

Colombia Intervention
Segundo período extraordinario de sesiones virtuales sobre la diversidad biológica,
«Una salud» y COVID-19
Sesión Conjunta SBSTTA-SBI

- Thank you Mr. Chair,

- The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the linkages between human health and healthy ecosystems. Once more, it has been proven that the survival of human species depends on keeping a healthy planet, which implies solving the planetary crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.
- To avoid the repetition of similar sanitary, we believe the global biodiversity framework needs to reflect those linkages and their complexities, adopting a comprehensive approach. The framework will also need to include the necessary measures to ensure a Green or sustainable recovery from COVID-19, avoiding new pressures on biodiversity loss due to the reactivation of productive sectors.
- Consequently, Colombia believes that at least the following actions need to be considered by Parties of the CBD during the negotiation process:
 - First, integrating the WHO One Health approach as part of the theory of change of the global biodiversity framework and ensure that strong targets and indicators are designed to address human, animal and environmental health.
 - Second, addressing the unsustainable patterns of **production** that endanger ecosystems health by:
 - a. Mobilizing and empowering productive sectors towards the design of sustainable food, agricultural and stock systems with a more efficient use of land that dramatically reduce deforestation and land use transformation and;
 - b. Positioning circular economy to promote the efficient use of water resources, energy and fertilizers.
 - Third, addressing the unsustainable patterns of **consumption** that endanger ecosystems health by:
 - a. Promoting diversified healthy and sustainable diets through the enhancement of agroforestry and silvopastoral systems, measure that can be easily included under target 9 of the updated draft and;
 - b. Enhance education efforts and better mechanisms of information to provide consumers with useful data to make responsible choices.
 - Fourth, include a relevant commitment with a Green recovery to COVID-19 that includes at least:
 - a. The assessing of national negative and positive incentives to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, so that harmful

- subsidies can be eliminated and national expenditure is coherent with sustainability and;
- b. Incentivize the financial international system to consider sustainability as prioritized criteria in their portfolio of credits and investments, so that recovery packages remain sustainable.
- Fifth, invest in the protection of nature as the best strategy to avoid the repetition of similar sanitary crises, allowing nature to restore and people to receive their benefits by:
 - a. Protecting at least the 30% of terrestrial and marine areas of the planet by 2030, under target 2 of the updated draft, as promoted by the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People and;
 - b. Designing, financing and implementing Nature Based Solutions as cost-effective tools to address biodiversity and climate change challenges while creating Green Jobs for the recovery process.
 - Sixth, promote an economy based on the sustainable use of biodiversity through the promotion of bio-economy, for which an ambitious target 12 on the use and benefit sharing of genetic resources is of paramount importance. Transferring technology and investing in green infrastructure will also be strategic.
 - And seventh, addressing zoonosis challenges from a preventive perspective by creating capacity to identify hotspots of emergent diseases and enhance synergies with relevant international instruments such as WHO and CITES to include monitoring elements to species related to the transmission of diseases and crosscheck them with their illicit trafficking dynamics.
- Mr. Chair, and colleagues as You can see, avoiding similar crisis will require more than reacting to the social and economic implications of the problem, we need transformative changes on how we as a species relate to nature to be able to achieve our vision to live in harmony with nature through an affective and ambitious framework.

Thank you.