

THEMATIC CONSULTATION ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY FOR THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

CONCEPT NOTE*

Introduction

1. A thematic consultation on the sustainable use of biological diversity for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework was scheduled to be held in Bern from 30 March to 1 April 2020.¹ This meeting was organized in response to decision 14/34 of the Conference of the Parties and to a request made by the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at its first meeting.

2. In the light of the current coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) has been taking measures, as necessary and in line with United Nations and local medical advice, to minimize the risk to all participants, staff and the general population. As a result, the thematic Workshop on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework was cancelled.²

Alternative arrangements

3. As an alternative to a face-to-face meeting, a series of webinars, a survey and an online forum will be organized to ensure that further views on elements related to the sustainable use of biodiversity for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework are elicited in-depth. These online activities planned under the supervision of the co-leads will be supported by a number of documents prepared by the Secretariat and the webinars and online forum will be open for those registered to participate in these activities (<https://bit.ly/3fd6x5T>). A compilation of responses to the survey will be made available on the CBD website dedicated to the preparations for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (<https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020>).

4. All discussions will cover the draft monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework prepared for peer review and in preparation for the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice in response to the request from the Open-ended Working Group at its second meeting. The following targets were identified as some of the targets broadly relevant to the sustainable use of biological diversity: targets 4, 8, 9, 13 and 15. The post-2020 global biodiversity framework aims to address all three objectives of the Convention, and these targets have been selected to provide further insight and strengthen those elements related to the sustainable use of biodiversity in the framework.

5. The following table describes the proposed activities and approach for the consultation:

* Reissued on 21 July 2020 for technical reasons.

¹ The meeting had generous financial support from the Government of Norway and was planned to be hosted by the Government of Switzerland. The concept note can be found in the following link: <https://bit.ly/3dBnIO0>.

² See notification [2020-029](#).

Proposed activity	Approach	Timeline
Background documentation	<p>The Secretariat will prepare the following background documents that will be the focus for the survey and webinars:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A summary of comments from notification 2019-08, from outcomes of the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and from discussions held at thematic workshops previously convened by the Secretariat,³ relating to updated targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework that relate to the sustainable use of biological diversity.⁴ 2. A summary of suggestions and comments from notification 2019-08 relating to indicators of the updated monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework related to sustainable use of biological diversity. 3. Document on customary sustainable use: summary of key activities and decisions under the Convention. <p>Participants will also be invited to use the following documents that have been prepared for the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, under agenda item 3, which were released for peer-review process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (open for peer-review). 2. Linkages between the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and (open for peer-review). 3. Indicators for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (open for peer review). <p>All documentation will be available at: https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020/POST2020-WS-2020-04/documents</p>	Documents will be made available online on the week of 20 July.
First webinar – to present process of the virtual consultation on sustainable use of biological diversity	<p>The Secretariat will organize an opening webinar to explain the organization of the consultation process, the structure of the documents, the online survey and how these results will be used.</p> <p>The following structure is proposed for the first webinar:⁵</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening and introduction by Co-Leads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This presentation will provide context and will include a description of the process for the online consultation. - The presentation will also describe the structure of the survey, how the outcomes of the survey will be used, and will include a brief description of the background 	The first webinar will be organized on 27 July.

³ A number of thematic workshops and consultations for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework were held. The reports of the following consultations were analysed: ecosystem restoration; marine and coastal biodiversity, and area-based conservation measures. All reports can be found at: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020>.

⁴ All documents prepared consider targets 4, 8, 9, 13 and 15 of the [draft monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#), as those related to the sustainable use of biological diversity.

⁵ The structure of the webinar may vary and will be communicated in due course.

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	<p>documents.</p> <p>2. Presentations by invited experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The presentations will include themes such as the concept of sustainable use in the context of the global biodiversity framework, sustainable use in relation to agriculture, fisheries and forestry, sustainable wildlife use, customary sustainable use and progress on the IPBES assessment on sustainable use. <p>3. Presentation by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Co-Chairs will provide an overview of progress in the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and on the targets related to sustainable use. <p>4. Q&A session (moderated by Co-Leads)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification and any other questions regarding the process. <p>5. Wrap up by Co-Leads</p>	
Online survey	<p>An online survey focused on the six updated targets regarding sustainable use will be developed. The survey will aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Provide in-depth review of the components and monitoring elements of the revised targets; (b) Identify gaps or missing elements regarding the components, monitoring elements and indicators of the revised targets; (c) Identify available baseline information regarding indicators. <p>Other questions related to cross-cutting issues, such as customary sustainable use and gender, will also be included.</p> <p>The survey will be available for a period of three weeks. The results of the survey will be analysed, under the supervision of the Co-Leads, and a summary of the results will be made available prior to the online forum.</p>	The survey will be available from 27 July – 17 August.
Online moderated Forum	<p>An online forum will be organized to allow for further discussion and consultations. The forum will be open for a minimum of 5 days and will have guiding questions based on the preliminary results of the survey to facilitate the discussion. The Co-Leads will facilitate the discussions of the forum.</p>	The forum will be open from 7 – 11 September
Concluding webinar – to present the results of the survey and the online forum (in two different time zones)	<p>The Secretariat will organize two webinars to accommodate different time zones, to present and discuss the preliminary outcomes of the survey and online forum.</p> <p>The following structure is proposed for the webinars:⁵</p> <p>1. Introduction by Co-Leads</p> <p>This will provide context on the process.</p> <p>2. Presentation by Co-Leads</p> <p>This will describe the results of the survey, details on demographics of respondents, etc.</p> <p>3. Discussion</p> <p>Q&A session</p>	The webinars will be organized on 6 and 8 October

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	4. Comments by Co-Chairs of the Working Group 5. Wrap up by Co-Leads Summary and next steps.	
Final report	The Secretariat will compile the results of the survey and discussion sessions from the webinars and online forum and present it in an information note for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-fourth meeting.	The final report will be published before SBSTTA-24.