

Webinar proposal
Webinar on biosafety commitments for
the Action Agenda for Nature and People

**Webinar on the Initial Discussion for the Online Forum on non-State actors' engagement in the
Action Agenda for Nature and People, 27 September 2021 – 10 October 2021**

27 September 2021, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. EST

Registration is at: [Webinar: Biosafety Commitments for the Action Agenda for Nature and People \(campaign-archive.com\)](https://campaign-archive.com)

I. Background

1. Biodiversity matters. Reversing biodiversity loss requires action from all segments of society, and it is in everyone's best interest to take action and put biodiversity on a path to recovery by 2030. Leadership and action can inspire others to safeguard, restore and invest in biodiversity.
2. Launched in November 2018 by the Governments of Egypt and China, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People serves as a global mechanism for inspiring, connecting and mobilizing actions for biodiversity and biosafety, in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The Action Agenda is available at <https://www.cbd.int/portals/action-agenda/>. Please find more information at https://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art23/actionagendaforum/.
3. To date, the Action Agenda has mobilized 210 commitments for biodiversity from around the globe. This webinar is therefore aimed at highlighting the Action Agenda as a mechanism for biosafety stakeholders to engage and contribute to the advancement of biodiversity and biosafety outcomes.

II. Objective and Outcome

4. The overall objective of the webinar is to provide an initial discussion on the importance and features of the Action Agenda to mobilize biosafety commitments from non-State actors. The webinar, meant to kick-start a series of online discussions, will ideally promote and inspire action towards issues related to biosafety and the protection of biodiversity.
5. As a result of the webinar, non-State actors will: (a) strengthen familiarity with the importance of guidance to making a commitment in Action Agenda; and (b) showcase the role of biosafety non-State actors' commitments/or potential commitments.
6. A proposed agenda for the webinar is contained in the annex below.

III. Modalities and general guidelines

7. The webinar will be organized for one hour as a start to two-week online discussions in the Biosafety Clearing-House with the same theme. The webinar will be hosted by the United

Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in conjunction with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, via the Learning for Nature hub.

8. Apart from the key speakers, participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide insights, through question-and-answer segments, after each substantive session. The question-and-answer segments will be moderated by Helmut Gaugitsch, the National Focal Point of Austria for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. To facilitate the discussion with relevant and consistent questions, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity encourages questions to be submitted prior to the event to the Secretariat at: ulrika.nilsson@un.org.
9. Participants are expected to: (a) briefly introduce themselves when posting or stating their questions, including their name, title; (b) provide short, concise and focused questions and insights preferably in English; and (c) ensure that the messages are relevant to the event.
10. Representatives participating in the event are invited to register through the nomination process for the online forum at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2021/ntf-2021-054-bs-en.pdf?download>.
11. In preparation, participants may also wish to consult the following links:
 - Information on the Action Agenda:
<https://www.cbd.int/action-agenda/>
 - Make a commitment on the Action Agenda:
<https://www.cbd.int/action-agenda/contribute/>
 - Commitments made to the Action Agenda:
<https://www.cbd.int/action-agenda/contributions/>
 - Action Agenda Network with open source components:
<https://scbd.github.io/action-agenda-components/>
 - Online discussions on non-State actors' engagement in the Action Agenda for Nature and People:
https://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art23/actionagendaforum/
12. The webinar will rely on the support of partner organizations to ensure wide participation, dissemination and outreach ahead of the event and dissemination afterwards to increase commitments.
13. To register to the webinar, please visit https://us18.campaign-archive.com/?e=test_email_&u=3d0c1779253b94ed1d4e5446d&id=c0c045cffd

Annex. Webinar proposal

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Item	Speaker	Subject
Item 1		
	Opening remarks: Mr. Helmut Gaugitsch, National Focal Point of Austria for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Opening remarks
	Introduction to the Action Agenda: Ms. Catalina Santamaria, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Welcome statement and introduction of the Action Agenda, including the objectives and landing page The role of non- State actors in triggering the transformative changes required for biodiversity. Profiling and submitting a pledge on the landing page
		Question-and-answer session
	Introduction to sharing information and interoperability with other web platforms: Mr. Hassan Malik and Ms. Yixuan Wang	Open source information to increase commitments and leverage platform connectivity
		Question-and-answer session
Item 2		
	NGOs' role in the Action Agenda: Mr. Mohamed Elyes Kchouk	NGOs' contribution to the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
		Question-and-answer session
	Private sector's role in the Action Agenda: Ms. Sarah Lukie, Croplife International	Supporting the implementation of the Biosafety Protocol to support a sustainable future
		Question-and-answer session

Item	Speaker	Subject
	Indigenous peoples and local communities' role in the Action Agenda, Mr. Kamal Kumar Rai, Himalayan Folklore, Indigenous Knowledge and Peoples Networks, Federation of Kirant Indigenous Associations, Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation Nepal	Indigenous peoples and local communities work towards socio-economic considerations and risk assessments of living modified organisms
		Question-and-answer session
	Academia's role in the Action Agenda, Ms. Angela T. Alleyne, University of the West Indies	Biosafety in small island developing States: The education agenda.
		Question-and-answer session
	Closing remarks and procedures for the online discussions: Helmut Gaugitsch	