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OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Third meeting

Venue and dates to be determined

# Annotated provisional agenda

1. The Conference of the Parties, at its fourteenth meeting, adopted the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (decision [14/34](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-34-en.pdf)) and established an open‑ended intersessional working group to support the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to support the process. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety stressed that biosafety should be reflected in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and set out steps towards the preparation of the biosafety component of the post-2020 framework (decision [CP-9/7](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cp-mop-09/cp-mop-09-dec-07-en.pdf)). The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol invited Parties to the Protocol to participate in the process for developing the post‑2020 global biodiversity framework (decision [NP-3/15](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/np-mop-03/np-mop-03-dec-15-en.pdf)). Other decisions of the Conference of the Parties contain elements relevant to the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.[[1]](#footnote-2)
2. The Conference of the Parties designated Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada) to serve as Co-Chairs of the Working Group.[[2]](#footnote-3) In accordance with the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties will serve as the Bureau of the Working Group.
3. As indicated in the annex to decision 14/34, the Working Group will be composed of representatives of Parties to the Convention and to the Protocols and open to observers and will meet at least twice in the intersessional period.
4. The negotiating process will culminate in the adoption of a post-2020 global biodiversity framework by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting and its endorsement by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols at their meetings.[[3]](#footnote-4)
5. The first meeting of the Working Group was held from 27 to 30 August 2019 in Nairobi. The report on the meeting is available as document [CBD/WG2020/1/5](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/0128/62b1/e4ded7710fead87860fed08d/wg2020-01-05-en.pdf).
6. The second meeting of the Working Group was held from 24 to 29 February 2020 in Rome. The report on the meeting is available as document [CBD/WG2020/2/4](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/b14d/6af5/a97c4f2c9d58203f5e2e059c/wg2020-02-04-en.pdf).
7. The dates and modalities of the third meeting of the Working Group will be determined in due course in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.].
8. A high-level event may be organized by Colombia in conjunction with the third meeting of the Working Group.

# ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting will be opened by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group, followed by brief opening remarks by the President of COP14 and the representative of Colombia. The Executive Secretary will also make an opening statement.

# ITEM 2. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

1. The Working Group will elect a Rapporteur on the basis of a recommendation of the Bureau.
2. The provisional agenda has been prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Working Group and the Bureau in accordance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of the rules of procedure for the meetings of the Conference of Parties, taking into account the preparatory process described in the annex to decision 14/34 and the outcomes of the first and second meetings of the Working Group.
3. The Working Group is expected to conduct the work of its third meeting in plenary but may establish contact groups as needed to advance its work. Interpretation will be provided for plenary sessions in the six official languages of the United Nations. A proposed organization of work will be made available in a further addendum.
4. The Working Group will be invited to agree on the proposed organization of work.
5. A list of documents for the third meeting of the Working Group is contained in the annex.

Item 3. Progress since the SECOND meeting of the Working Group

1. Under this item, the Working Group will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary providing an overview of the outcomes of the consultations conducted and other contributions received regarding the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework since the second meeting of the Working Group.
2. The Working Group is expected to take stock of the outcome of the consultations on the post-2020 process.

ITEM 4. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework

1. In decision 14/34, paragraph 5, the Conference of the Parties decided that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should be accompanied by an inspirational and motivating 2030 mission as a stepping stone towards the 2050 Vision “Living in harmony with nature”. Various decisions of the Conference of the Parties indicate that the framework should include certain elements.[[4]](#footnote-5)
2. Under this item, the Working Group will have before it a note by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group containing the first draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework which builds on the [zero draft](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/efb0/1f84/a892b98d2982a829962b6371/wg2020-02-03-en.pdf) and [updated zero draft](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/3064/749a/0f65ac7f9def86707f4eaefa/post2020-prep-02-01-en.pdf) and is prepared on the basis of the consultations undertaken, the submissions received and the results of the first and second meetings of the Working Group, as well as the recommendations emanating from the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.
3. The Working Group is expected to consider this first draft, attached as an annex to document CBD/WG2020/3/3.

# ITEM 5. Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources

1. In decision [14/20](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-20-en.pdf), paragraph 6, the Parties committed to working towards resolving the divergence of views regarding benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources and established a process to this end including the submission of views, the commissioning of studies and the convening of a meeting of an extended Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG). The AHTEG was to submit its outcomes for consideration by a meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The Open-ended Working Group is to consider the outcomes of the AHTEG and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting on how to address digital sequence information on genetic resources in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Furthermore, in decision [NP-3/12](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/np-mop-03/np-mop-03-dec-12-en.pdf), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol requested the Open-ended Working Group to submit the outcome of its deliberations on this matter for consideration by the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its fourth meeting.
2. Pursuant to decision 14/20, a meeting of the AHTEG was held from 17 to 20 March 2020. In addition, at the request of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group, the Secretariat organized a number of webinars on digital sequence information to facilitate informal information exchange. Additional dialogues have been organized by Parties and organizations.
3. Under this item, the Working Group will have before it document CBD/WG2020/3/4, including the outcomes of the AHTEG and an overview of the informal activities. The full report of the AHTEG will be made available as CBD/DSI/AHTEG/2020/1/7.

# ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS

1. Under this item, the Working Group may address other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

# ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

1. The Working Group will be invited to consider and adopt the report on the work of its third meeting on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur.

# ITEM 8. CLOSING STATEMENTS

1. The meeting is expected to close at X p.m. on [date tbd]. The incoming President of COP15 will be invited to make a closing statement.

*Annex*

# List of documents

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| CBD/WG2020/3/1/Add.3 | Provisional organization of work |
| CBD/WG2020/3/2 | Overview of the consultations conducted and other contributions received regarding the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework since the second meeting of the working group |
| CBD/WG2020/3/3 | First draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework |
| CBD/WG2020/3/3/Add.1 | Monitoring Framework |
| CBD/WG2020/3/3/Add.2 | Glossary of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework |
| CBD/WG2020/3/4 | Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources |

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1. For an overview of these decisions, see [CBD/POST2020/PREP/1/1](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/d0f3/aca0/d42fa469029f5a4d69f4da8e/post2020-prep-01-01-en.pdf). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. See decision 14/34, Annex, para. 2. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Ibid., para. 3. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. For an overview of these decisions, see [CBD/POST2020/PREP/1/1](https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/d0f3/aca0/d42fa469029f5a4d69f4da8e/post2020-prep-01-01-en.pdf). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)