

STAKEHOLDER OPEN WEBINAR – EXPLORING LINKAGES BETWEEN CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

CONCEPT NOTE

Informal webinar organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

12 January 2021, 7–9 a.m. EDT

INTRODUCTION

1. The Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020), Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada), are organizing a series of informal “Stakeholder Open Webinars” to explore with Parties and stakeholders the key concepts and issues for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. This series of webinars is intended to provide an important – and ongoing – opportunity for Parties and stakeholders to engage in a constructive exchange of views and perspectives, and enhance their understanding of elements related to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, taking into consideration key related messages from the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* (GBO-5).

2. **The first meeting in the Stakeholder Open Webinar series will be on the theme of “Exploring linkages between climate change and biodiversity for the development of post-2020 global biodiversity framework.”** Participants will examine the linkages between the issues of climate change and biodiversity, and ways to improve synergies between climate change and biodiversity conservation actions, and enhance coordination between the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The webinar is envisioned as a space for participants to explore issues, exchange views, and enhance their understanding of these key topics. The webinar will focus on the following themes:

(a) **Understanding the ‘Big Picture’ of climate change and biodiversity:** The webinar will begin with a context-setting presentation that explores the key linkages between actions to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity, and efforts to mitigate and adapt to a rapidly changing climate. The presentation will focus on key issues such as:

- (i) Understanding and identifying the impact of actions:
 - a. Minimizing trade-offs between climate and biodiversity policies;
 - b. Promoting action with multiple contributions.
- (ii) Understanding the long-term, sustainable actions needed to link the climate change and biodiversity agendas, and enhance their synergies:
 - a. Focus on sectoral transformations, such as the agri-food system and the need to provide integrated analysis to decision makers;
 - b. Focus on indirect drivers of change and supply chains.
- (iii) Understanding the urgent need for ambitious action by nations, non-state actors and stakeholders that can help build more equitable and resilient societies and, as highlighted in GBO-5, achieve the key transitions to sustainable pathways needed for the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity.

(b) **Building better bridges between UNFCCC and CBD:** The webinar will then feature an in-depth presentation on linkages between UNFCCC and CBD, and ways to ensure coherent approaches to both conventions. Participants will be invited to consider key issues, such as:

- (i) Pros and cons of nature-based solutions or broader, multiple-benefit solutions;
- (ii) Ensuring coordinated climate-biodiversity responses at all governance levels;

- (iii) Maximizing synergies and minimizing trade-offs between the Paris Agreement and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (iv) Integrating scientific advice and modelling – should the UNFCCC SBSTA and the CBD SBSTTA be better linked?
- (v) Coordinating and synchronizing planning, reporting, and review – should the UNFCCC SBI and the CBD SBI be better linked?
- (vi) Coordinating and integrating financial resourcing and capacity-building – should such actions under UNFCCC and CBD be better linked or harmonized and, if so, to what extent? Should risk disclosure be integrated?
- (vii) Maximizing non-State actor engagement – should actions on climate and biodiversity, particularly by industry and private sector, be better integrated?

3. **The Stakeholder Open Webinar will not be a negotiation session.** The webinar is envisioned as an informal space to hear views and perspectives from Parties and stakeholders on key issues and concepts, and to help inform their negotiating positions in advance of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, and the third meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. It is important to note that statements and views expressed during the Stakeholder Open Webinars are informal and will **not be considered part of the official work of the Working Group.**

4. **Outcome of the webinar:** the Co-Chairs will prepare a summary of what they have heard on the issues.

ARRANGEMENTS

5. **The Stakeholder Open Webinar will be delivered in cooperation with partner organizations.** These partners will be engaged through context-setting presentations, expert and technical presentations, and responses to questions and comments from participants.

6. To set the stage for the discussions, the webinar will begin with a context-setting, ‘big picture’ presentation. This will be followed by an expert presentation on specific concepts and issues, and a session for questions and comments from participants. Parties and stakeholders will have an equal opportunity to speak, through alternating interventions.

7. There will be no direct discussions on specific language in the updated zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Open to all registered participants, the webinar will consist of a two-hour session, conducted in English. In preparation, participants may wish to consult the following documents:

(a) Overview of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework process (SBI agenda item 5), available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBI-03>.

(b) Update of the Zero Draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, available at: <https://www.cbd.int/article/zero-draft-update-august-2020>.

(c) Fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, available at: <https://www.cbd.int/gbo/gbo5/publication/gbo-5-en.pdf>

8. A proposed agenda for the webinar is contained in the annex below. The schedule and registration details will be posted on the Secretariat website.

Annex

PROPOSED AGENDA

	Login Participants are invited to log in as early as possible to ensure a timely start to the webinar.	Participants log in and test technical arrangements.
7-7.05 a.m.	Moderator Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, Director, Implementation and Support Division, SCBD	Introduction to the event
7.05-7.15 a.m.	Opening remarks Welcome by the WG2020 Co-Chairs, Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada)	Welcoming remarks
7.15-7.35 a.m.	Climate and Biodiversity: The Big Picture Invited expert	Context-setting presentation
7.35- 8 a.m.	Presentation: Building Better Bridges between UNFCCC and CBD Mr. Charles Barber, Director, Forest Legality Initiative & Senior Biodiversity Advisor (WRI)	Expert presentation
8-8.50 a.m.	Discussion and Q&A Parties and stakeholders to provide views and questions via statements and the chat function. The Co-Chairs and invited expert to provide responses as needed.	In-depth discussion
8.50-9 a.m.	Closing remarks Co-Chairs to provide a summary and indicate next steps.	Closure of the meeting
