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Webinar Concept Note

Launch of the FAO Biodiversity Knowledge Hub on the occasion of the First Anniversary of the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

19 December 2023, 15:00-16:00 CET / 9:00-10:00 EST, remote on Zoom

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Summary

In celebration of the anniversary of the adoption of the [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) will launch the FAO Biodiversity Knowledge Hub on 19 December 2023 through an online webinar, jointly convened by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and FAO. The FAO Biodiversity Knowledge Hub will support countries to access and use existing knowledge tools, guidance and other resources on biodiversity developed under FAO, including to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and building on the experience of the agrifood sectors in the sustainable use, conservation and restoration of biodiversity.

Background

In December 2022, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework was adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its fifteenth meeting, setting out an ambitious roadmap for a world living in harmony with nature. Its success will require political commitment at the highest level of government, and action and cooperation at all levels of government and society.

As highlighted by Parties at the twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the CBD ([CBD/SBSTTA/REC/25/3](#)), there is an urgent need to compile a broad range of existing tools and guidance that can support the implementation of the targets and other elements of the Framework, including those developed under the CBD as well as other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and intergovernmental organizations, such as FAO.

In particular, the direct links to agrifood sectors (crop and livestock production, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture) in many targets of the Framework means that actors in agrifood sectors have an important role to play in the planning, implementation and monitoring of the actions needed to meet these targets. A broad range of FAO's existing knowledge and resources can support the implementation efforts by policymakers or practitioners at national level, and it is critically important to increase their awareness on what is available for their use.

The need for the development of a searchable, web-based database of existing FAO knowledge and resources on biodiversity has also been expressed by FAO Members on several occasions, including in global and regional Multi-stakeholder Dialogues on Biodiversity Mainstreaming across Agricultural Sectors

in the context of the elaboration of the [Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors](#) and [2021-2023 Action Plan](#) for its implementation.

In this context, the FAO Biodiversity Knowledge Hub will support users to understand, access and use existing FAO knowledge and resources (standards, guidelines, data, learning materials, accounting and monitoring tools, codes of conduct and other normative or policy instruments, etc.) on biodiversity in the agricultural sectors. In doing so, this aims to strengthen their capacity to mainstream biodiversity in agrifood sectors and assist policymakers and other actors to implement and monitor the Framework. Users will be able to navigate over 300 resources, including by filtering based on targets of the Framework, the type of activity that the resource could support, the different agricultural sectors, and the geographic focus.

Event objectives:

- To launch the FAO Biodiversity Knowledge Hub as an initiative to meet the scientific and technical needs of countries by facilitating their access and use of existing FAO knowledge and resources on biodiversity in the agrifood sectors that can support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
- To raise awareness on the importance of enhancing synergies and cooperation among relevant multilateral environmental agreements and intergovernmental organizations, such as FAO, to support the national implementation of the Framework.

Target audience

The webinar will be a public online event with interpretation in all six UN languages, targeting both FAO Members and CBD Parties, as well as an external audience of policymakers and actors across environmental and agrifood sectors. Various relevant focal points for the Convention on Biological Diversity will be therefore invited, together with focal points to the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA), and national focal points on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA). The event will also be promoted via a CBD notification.

Agenda

Total time: 60 minutes

Duration	Presentation
10 minutes	<i>Opening remarks</i> Mr Kaveh Zahedi, Director of the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO Mr David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary of the CBD
5 minutes	<i>Addressing the scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, through collaboration and synergies with other intergovernmental processes, such as FAO</i> Ms Jihyun Lee , Director of Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division, CBD Secretariat
10 minutes	<i>Presentation of the FAO Biodiversity Knowledge Hub</i> Ms Julie Bélanger , Natural Resource Officer, FAO
5 minutes	<i>Using existing tools and guidance for supporting implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in agrifood systems at the national level</i> Ms Sikeade Egbuwalo , CBD Focal Point, Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigeria
5 minutes	<i>Using existing tools and guidance for supporting mainstreaming biodiversity across agricultural sectors at the national level</i> Ms Ritsuko Yoneda , Director for the Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan
5 minutes	<i>Approaches to enhance synergies in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</i> Ms Chantal Marijnissen , Head of Unit for Environment, Sustainable Natural Resources, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission
15 minutes	<i>Interactive session</i>
5 minutes	<i>Closing remarks</i> Mr Kaveh Zahedi , Director of the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO