

Asia Pacific Workshop on “Accelerating the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework through an Integrated and Synergistic Approach”

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Venue: Novotel Bangkok on Siam Square

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Annotated Agenda For Contributors & Participants

Day 1: Tuesday, 7 October 2025

Start Time	End Time	Duration (mins)	Session	Speaker	Notes
Opening Session (MC: Ms. Makiko Yashiro, UNEP)					
08:00	08:30	30	Registration		
08:30	08:35	5	Welcoming Remarks by Government of Thailand	Ms. Benchamaporn Wattanatongchai, Director of Biodiversity National Focal Point Section, Biodiversity Management Division (BMD), Office of Natural Resource and Environmental Policy and	Welcome participants; acknowledge donors and co-organizers

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				Planning (ONEP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Thailand	
08:35	08:40	5	Welcoming Remarks by China Trust Fund	Ms. Gu Li, Director Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China (online)	
08:40	08:45	5	Welcoming Remarks	Ms. Dechen Tsering, Regional Director and Representative for Asia and the Pacific, UNEP (on-behalf of FAO, UNDP, UNEP)	
08:45	08:50	5	Welcoming Remarks by CBD Secretariat	Ms. Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary, CBD	
08:50	08:55	5	Welcoming Remarks by SPREP	Mr. Sefanaia Nawadra, Director General, SPREP	
08:55	09:05	10	Photo session	MC	
Introduction					
09:05	09:20	15	Introduction & Workshop Objectives	Moderator	Set tone and expectations; clarify objectives and desired outcomes.
An overview of the status of NBSAP revision and implementation in the Asia-Pacific region (Moderator: Mr. Sean Less - UNDP)					
09:20	09:25	5	Introduction to this session	Moderator	Introduce panelists and key items for takeaway
09:25	09:35	10	Presentation: Global/regional review	Mr. Lijie Cai, Programme Officer, CBD Secretariat	Share key highlights of the status of national targets and updated NBSAPs and relevant reviews conducted by CBD

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					Secretariat, including preparations for the global review to be undertaken at COP 17
09:35	09:45	10	Presentation: Preliminary findings from UNEP's rapid assessment of the KMGBF implementation	Ms. Min Sun Kim, Programme Management Officer, UNEP	- Rapid assessment review on the NBSAP GBF revision and implementation conducted under the UNEP China Trust Fund project, GEF Early Action Support, GEF-8 Programme. - Findings from COBSEA's analysis on integrating marine and coastal-related elements into KMGBF
09:45	09:55	10	Presentation: Asia-Pacific experience in implementing KMGBF - status and remaining challenges	Mr. Dindo Campilan, Regional Director of IUCN Asia	Current status of member states' efforts in implementing the GBF including what has worked well and what challenges remain based on IUCN's engagement
09:55	10:15	20	Discussion and Q&A	Moderator	
10:15	10:30	15	Coffee Break	-	Networking opportunity
10:30	11:30	60	Breakout group: Subregional Sharing	Facilitators: - South Asia: SACEP & UNEP - East Asia and Southeast Asia: ACB & CBD Secretariat - Pacific: SPREP & UNDP	Countries share the status of their revision/implementation of NBSAPs Key questions: - Overall status of revision and implementation of NBSAPs in each country; - Key achievements and good practices; - Key challenges faced in the revision

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					and implementation of NBSAPs and priority needs.
11:30	12:30	60	Reporting back & Q&A	Moderator	10 min for each subregional 20 min Q&A
12:30	13:30	60	Lunch	-	
Promoting a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach in implementing the KMGBF (First Session) (Moderator: Ms. Li Jia, FAO)					
THEMATIC NEXUS = BIODIVERSITY AND AGRI-FOOD SYSTEM (45min)					
13:30	13:40	10	Overview presentation	Ms. Li Jia, FAO	Joint presentation to be prepared by partners and coordinated by FAO, capturing these publications such as: - The synergies between food system transformation and biodiversity conservation - Outcomes United Nations Food Systems Summit Stocktake (UNFSS+4)
13:40	14:15	35	Panel discussion and Q&A Moderated by Mr. Sridhar Dharmapuri, FAO	- Ms. Rathana Peou Norbert-Munns, UN Food Systems Coordination Hub - Mr. Ifan Martino, Bappenas Indonesia - Mr. Sonam Gyeltshen, Bhutan	Topic: Q&A session includes panel reflection featuring insights from UN agencies and country representatives, focusing on opportunities for collaboration and joint action.

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				- Mr. Asaeli Naika, Fiji National University - Mr. Tashi Dorji, UNDP	
THEMATIC NEXUS = BIODIVERSITY AND HEALTH (45min)					
14:15	14:25	10	Overview presentation	Ms. Lesa Thompson, Deputy Regional Representative WOA	Joint presentation to be prepared by partners and coordinated by WOA, capturing these topics such as: - operationalising One Health in Asia-Pacific through wildlife health surveillance, zoonoses prevention, & AMR mitigation (WOA) - inter-linkages between GBF/NBSAP/OH JPA (FAO)
14:25	15:00	35	Panel discussion and Q&A Moderated by Ms. Charlotte Hicks (UNEP-WCMC)	- Mr. Serge Morand, Research Director, CNRS - Mr. Soukvilay Vilavong, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Lao PDR - Prof. Nitish Debnath, One Health Bangladesh - Ms. Elizabeth Willetts, Expert in Biodiversity and Health/Planetary Health Governance	Topic: - For giving an overview of One Health process - Their NBSAP process and the linkages with health Q&A session includes panel reflection featuring insights from UN agencies and country representatives, focusing on opportunities for collaboration and joint action
THEMATIC NEXUS = BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE (45min)					
15:00	15:10	10	Overview presentation	Mr. Muyeye Chambwera, UNDP	Joint presentation to be prepared by partners and coordinated by UNDP with inputs from UNFCCC, capturing these topics such as:

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					- Convergence of KMGBF Target 2 monitoring and forests monitoring under climate frameworks (FAO) - NbS
15:10	15:45	35	Panel discussion and Q&A Moderated by Mr. Jay Malette (UNDP)	• Mr. Joe Aitaro, Deputy National Climate Change Coordinator Palau (TBC) • Dr. Paula Harrison, Co-chair, IPBES Nexus Assessment (online) • Ms. Angkana Chalermpong, Project Director CCMB, GIZ • Ms. Sarala Khaling, Head of Resilient Economies and Landscapes ICIMOD (online)	Topic: To provide a good overview of how biodiversity and climate are interrelated to each other, and how the nexus could be strengthened through policy level coherence, integrated governance structure, and interventions that can address biodiversity and climate-related priorities in a coordinated manner. Q&A session includes panel reflection featuring insights from UN agencies and country representatives, focusing on opportunities for collaboration and joint action
15:45	16:00	15	Coffee Break		
16:00	17:30	90	World Café Format: Country Sharing in each nexus	Table A: Biodiversity and Agri-Food System Table B: Biodiversity and Health Table C: Biodiversity and Climate	To further understand country experiences, key successes, challenges and remaining needs (30 min each table)
17:30	17:35	5	Closing Day 1		Housekeeping announcement

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17:35	18:30	55	Free time		
18:30	20:00	90	Welcome Reception	Short remarks by Ms. Marieta Sakalian, Global Coordinator for Nature Subprogramme, UNEP	Informal networking opportunity

Day 2: Wednesday, 8 October 2025

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Promoting a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach in implementing the KMGBF (Second Session) (Moderator: Mr. Lijie Cai, CBD Secretariat)					
08:00	08:30	30	Registration		
08:30	08:45	15	Day 1 recap		- Key outcomes & messages from Day 1
08:45	09:30	45	Reporting back & Q&A		

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09:30	10:15	45	Panel: Stakeholder Experience Sharing Moderated by Mr. Sean Lees (UNDP)	● IPLC: Mr. Songphonsak Ratanawilailak, PASD ● Women: Ms. Meenal Ulhas Tatpati, Women4Biodiversity ● Youth: Ms. Camari Divuniwaqa, GYBN Pacific Chapter ● Private Sector: Ms. Pallavi Kalita, Business for Nature ● Academia: Mr. Serge Morand, CNRS ● Financial institution: ADB (TBC)	Include Q&A - How are you involved in the implementation of KMGBF & NBSAP - Highlight what works well and what does not (key lessons learned) - What has been working well? what should we be doing more of? - What has not been working well? What should we stop doing or do less of?
Promoting synergies between MEAs for the successful implementation of the KMGBF (session one) (Moderator: Ms. Marieta Sakalian, UNEP & Mr. Balakrishna Pisupati, UNEP)					
10:15	10:25	10	Presentation: An overview of synergies and cooperation between MEAs, including developments at the global level (UNEAs, MEA processes, Bern Process, UNFSS+4, etc.)	Mr. Kazuhiko Seriu, UNEP Law Division	UNEP Law Division: broad overview; UNEP-WCMC: findings of the global case study and convention assessment.
10:25	10:40	15	Presentation: Analysis on nature-climate nexus and policy coherence	Mr. Niko Urho, Consultant, UNEP Law Division	
10:40	10:50	10	Discussion and Q&A		
10:50	11:00	10	Coffee break		

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11:00	11:10	10	Presentation: Climate-Food-Health nexus	Ms. Yi-Ann Chen, ESCAP	Building resilience through the climate–food–health nexus : policy pathways for integrated action in Asia and the Pacific
11:10	11:20	10	Presentation: Food Forward NDC-NBSAP tools	Mr. Robert Cole, Food and Sustainable Agriculture Lead WWF	The Food Forward NDC-NBSAP tools
11:20	11:30	10	Presentation: AP regional perspectives on marine and coastal	Mr. Manuel Castillo, ESCAP	Overview of Asia Pacific regional perspective on marine & coastal ecosystems integration into NBSAP in achieving KMGBF and regional biodiversity outcomes
11:30	11:50	20	Q&A for previous 3 presentations		
11:50	13:00	70	Lunch		

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13:00	14:45	105	Panel: Representatives of MEA secretariats	• Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary, ITPGRFA (online) • Mr. Jacopo Pasquero, Associate Programme Management Officer CBD Secretariat • Mr. Luca Birigazzi, Programme Officer, UNFCCC • Ms. Munazza Jaleel Naqvi, Programme Officer, UNCCD (online) • Ms. Haruko Okusu, Chief of Governing Bodies Unit CITES • Dr. Yoo Beom-Sik, Senior Advisor, Ramsar (online) • Ms. Margarita Victoria Caballa, Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Lead COBSEA • Ms. Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary, Minamata Convention (online)	Perspectives on synergies for the successful implementation of the KMGBF, with examples of governing body decisions and guidance to Parties on synergies
Promoting synergies between MEAs for the successful implementation of the KMGBF (session two) (Moderator: SPREP team)					

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14:45	15:00	15	Coffee Break		
15:00	16:00	60	Breakout group: Map out remaining challenges and needs	Facilitators: - South Asia: ICIMOD & SACEP - East Asia & Southeast Asia: ACB & NIES - Pacific: SPREP & UNDP	Groups visually map out problems and solutions per country. Key questions: 1) What is the level of cooperation between MEA focal points in the context of KMGBF, have national focal points of MEAs (beyond CBD) engaged actively in the KMGBF and NBSAP implementation process so far? 2) What has worked in terms of synergies in relation to planning processes, coordination mechanisms, policy coherence, financing and resource mobilization, monitoring and reporting, capacity building, etc? 3) What are the remaining challenges and needs to strengthen a synergistic approach? 4) Any recommendations and suggestions for enhanced synergies at global, regional and national levels?
16:00	17:00	60	Reporting back & Q&A	Moderator	10 min for each subregional group
17:00	17:10	10	Closing		Housekeeping announcement

Day 3: Thursday, 9 October 2025

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Identifying regional needs and opportunities for scaling-up integrated and synergistic KMGBF implementation (Co-moderators: FAO, UNDP, UNEP)					
08:00	08:30	30	Registration		
08:30	08:40	10	Day 2 recap	FAO	
08:40	09:25	45	Panel: Key initiatives on KMGBF implementation support for countries (Moderator: Ms. Amanda Wheatly, SPREP)	• GEF Early Action Support, GEF-8 Programme, KBF (Ms. Minsun Kim, UNEP) • GBFF, GEF-9 (Mr. Tashi Dorji, UNDP) • NBSAP Accelerator Partnership (Ms. Devonne Goad, UNDP) • N4H (Ms. Minseon Kim, UNEP) (online) • FAO Agri-NBSAPs initiative; Biodiversity Knowledge Hub (TBC) • High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People (TBC)	Existing support available to countries in promoting an integrated and synergistic implementation of MEAs and the KM-GBF
09:25	10:10	45	Panel: Existing supports for countries Moderated by Ms. Han Meng (UNEP-WCMC)	TSCs and other regional partners: • Mr. Qi Shanze, Research Assistant NIES • Ms. Amanda Wheatley, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Adviser SPREP	Existing support available to countries in promoting an integrated and synergistic implementation of MEAs and the KM-GBF, including how to respond to the identified needs from previous discussion

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				- Mr. Oliver Agoncillo, Director for Mainstreaming Biodiversity ACB - Mr. Jake Brunner, Head, Mekong Programme IUCN Asia - Ms. Kunzang, Lead, Global ICIMOD - Mr. W.K. Rathnadeera, Senior Programme Officer, SACEP	
10:10	11:10	60	Breakout group: Identify actions for scale up KMGBF implementation, including needs of regional supports	Facilitators: - South Asia: ICIMOD & SACEP & UNEP - East Asia & Southeast Asia: ACB & NIES - Pacific: SPREP & UNDP	Reflect on common regional messages or recommendations that could inform broader global dialogues, including upcoming biodiversity-related meetings, based on each discussion aspect: - Policy & governance - Data & knowledge management - Financing - Capacity building - Partnership - Monitoring and reporting
11:10	11:25	15	Coffee break		
11:25	12:25	60	Reporting back and plenary discussion: - Common message - Explore regional collaboration opportunities	Moderator	Groups will present their findings and potential regional messages emerging from the group work.

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12:25	12:30	5	Summary and closing	Moderator	A summary and key highlights, including regional priorities, shared experiences, and emerging messages relevant to global biodiversity discussions.
12:30	13:30	60	Lunch		
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