

- Thank you Chair
- New Zealand commends the work of the Convention and the Secretariat for its leadership on One Health and in the work it has undertaken in recent years to better understand the role of the ecosystem in the One Health approach.
- New Zealand encourages the Convention to build on the momentum from its recent work and to continue to bring awareness to the importance of integrating environment and health policies.
- The partnerships that the Secretariat has forged in its work have set a good example of how members may approach these issues.
- The Convention can further contribute by providing members with guidance on how to identify these partnerships within their region and how to establish linkages that will target issues of specific concern or relevance to members.
- The analysis papers that have been published on economic recovery have provided valuable insights into the challenge for countries to need to balance recovery while ensuring environmental integrity is maintained.
- New Zealand has implemented a green recovery policy in our economic recovery, and we encourage others to look for green recovery solutions as well as we move forward from the devastating effects of this pandemic.
- As these effects will take time for us all to recover from, we suggest that the Convention provide ongoing guidance and share best practise and innovative examples of how countries incorporate environmentally sustainable solutions into its recovery efforts.
- We recommend that we share and learn from each other through the work of the Secretariat as we emerge from the pandemic together and look to “build back better”.

- New Zealand acknowledges that the work of the Convention and other international organisations have provided strong justification for the One Health approach to be used when developing mechanisms to address environmental and conservation concerns.
- We recommend that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework include clear references to the One Health approach and that it is identified as an overarching concept in developing the framework.
- The framework should capture the key elements of the biodiversity-health linkages and the known drivers of emerging infectious diseases.
- Identifying specific targets and indicators for these elements is key to directing our progress towards reducing our risk for the emergence of future pandemics and for the improvements to human health by preventing further biodiversity loss and degradation to ecosystems.
- Thank you.