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Regional CONSULTATION on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for the Western European and Others Group and other members of the European Union

Bonn, 19-21 March 2019

Annotations to the provisional agenda

# Background and purpose

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its fourteenth meeting adopted decision [14/34](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-34-en.pdf) on the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the implementation of the process. The Conference of the Parties also 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 of “Living in harmony with nature”. In order to support the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, an open-ended intersessional working group was established and Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada) were designated as co-chairs of the working group.
2. In decision 14/34 (para. 6), the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and invited other Governments and stakeholders to “actively engage and contribute to the process of developing a robust post-2020 global biodiversity framework in order to foster strong ownership of the framework to be agreed and strong support for its immediate implementation”. Therefore, it was agreed that regional and thematic consultation workshops would take place as a platform for the discussions.
3. The Regional Consultation on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for the Western European and Others Group and Other Members of the European Union will be held in Bonn from 19 to 21 March 2019. The Consultation is planned and organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany, and under the guidance of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The Consultation will be attended by representatives of the Parties to the Convention in the region and of relevant organizations.

# Expected outcomes and outputs

1. The Consultation aims to:
2. Engage Parties and other relevant governments and stakeholders of the region in the consultation processes;
3. Make use of available scientific information and knowledge;
4. Share and understand relevant cases, experiences and lessons learned in the region through the implementations of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
5. Develop common ground among Parties and stakeholders to foster shared visions towards the post-2020 framework;
6. Identify potential elements and possible ways to make changes in order to make the 2050 Vision a reality.
7. Expected outputs would contribute to the documentation that will be considered in the intersessional period for the development and negotiation of the post-2020 framework, and could include initial recommendations to the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on potential elements of post-2020 framework and possible avenues for implementation in the region.

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**Provisional programme of work**

| **Time** | **Session** | **Remarks** |
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| **Day 1** | **Tuesday, 19 March** |  |
| **8:00 - 9:00** | Registration |  |
| **9:00 - 9:30** | **Opening of the Consultation**  *Opening statements:*   * Ms. Christiane Paulus, Director General, Nature Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety * Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity | *Plenary* |
| **9:30 - 10:15** | Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group – setting the scene, introducing a gender-responsive post-2020 process and presentation of the January 2019 discussion paper |  |
| **10:15 - 10:30** | Organization of work and selection of regional consultation co-chairs and rapporteur |  |
| **10:30 - 11:15** | *Introductory session*: **Current state of affairs and future trends**   * 6NR and GBO (*CBD Secretariat*) * IPBES assessment(s) * FAO *State of the World’s Agriculture and Biodiversity* * Global Environment Facility * Other assessments and trends * Integrating diverse perspectives   *Discussion* | *Plenary* |
| **11:15 - 11:45** | Coffee break |  |
| **11:45 – 12:45** | *Morning session-2:*  **Opportunities and challenges in the region from 2011-2020 for the post-2020 global framework**   * What in the current Strategic Plan worked well and what did not | *Plenary and (perhaps, time permitting) small (sub-)regional groups in the plenary with report back* |
| **12:45 - 14:15** | Networking lunch |  |
| **14:15 - 15:45** | *Afternoon session-1:*  **Developing the 2050 Vision of Living in Harmony with Nature and the 2030 Mission**   * Questions from the discussion paper for small working groups   Participants report back to plenary | *Plenary and small group discussions* |
| **15:45 - 16:15** | Coffee break |  |
| **16:15 - 18:00** | *Afternoon session-2*:  **Out-of-the-box thinking and tools for an ambitious post-2020 global framework**   * *Discussion* | *Small groups*  *Participants report back to plenary* |
| **19:00 – 21:00** | Reception hosted by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and the City of Bonn  (Group photo) | *Altes Rathaus (old town hall) in Bonn city centre,*  *shuttle buses will be provided* |
| **Day 2** | **Wednesday, 20 March** |  |
| **9:00 - 9:15** | Introducing the work for day 2, including summary of key issues and gaps emerging from Day 1 | *Plenary* |
| **9:15 - 10:15** | *Morning session-1:*  **Shaping and communicating new narratives for biodiversity**  *Presentations*  *Discussion* | *Plenary and, time permitting, small groups in plenary rooms for 30 min discussion* |
| **10:15 - 12:45**  **(including coffee break from 11:00 to 11:30)** | *Morning session-2:*  **Elements for a post-2020 framework and 2050 Vision**  *Station 1*   * Structure of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including Protocols * Biodiversity Targets, including from other relevant processes   *Station 2*   * Mainstreaming   *Station 3*   * Resource mobilization * Voluntary commitments and contributions   *Station 4*   * Communication and outreach * Technical and scientific cooperation   *Station 5*   * Integrating diverse perspectives * Gender   *Station 6*   * Implementation and national biodiversity strategies and action plans * New mechanisms for accountability and review processes | *Café style*  *Participants will rotate from group to group every half-hour.* |
| **12:45 - 14:15** | *Networking lunch* |  |
| **14:15 - 15:45** | *Afternoon session-1*:  **Elements for a post-2020 framework and 2050 Vision** (*continued*) | *Small group discussions* |
| **15:45 - 16:15** | *Coffee break* |  |
| **16:15 - 18:00** | *Afternoon session-2*:  *Working groups report back to plenary* | *Plenary report back* |
| **Day 3** | **Thursday, 21 March** |  |
| **9:00 - 10:30** | *Morning session-1*: Interactive session, feedback from previous days  **Issues that will require further reflection and/or consultation in the region** | *Plenary*  *Outstanding issues for further reflection and consultation* |
| **10:30 - 11:00** | *Coffee break* |  |
| **11:00 - 13:00** | **Closure of the Consultation**   * Participants’ reflections from the discussions * Reflections of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group Discussion on the way forward * Closing remarks | *Plenary* |

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