

High-level segment - Part II

Second part of the 2020 UN Biodiversity Conference

“Ecological Civilization-Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth”

Scenario note (19 September 2022)

The **second part** of the 2020 UN Biodiversity Conference, including the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15) as well as the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization, will take place, in person, in Montreal, Canada under the Presidency of the People’s Republic of China. The **high-level segment (HLS)** will be held on **15, 16 and 17 December 2022**.

The high-level segment will take place at ministerial level. The overall objective will be to enable Ministers to support the final stages of the negotiations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and related decisions with a view to ensuring a successful outcome of the Conference, including the adoption of an effective post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It will also provide an opportunity for Ministers and leaders of international organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and civil society, to announce significant actions and commitments in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Modality

The high-level segment of the second part of the UN Biodiversity Conference is expected to be **in person**. Ministers will be invited to attend the high-level segment to deliver national statements and support the final negotiations of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Parties and other Governments, along with partner organizations and other stakeholders, will be invited to announce, during the high-level segment, actions underway as well as to make commitments for planned actions that will support the rapid implementation of the global biodiversity framework.

Proposed Structure

	Wednesday 14 Dec.	Thursday 15 Dec.	Friday 16 Dec.	Saturday 17 Dec.	Sunday 18 Dec.
0800 - 1000		Ministers Breakfast	Ministers Breakfast		
1000 - 1300	COP negotiations	COP negotiations	COP negotiations	COP negotiations	COP negotiations
		HLS Opening	HLS statements	HLS Closing	
			Action Zone dialogues		
1300 - 1500	HL Side events	Ministerial Lunch	HL Side events	HL Side events	
1500 - 1800	COP negotiations	COP negotiations	COP negotiations	COP Stocktake (with ministers)	COP negotiations
		HLS statements	HLS statements		
		Action Zone dialogues	Action Zone dialogues		
1800 - 1930	HL Side events	HL Side events	HL Side events	HL Side events	
1930 - 2200	COP negotiations	COP negotiations	COP negotiations	COP negotiations	COP negotiations
		Ministerial Dinner	HLS statements		

Ministerial plenary sessions

The programme of the high-level segment will consist of plenary sessions and high-level special events. The opening plenary will include welcome remarks by the Presidency, host Government and senior

leadership of the United Nations, panel discussions and a cultural presentation. Ministers and leaders of organizations will have the opportunity to deliver statements during the subsequent plenary sessions. A final closing plenary will take place in the morning of 17 December featuring a summary of key announcements made by Ministers and leaders of organizations, regional statements, and presentation of the outcomes of associated events (cities, local authorities and subnational governments; indigenous peoples and local communities; business, youth, etc.).

Negotiation sessions

Ministers will then join the main negotiating sessions of the Conference of the Parties and the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols in order to provide political direction and momentum to the final stages of the negotiations. At a special afternoon plenary session on 17 December, Ministers and heads of delegation will take stock of the status of the negotiations based on presentations from the main negotiating working groups. Under the guidance of the COP President, Ministers may be called upon to facilitate the final stages of negotiations on specific issues.

High-level Special Events

Ministers will be able to participate in a series of special high-level events organized over the three days of the high-level segment. Several special events organized by partners will take place in parallel and can be combined with the ongoing side-events held in the margins of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Theme

The overall theme of the high-level segment will remain the same: *“Ecological Civilization-Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth”*.

Documentation

Further documentation will be provided in due course, including:

- A guidance note on the delivery of national statements and statements by organizations
 - An information note with logistical details
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