements entered on record following the informal process of early submission of statements, including any revised or additional statements submitted in accordance with established procedures.

24. Consistent with established meeting practice, conference room papers or non-papers are not intended to be a compilation of all proposals. Instead, they contain proposed compromise text, including alternative formulations where necessary, to facilitate consensus building. The Chair or co-chairs (in the case of contact groups) will provide, as appropriate, explanations on how submissions were reflected in the preparation of the conference room papers or non-papers.

## D. Outcomes of the overall process

25. The experiences of Parties and observers related to the modalities will continue to be compiled and submitted to the Bureau for review, with a view to further improving the modalities for future meetings.