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Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity 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
Sixth meeting
Yerevan, 19–30 October 2026
Agenda item 17
Adoption of the report

Draft report of the meeting

Introduction

A. Background

1. The sixth meeting of 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 was held in Yerevan from 19 to 30 October 2026, concurrently with the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

2. The sixth meeting was preceded by a ceremonial opening, on 18 October 2026, consisting of a cultural presentation and statements[1] by the Prime Minister of Armenia, Nikol Pashinyan; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Ararat Mirzoyan; the Executive Secretary of the Convention, Astrid Schomaker; the Vice-Minister for Environmental Land-Use Planning of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, David Felipe Olarte Amaya, on behalf of the President of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and the Minister of Environment of Armenia, Hambardzum Matevosyan.

B. Attendance

3. The meeting was attended by [*to be completed*] Parties and [*to be completed*] non-Parties.

Item 1
Opening of the meeting

4. The 1st plenary session was held jointly with those of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, on 19 October 2026.

5. The President of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, Nneka Nicholas, declared the sixth meeting of the Conference of

[1] Statements made during the meeting and submitted in writing by participants are available at www.cbd.int/meetings/NP-MOP-06.

the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol open at 10.30 a.m. In her remarks, she said that the Parties had demonstrated the effectiveness of multilateral cooperation by stepping up implementation of the Protocol, improving the evidence base and gaining a clearer picture of the ways in which the Protocol was functioning in practice. Monetary and non-monetary benefits were being shared, including through technology transfer, scientific cooperation and capacity-building. At the same time, there remained a need for adequate and predictable financial resources and strengthened implementation support.

6. The sixth meeting was, accordingly, a pivotal moment for the Protocol: more than ever before, discussions would be guided by experience and evidence. The focus was not merely on current implementation but also on the future of the Protocol, and the Parties must harness their collective resources and ensure that the Protocol continued to make a meaningful contribution to biodiversity conservation, sustainable use and equitable development. More broadly, whereas the Protocol remained an important legal framework, it should increasingly be seen as an instrument for innovation, partnership, sustainable development and inclusive prosperity. She encouraged the Parties to work in a spirit of openness, compromise and shared purpose.

7. Opening remarks were also delivered by the Minister of Environment of Armenia, Hambardzum Matevosyan, and the Executive Secretary of the Convention, Astrid Schomaker.[2]

8. The Minister of Ecology and Environment of China and President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, Huang Runqiu, provided a briefing on the outcome of the Kunming dialogue on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework held a few weeks earlier.[3]

9. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean small island developing States represented at the meetings), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and its member States), Jamaica (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Jordan (on behalf of the Asia-Pacific States), Norway (also on behalf of Australia, Canada, Iceland, Monaco, New Zealand, Switzerland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Philippines (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Saudi Arabia (on behalf of the League of Arab States), Senegal (on behalf of the African States) and South Africa (on behalf of the Group of Like-minded Megadiverse Countries).

10. Statements were also made by representatives of Business for Nature, the CBD Alliance, the CBD Women's Caucus, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (also on behalf of Regions4) and the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity.

Item 2
Organization of work

11. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol considered agenda item 2 at its 1st plenary session. It had before it the provisional agenda for the meeting,[4] the annotated provisional agenda[5] and a scenario note.[6]

Election of the President

12. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article 26 of the Nagoya Protocol, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention also serves as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. Accordingly, the Minister of Environment of Armenia, who had been elected President of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the

[2] See CBD/COP/17/xx, paras. [xx-yy], for a summary of the opening remarks.
[3] CBD/IMP/OM/2026/1/8.
[4] CBD/NP/MOP/6/1.
[5] CBD/NP/MOP/6/1/Add.1.
[6] CBD/NP/MOP/6/1/Add.2/Rev.1.

Convention, also served as the President of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

Election of officers

13. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, which apply mutatis mutandis under the Nagoya Protocol, 10 vice-presidents had been elected by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting to serve until the closure of the seventeenth meeting. Subsequently, two of the representatives had been replaced by the Parties concerned. In addition, at its fifth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol had elected substitute Bureau members for regions where the Bureau member represented a Party to the Convention that was not a Party to the Protocol. The current Bureau for the sixth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol thus comprised the following members, in addition to the President:

Joséphine Thérèse Babette Beyala Epse Eloundou (Cameroon)
Jonas Komi Anthé (Togo)
Bilal Qtishat (Jordan)
Kumar Mambetaliev (Kyrgyzstan)
Ilham Atho Mohamed (Maldives)
Ditta Greguss (Hungary)
Eliana Saissac (Argentina)
Jeremiah Edmund (Saint Lucia)
Eric Schauls (Luxembourg)
Gaute Hanssen (Norway)

14. It was agreed that Ms. Eloundou would act as Rapporteur for the meeting, as proposed by the Bureau.

15. At its 4th plenary session, on 28 October, in accordance with rule 21 of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention elected the following representatives to serve as members of its Bureau for a term of office commencing upon the closure of its seventeenth meeting, and hence as the Bureau for the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol upon the closure of its sixth meeting:

Ossama Abdelkawy (Egypt)

Malepo Phoshoko (South Africa)

Inge Retnowati (Indonesia)

Mitateti Mote (Kiribati)

Adla Kahrić (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Ditta Greguss (Hungary)

Nneka Nicholas (Antigua and Barbuda)

Patrick Luna (Brazil)

Charlotta Sörqvist (Sweden)

Holly Kelley-Weil (United Kingdom)

16. At its 4th plenary session, on 28 October, in accordance with Article 26, paragraph 3, of the Protocol, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol elected Kumar Mambetaliev (Kyrgyzstan) as a member of the Bureau for the Nagoya Protocol, substituting for Adla Kahrić (Bosnia and Herzegovina), as Bosnia and Herzegovina was not party to the Protocol.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

17. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol adopted the following agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Report on the credentials of representatives to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
4. Reports of subsidiary bodies.
5. Report of the Compliance Committee.
6. Administration of the Nagoya Protocol and budget for the trust funds.
7. Monitoring and reporting.
8. Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol.
9. Enhancing the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol:
    (a) Capacity-building and development and awareness-raising;
    (b) Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information-sharing;
    (c) The Protocol in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
10. Financial mechanism and resources.
11. Specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol.
12. Global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism.
13. Cooperation with international organizations, bodies established under other conventions, and initiatives.
14. Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols.
15. Digital sequence information on genetic resources.
16. Other matters.
17. Adoption of the report.
18. Closure of the meeting.

Organization of work

18. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol agreed to organize its work as set out in annex III to the scenario note and to establish two working groups. Working Group I would be chaired by Gaute Hanssen (Norway) and Working Group II by Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (Mexico).

Work of sessional working groups

19. [to be completed]

First stocktake session

20. The 3rd plenary session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, held on 23 October, served in part as a stocktake session held jointly with

the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol. During the stocktake session, the Chairs of Working Group I, Working Group II and the contact group on budgetary matters reported on the progress made to date.

21. [to be completed]

Second stocktake session

22. The 4th plenary session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol served in part as a stocktake session held jointly with the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

23. The session began with a minute of silence to mark the passing of Martha Kandawa-Schulz (Namibia) on 23 October in Yerevan.

24. Following a cultural presentation by a group of young biodiversity ambassadors from South Africa, representatives heard a report from the President on the outcomes of the high-level segment, as well as reports by the Chairs of Working Group I, Working Group II and the contact group on budgetary matters on the progress made to date.

Item 3
Report on the credentials of representatives to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol

25. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol considered agenda item 3 at its 1st plenary session. An information document on the admission of qualified bodies and agencies to the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Protocols[7] had been issued in relation to item 3.

26. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol noted that, in accordance with the relevant rules of its rules of procedure, the Bureau had reviewed the list of observers admitted to the meeting and would examine the credentials of delegations and report thereon at a later session. It also noted that the Bureau had designated Ilham Atho Mohamed (Maldives) as its representative for the review of credentials.

27. At the 3rd plenary session Ms. Mohamed reported that 133 Parties to the Protocol were registered as attending the meeting. Representatives of 87 registered Parties had submitted credentials in full compliance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, while representatives of 26 registered Parties had submitted credentials that were not fully compliant. Representatives of 20 registered Parties had not yet submitted credentials.

28. At the 4th plenary session, Ms. Mohamed reported that 136 Parties to the Protocol were registered as attending the meeting. Representatives of 96 registered Parties had submitted credentials in full compliance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure, while representatives of 23 registered Parties had submitted credentials that were not fully compliant. Representatives of 17 registered Parties had not yet submitted credentials.

29. [to be completed]

Item 4
Reports of subsidiary bodies

30. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol considered agenda item 4 at its 1st plenary session. It had before it the following reports on

[7] CBD/NP/MOP/6/INF/6.

intersessional work undertaken by various bodies since its fifth meeting: the report of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on its first meeting[8] and the reports of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on its sixth and seventh meetings.[9]

31. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol heard oral reports from the Rapporteur of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and a representative of the Co-Chairs of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.

32. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol took note of the information provided and agreed to consider the recommendations of the subsidiary bodies in the working groups, under the relevant agenda items.

Item 5
Report of the Compliance Committee

33. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol considered agenda item 5 at its 2nd plenary session, on 19 October. It had before it a draft decision[10] and the report of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol on the work of its fifth meeting.[11]

34. The Chair of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol presented the report of the Compliance Committee on the work of its fifth meeting.

35. In accordance with the organization of work, substantive matters arising from the report were referred to Working Group I for consideration.

36. [placeholder]

37. At its 3rd plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol considered draft decision CBD/NP/MOP/6/L.2, submitted by the Chair of Working Group I, and adopted it as decision NP-6/x.

38. At its 4th plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol elected the following members of the Compliance Committee for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2027:

Aurélie Taylor Patience Dingom (Cameroon)

Tianbao Qin (China)

Mani Prasad Nirola (Bhutan) (as alternate)

Eliška Rolfová (Czechia)

Gabrielle Sullivan (Bahamas)

Henry Philippe Ibáñez de Novion (Brazil) (as alternate)

Thomas Greiber (Germany)

[8] CBD/SB8J/1/8.
[9] CBD/SBI/6/11 and CBD/SBI/7/16, respectively.
[10] CBD/NP/MOP/6/2, item 5.
[11] CBD/NP/MOP/6/3.

Item 6
Administration of the Nagoya Protocol and budget for the trust funds

39. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol considered agenda item 6 at its 2nd plenary session. It had before it a draft decision[12] and notes by the Secretariat on the administration of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2025–2026,[13] the proposed budget for the programmes of work of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2027–2028,[14] the requirements for the trust fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities [15] and additional information on administrative and budgetary matters.[16] An information document on the participation of eligible Parties and the composition of funded delegations[17] had also been issued in relation to item 6.

40. The Executive Secretary reported on the activities of the Secretariat and presented the proposed budget for the programmes of work of the Convention and its Protocols for the biennium 2027–2028.

41. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention, also serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols, established a contact group on budgetary matters, chaired by Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica), with the mandate to consider the proposed budget for the biennium 2027–2028 in detail.

42. [to be completed]

Item 7
Monitoring and reporting

43. [to be completed from the Working Group I report]

44. At its 3rd plenary session, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol considered draft decision CBD/NP/MOP/6/L.3, submitted by the Chair of Working Group I, and adopted it as decision NP-6/x.

Item 8
Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol

45. [to be completed from the Working Group I report]

Item 9
Enhancing the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

(a) Capacity-building and development and awareness-raising

46. [to be completed from the Working Group I report]

(b) Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and information-sharing

47. [to be completed from the Working Group I report]

(c) The Protocol in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

48. [to be completed from the Working Group I report]

[12] CBD/NP/MOP/6/2, item 6.
[13] CBD/NP/MOP/6/4.
[14] CBD/NP/MOP/6/5.
[15] CBD/NP/MOP/6/5/Add.1
[16] CBD/NP/MOP/6/5/Add.2.
[17] CBD/NP/MOP/6/INF/5.

Item 10
Financial mechanism and resources

49. [to be completed from the Working Group I report]

Item 11
Specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol

50. [to be completed from the Working Group I report]

Item 12
Global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism

51. [to be completed from the Working Group I report]

Item 13
Cooperation with international organizations, bodies established under other conventions, and initiatives

52. [to be completed from the Working Group I report]

Item 14
Review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols

53. [to be completed from the Working Group I report]

Item 15
Digital sequence information on genetic resources

54. [to be completed from the Working Group I report]

Item 16
Other matters

55. [to be completed].

Item 17
Adoption of the report

56. [to be completed]

Item 18
Closure of the meeting

57. [to be completed]