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**Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on Biological Diversity
Seventeenth meeting**
Yerevan, 19–30 October 2026
Items 11, 18 (a), 18 (f) and 20 of the provisional agenda*
Digital sequence information on genetic resources
Biodiversity and climate change
Biodiversity and health
**Multi-year programme of work of the Conference
of the Parties**

Early submission of statements for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Note by the Secretariat

1. In paragraph 3 of decisions [16/25](#), [CP-11/5](#) and [NP-5/10](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, respectively, requested the Executive Secretary of the Convention, together with the Bureaux, to continue to explore and make use of, as appropriate, relevant ways and means to facilitate early preparations for meetings, such as the early submission of statements.
2. At its meeting held on 14 September 2026, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, building upon the experience at previous meetings of subsidiary bodies, agreed to implement modalities for the early submission of statements, on a voluntary and informal basis, for agenda items 11, 18 (a), 18 (f) and 20 of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.
3. Parties and observers registered for the meeting were therefore invited, through notification No. 2026-072, to submit written statements on the agenda items listed above, on a voluntary and informal basis, through a designated online portal or by email, by 8 p.m. Yerevan time (UTC +4) on 18 October 2026.
4. In response, 69 written statements from Parties and 66 written statements from observers were received by the deadline in relation to agenda items 11, 18 (a), 18 (f) and 20 of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. The list of submitters for each of those agenda items is provided in the respective annexes to the present document, while the submitted statements are available at www.cbd.int/meetings/COP-17.

* [CBD/COP/17/1/Rev.1](#).

Annex I

Parties and observers that submitted statements under agenda item 11 (Digital sequence information on genetic resources)

Parties

1. Antigua and Barbuda
2. Australia
3. Bangladesh
4. Brazil
5. Canada
6. Côte d'Ivoire
7. Costa Rica
8. European Union
9. Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States)
10. Guatemala
11. Indonesia
12. Japan
13. Jordan
14. Madagascar
15. Maldives
16. Morocco
17. Norway
18. Republic of Korea
19. Senegal
20. Switzerland
21. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
22. Viet Nam

Observers

1. African Wildlife Foundation
2. CGIAR
3. Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea
4. Eco Maxei Querétaro AC (on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus)
5. Federal University of Juiz de Fora
6. Japan Bioindustry Association
7. International Chamber of Commerce

8. International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity
9. International Livestock Research Institute
10. Leibniz-Institute DSMZ (German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures)
11. Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
12. United Nations Development Programme
13. United Nations Environment Programme
14. WWF International

Annex II

Parties and observers that submitted statements under agenda item 18 (a) (Biodiversity and climate change)

Parties

1. Australia
2. Bangladesh
3. Brazil
4. Canada
5. China
6. Cuba
7. Côte d'Ivoire
8. European Union
9. Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States)
10. Guatemala
11. Iceland
12. Japan
13. Jordan
14. Madagascar
15. Maldives
16. Morocco
17. Nepal
18. New Zealand
19. Norway
20. Republic of Korea
21. Senegal
22. Suriname
23. Switzerland
24. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Observers

1. African Wildlife Foundation
2. Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
3. CGIAR
4. Conservation Biology Institute
5. Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

6. Eco Maxei Querétaro AC (on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus)
7. Exploring Womanhood Foundation
8. Fungi Foundation
9. Genomic Biodiversity Knowledge for Resilient Ecosystems - G-BIKE
10. FAR (on behalf of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network)
11. Greenpeace International
12. ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
13. Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research
14. International Chamber of Commerce
15. International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity
16. International Livestock Research Institute
17. International Union for Conservation of Nature
18. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
19. Plant Technology Alliance Limited
20. ProVeg International Inc.
21. Rainforest Action Network
22. Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
23. Society for Conservation Biology
24. Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs
25. Stockholm Resilience Centre
26. The Nature Conservancy
27. United Nations Development Programme
28. Wild Legacy CIC

Annex III

Parties and observers that submitted statements under agenda item 18 (f) (Biodiversity and health)

Parties

1. Bangladesh
2. Brazil
3. Cuba
4. Côte d'Ivoire
5. European Union
6. Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States)
7. Guatemala
8. Japan
9. Madagascar
10. Morocco
11. Norway
12. Senegal
13. Switzerland
14. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Observers

1. African Wildlife Foundation
2. Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT
3. Born Free Foundation
4. COHAB Initiative Secretariat
5. Eco Maxei Querétaro AC (on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus)
6. FAR (on behalf of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network)
7. ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
8. International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity
9. International Livestock Research Institute
10. International Student One Health Alliance
11. International Union for Conservation of Nature
12. WWF International

Annex IV

Parties and observers that submitted statements under agenda item 20 (Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties)

Parties

1. Canada
2. Cuba
3. Côte d'Ivoire
4. Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States)
5. Iceland
6. Japan
7. Morocco
8. Republic of Korea
9. Switzerland

Observers

1. Conservation Biology Institute
 2. Friends of the Earth International
 3. Green Armenia Environmental Educational NGO
 4. Heinrich Böll Foundation (on behalf of CBD Alliance)
 5. International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology
 6. International Livestock Research Institute
 7. Kotayk Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 8. Pastoralist Goals Foundation
 9. Rainforest Action Network
 10. UK Business & Biodiversity Forum
 11. United Nations Children's Fund
 12. Wild Legacy CIC
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