

Principles of good conduct during meetings

1. Participants are expected to adhere strictly to the Rules of Procedure (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/legal/cbd-rules-procedure-en.pdf>).
 2. Participants should wait for the Chair to invite them to speak, as stipulated in rule 31(1). The Chair will endeavor to provide opportunities for interventions from both Parties and observers.
 3. Interventions should be kept brief, concise, and focused. The Chair reserves the right to call a speaker to order if their remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion or if they exceed the allotted time (rule 31).
 4. Participants should refrain from interrupting the proceedings of the Meeting, except when raising a point of order as per rule 33. Only representatives of Parties are permitted to raise points of order.
 5. Participants are encouraged to liaise with one another and, where appropriate, collaborate on joint interventions to minimize the repetition of points.
 6. Patience and respect are paramount in all interactions. Participants are also expected to seek information honestly and respectfully during the Meeting.
 7. Disruptive behavior, such as heckling other participants or the Secretariat, is not acceptable.
 8. Participants should refrain from repetitive interventions under the same agenda item, bearing in mind that all Parties should be able to express their views within the constraints of limited meeting time.
 9. Participants are expected to engage in a manner that is appropriate and courteous, and any instances of physical or verbal abuse should be reported immediately to the Executive Secretary or UN Security personnel present on-site.
 10. Participants should adhere to the Code of Conduct developed for UN system events that prohibits harassment, including sexual harassment. It is imperative to uphold the highest standards of ethical conduct at all times (<https://www.un.org/en/content/codeofconduct/>).
 11. Participants are also expected to follow the Guidelines on conduct expected of participants in CBD processes available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/guidelines-cbd-processes-en.pdf>
 12. Participants must not take photographs or record videos of others without their explicit consent.
 13. Areas designated exclusively for delegates or the Secretariat must be respected.
 14. The Meeting should not be used for demonstrations or similar activities.
 15. The objectives of the Convention and its Protocols should always be kept in mind.
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