

**FOURTH MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE POST-2020  
GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK  
Nairobi, 21-26 June 2022**

**Information sessions**

In an effort to support Parties and stakeholders in their discussions and negotiations during the fourth meeting of the Working Group (WG2020-4), a series of information sessions is being organized by key technical experts with support from the Secretariat on matters related to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The sessions will be held in-person in Nairobi and broadcasted live online. The link to the live broadcast will be made available in the WG2020-4 meeting schedule on the CBD website.

**Timing and key experts**

**Session 1: Monitoring Framework Information Session**

**Tuesday, 21 June, 1.30 – 2.30 p.m. EAT**

A monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is being developed. This information session will provide information on the current status of the monitoring framework, the planned work leading up to COP-15, links to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the discussions in WG2020-4.

**Speakers:** Mr. Hesiquio Benitez, SBSTTA-24 Chair; co-chairs of the contact group on SBSTTA-24 Item 3 (tbc); WG2020 Co-Chairs (tbc); CBD Secretariat staff

**Organizers:** SBSTTA-24 Chair, co-chairs of the contact group on SBSTTA-24 Item 3, WG2020 Co-Chairs, CBD Secretariat

**Additional information:**

- SBSTTA recommendation 24/2 – [Proposed monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#)
- CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/16 – [Indicators for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#)
- CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/29 – [Comments from the survey on headline indicators](#)
- CBD/SBSTTA/24/INF/38 – [Compilation of available metadata for the proposed headline indicators of the draft monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#)

**Session 2: Science briefs on targets, goals and monitoring in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework negotiations**

**Wednesday, 22 June, 1.30 – 2.30 p.m. EAT**

The bioDISCOVERY programme of Future Earth and the Secretariat of the Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO BON) have prepared a series of science briefs on targets 1, 3, 7, 8 and 10, as well as the monitoring framework of the global biodiversity framework and the ecosystem area and integrity objectives of the framework. The objective of this information session is to provide an overview of the objectives and content of all seven science briefs, to present in more detail the key messages from two briefs as examples of the type of information provided, and to discuss how they could help inform preparation of the global biodiversity framework in Nairobi and afterwards.

**Speakers:** David Obura, Future Earth: Earth Commission, bioDISCOVERY SC; Paul Leadley (Future Earth: bioDISCOVERY past chair; WG2020 Co-Chairs (tbc); CBD Secretariat (tbc).

**Organizers:** Future Earth, bioDISCOVERY, CBD Secretariat

**Additional information:**

- CBD/WG2020/4/INF/2/Rev.1 – [Science briefs on targets, goals and monitoring in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework negotiations](#)
- GEO BON science briefs (link to be added)

**Session 3: Outlook on GEF-8 Biodiversity Support**  
**Thursday, 23 June, 1.30 – 2.30 p.m. EAT**

GEF has recently concluded successful replenishment negotiations for the upcoming GEF-8 period (1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026). Twenty-nine countries jointly pledged \$5.3 billion towards programming support. The biodiversity focal area has an agreed allocation of \$1,890 million, representing 36 per cent of the total GEF-8 resource envelope. Biodiversity continues as the largest focal area of GEF, with a 46 per cent increase in the biodiversity support compared to the GEF-7 level.

This session provides an opportunity for Parties to learn about how GEF seeks to support efforts to conserve, sustainably use, and restore globally significant biodiversity in the GEF-8 period, through catalytic financing as well as planning and implementation support in a country-driven manner. A Q&A session with the GEF CEO and Chairperson will enable participants to directly exchange views and perspectives on a variety of topics, including how GEF stands ready to continue to engage in the CBD process and to support the implementation of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

**Speakers:** Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, GEF CEO and Chairperson; Gustavo Fonseca, GEF Director of Programs

**Organizer:** GEF Secretariat

**Additional information:**

- [GEF-8 Programming Directions](#)
- [GEF-8 Strategic Positioning Framework](#)
- GEF report to CBD COP 15 (link to be provided once submitted)

**Session 4: GEF-8 Biodiversity Strategy**  
**Friday, 24 June, 1.30 – 2.30 p.m. EAT**

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This session provides an opportunity for Parties to learn specific details about the GEF-8 biodiversity strategy, what has changed since GEF-7, and how the strategy will support resource mobilization from all sources, building on the Early Action Support grants that are being provided to countries as part of GEF-7.

**Speaker(s):** Mark Zimsky, Biodiversity Coordinator and Senior Biodiversity Specialist

**Organizer:** GEF Secretariat

**Additional information:**

- [GEF-8 Programming Directions](#)
- [GEF-8 Strategic Positioning Framework](#)
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**Session 5: Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People- moving from biodiversity commitments to implementation in the real economy**  
**Saturday, 25 June, 1.30 – 2.30 p.m. EAT**

The session anticipates a discussion among Parties, and non-State actors participating in the WG2020-4, to learn about the role of non-State actor commitments and how they are catalyzing change in individual operations, sector coalitions and across different networks. At the same time the session expects to identify sectors moving from commitment to implementation, offer clarity on voluntary progress tracking, and mark certainly from Parties that non-State actors are part of the solution to implement the post-2020 framework. The session in Nairobi will feed into a COP15 High-Level Action Agenda Day to provide inputs to structure the day, demonstrating sector readiness, long-term actions, and multi-partner backing.

**Speaker(s):** H.E Mr. Huang Runqiu, Minister of Ecology and Environment of China and Host of COP-15 (tbc); H.E Yasmin Fouad, Minister of Environment of Egypt and President of COP-14 (tbc); Mr. Basile van Havre and Mr. Francis Ogwal, Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (tbc); CBD Deputy Executive Secretary/Executive Secretary

**Facilitator:** Manuel Pulgar- Vidal, Global Leader, Climate and Energy, WWF International and member of the Friends of Action

**Organizer:** WG2020 Co-Chairs, COP-14 and COP-15 Presidencies, Friends of Action, CBD Secretariat

**Additional information:**

- CBD/SBI/3/INF/20 – [Actors other than national governments in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework – catalyzing ambition and action 2020-2030](#)
  - CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.6 – [Commitments from actors other than national governments in the context of an enhanced planning, monitoring, review and reporting mechanism](#)
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