

**STAKEHOLDER OPEN WEBINAR – SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS
TRANSITION: LINKAGES TO THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

Informal Webinar organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

23 March 2021, 7:00 – 9:00 am EDT

CONCEPT NOTE

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020), Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada), are organizing a series of informal “Stakeholder Open Webinars” to explore with Parties and stakeholders the key concepts and issues for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. This series of webinars is intended to provide an important – and ongoing – opportunity for Parties and stakeholders to engage in a constructive exchange of views and enhance their understanding of elements related to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, taking into consideration key related messages from the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* (GBO-5). Each webinar will last two hours and will be open to all interested representatives of Parties and stakeholders, all of whom will have an equal opportunity to speak.

2. The first webinar in the Stakeholder Open Webinar series was held on 12 January 2021, and considered the theme of “Exploring linkages between climate change and biodiversity for the development of Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework”. Further information on the first meeting, including the recording of the webinar and the summary report by the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, is available on the CBD website at: <https://www.cbd.int/article/stakeholder-open-webinar-climate-2021>.

3. **The second webinar in the Stakeholder Open Webinar series will be held on Tuesday, 23 March 2021 and will focus on the theme of “Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Transition: Linkages to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework”.** The webinar is envisioned as a space for participants to explore issues, exchange views, and enhance their understanding of key topics. In response to suggestions from stakeholders, the second webinar will follow a new format that will help focus the discussion and enhance the speaking opportunities for all participants. The webinar will be structured as follows:

(a) Understanding the Nexus of Sustainable Agriculture, Food Systems Transition and Nature: The webinar will begin with a context-setting presentation that explores the key linkages between sustainable agriculture and the food systems transition, and linkages to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(b) Focus on specific questions: Selected discussants representing a range of stakeholders and groups will be invited to react to the presentation and discuss a focus question for consideration by participants in the open discussion. The questions will be along the following lines:

- How to ensure that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework speaks to agriculture sectors, including small and family farmers, fisherfolk, livestock keepers, etc. rather than to the environmental community alone?
- How to strengthen the interdependencies of supply-side and demand-side/ food production and consumption patterns in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (for example, links between targets 8, 9, 15 of the current zero draft of the framework and the GBO-5 transitions on sustainable agriculture and sustainable food systems)?
- How can the post-2020 global biodiversity framework influence policy areas that can boost responsible investments and re-direct harmful subsidies in support of nature-based solutions?

- What enablers are needed to reap the co-benefits (such as, supporting more resilient farmer livelihoods, promoting more inclusive and sustainable growth, promoting healthier diets, etc.) of food systems transitions that not only support biodiversity but use it as a solution?
- (c) **Open Discussion:** Participants will be invited to provide their views and perspectives, guided by the focus questions.

4. **The Stakeholder Open Webinar will not be a negotiation session.** The webinar is envisioned as an informal space to hear views and perspectives from Parties and stakeholders on key issues and concepts, and to help inform their negotiating positions in advance of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. It is important to note that statements and views expressed during the Stakeholder Open Webinars are informal and will **not be considered part of the official work of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.**

5. **Outcome:** The Co-Chairs will prepare a summary of what they have heard on the issues.

II. ARRANGEMENTS

6. **The Stakeholder Open Webinar will be delivered in cooperation with partner organizations.** These partners will be engaged through context-setting presentations, focus questions for discussion, and responses to questions and comments from participants.

7. The webinar will begin with a context-setting presentation that explores the key linkages between sustainable agriculture and the transition to sustainable food systems, and linkages to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Invited discussants will provide brief reactions to the presentation, and present focus questions for consideration by the group. All participants will then be invited to join in an open discussion guided by the focus questions, which will be displayed on-screen. All efforts will be made to ensure that Parties and stakeholders will have an equal opportunity to speak.

8. There will be no direct discussions on specific language in the updated zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Open to all registered participants, the webinar will consist of a two-hour session, conducted in English. In preparation, participants may wish to consult the following documents:

- Overview of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Process (SBI agenda item 5), available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBI-03>.
- Update of the Zero Draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, available at: <https://www.cbd.int/article/zero-draft-update-august-2020>.
- Global Biodiversity Outlook-5 available at: <https://www.cbd.int/gbo/gbo5/publication/gbo-5-en.pdf>.
- WG2020 Co-Chairs' Summary Report of the First Stakeholder Open Webinar – Exploring Linkages Between Climate Change and Biodiversity, available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/006060>.

9. A proposed agenda for the webinar is contained in the annex. The schedule and registration details will be posted on the Secretariat website.

Annex

PROPOSED AGENDA

	Login Participants are invited to log in as early as possible to ensure a timely start to the webinar.	Participants log in and test technical arrangements.
7-7:05 a.m.	Moderator Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, Director, Implementation and Support Division, SCBD	Introduction to the event
7:05-7:15 a.m.	Opening remarks Welcome by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group, Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada)	Welcoming remarks
7:15-7:25 a.m.	The Nexus of Sustainable Agriculture, Food Systems Transition and Nature Invited expert tbd	Context-setting presentation
7:25- 7:40 a.m.	Focus Questions from Selected Stakeholders 2-3 Discussants tbd	Discussants
7:40- 8:50 a.m.	Open discussion Parties and stakeholders to provide views and respond to the focus questions. The Co-Chairs, invited expert, and invited discussants to provide responses as needed.	In-depth discussion
8:50-9 a.m.	Closing Remarks Co-Chairs to summarize and indicate next steps.	Closure of the meeting
