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Workshop on the Evidence Base for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Fifth Edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and IPBES Global Assessment

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Annotated provisional agenda

## Background

1. In decision [14/34](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-34-en.pdf), the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings to contribute to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and in support of the work of the open-ended intersessional working group (see para. 16). Further, the preparatory process for the development of the post‑2020 global biodiversity framework adopted by decision 14/34 requires that the process be knowledge-based and that it include a provision for analytical work prepared in accordance with recommendation SBSTTA-XXI/1 and decision 14/35. Among the key information sources identified in the preparatory process are national reports, assessments prepared by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and other bodies and relevant peer reviewed literature, as well as the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-5)*.
2. In decision [14/1](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-01-en.pdf), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to use and analyse the review of scientific information and the outcomes of all products of IPBES in the preparation of the post‑2020 global biodiversity framework, and to provide the results to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting held prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
3. In decision [XIII/29](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-13/cop-13-dec-29-en.pdf), the Conference of the Parties decided that the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* should serve as a basis for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting. Subsequently, in decision [14/35](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-35-en.pdf), the Conference of the Parties took note of the plan for the preparation of the fifth edition of the *Outlook*, which foresees, among other things, that a draft of the *Outlook* should be available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third session.
4. Further, the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, at its first meeting in August 2019, invited the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with reference to the findings of the global assessment report of IPBES, to provide elements concerning guidance on specific goals, SMART targets, indicators, baselines, and monitoring frameworks, relating to the drivers of biodiversity loss, for achieving transformational change, within the scope of the three objectives of the Convention.[[1]](#footnote-2)

## Workshop objectives

1. A one-day workshop will be convened on 23 November 2019, prior to the opening of the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, on 25 November 2019. Participation in the workshop will be open to all registered participants in the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
2. The purpose of the workshop is to inform participants of the findings of the IPBES assessments – in particular the IPBES *Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* and the first draft and draft summary for policymakers of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook.* The workshop aims to facilitate the deliberations by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, in particular on item 3 of the provisional agenda, on the scientific and technical evidence base for the post‑2020 global biodiversity framework. The workshop will consist of presentations as well as group and roundtable discussions. Information on complimentary reports to the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, including the second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlooks* (LBO-2) being prepared by the Forest Peoples Programme and the next edition of the *Plant Conservation Report* (PCR) being prepared by Botanic Gardens Conservation International on behalf of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation will also be presented. The results of the workshop will be reported to the Subsidiary Body under item 3 of the provisional agenda.

## Tentative organization of work

| **Time** | **Activity** |
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| **10-10.15 a.m.** | **Opening of workshop**   * Introductory remarks by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services |
| **10.15 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.** | **The IPBES *Global Assessment*, the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and related reports**   * Presentation on the main conclusions from the IPBES *Global Assessment* * Presentation on the development and first draft of *Global Biodiversity Outlook, fifth edition* * Presentation on the development and first draft of *Local Biodiversity Outlooks, second edition* * Presentation on the development and first draft of the *Plant Conservation Report*   **Key elements relevant to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework**   * Presentation on direct and indirect drivers of change * Presentation on progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets * Presentation on biodiversity scenarios * Presentation on pathways to a sustainable future and the role of transformative change (transitions) |
| **12.15-1.45 p.m.** | **Lunch break** |
| **1.45- 3.30 p.m.** | **Breakout sessions:**   * Direct and indirect drivers of change * Progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets * Biodiversity scenarios * Pathways to a sustainable future, including transformative change (transitions) |
| **3.30 - 4 p.m.** | **Coffee break** |
| **4 - 5 p.m.** | **Plenary discussion:** Implications of the assessments/reports for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework  **Closure of the Workshop** |

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1. CBD/WG2020/1/5. See paragraph 7 of the conclusions. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)