

**REGIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON THE POST-2020 GLOBAL
BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

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Remarks by Co-chairs

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Setting the Context – how this meeting fit in the overall process

- In Decision 14/34 COP adopted a Comprehensive and participatory process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. A diverse group of stakeholders to be involved in the process
- the co-chair commitment.. a process that
 - will facilitate and enable decision making at CoP15
 - enable parties to express their views
 - focus the CoP on the right/key issues
 - provide CoP and parties with the elements that will enabling them to reach consensus
 - is understood and supported by parties, civil society, IPLCs, NGOs

How this meeting fit in the overall process continued

- Adhere to the overarching principles guiding the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Participatory, Inclusive, Gender responsive, Transformative, Comprehensive, Catalytic, Visible, knowledge-based, Transparent, Efficient, Results-oriented, Iterative and Flexible

- respect CBD decisions and promote its values
 - Create good will at CoP15
 - Process will address expectations from Parties
 - Result in Post2020 global biodiversity framework that will be owned by Parties. This to facilitate and expedient implementation
 - Co-chairs will be independent/impartial. We are not representing Uganda and Canada
- What will the final product look like
 - Not trying to resolve everything: trying to resolve as much as possible critical issues that will emerge from the process and leave issues where significant debate remain to the CoP

The architecture of the process

First phase is Gathering view /Identifying issues... regional consultation

Asia Pacific is first one

Last one expected to be completed by end of April 2019

Production of a paper identifying key messages – what have you told us based on this we will adapt process

first face to face meeting of the OEWG

this summer

possibly not in Montreal

this is where all parties will debate first discussion of paper

potential for another OEWG meeting together with SBSTTA and 8J in November 2019

Following phase is to address thematic issues

There could be various format to address thematic issues

Post 2020 process will not duplicate process already existing (e.g. for DSI) but will ensure that those are able to contribute to post 2020

Final phase will bring back all those threads/issues into a unified document

in 2020

Likely through 2 meetings one in the early part of the 2020 and one after SBSTTA in the summer of 2019

Co-chairs expectation from participants and meeting

- This part of the process is not about positional negotiations but rather about identifying issues
- We realize that parties are in the process of formulating their own positions and strategies domestically... While we respect this we hope that you will be able to engage deeply and meaningfully in regional consultation discussions
- We want an inclusive process: Civil society, NGOs, Youth, IPLC contributions. This is not a CoP, SBSTTA or SBI meeting. There is no need for NGOs to seek party support at this stage
- We expect Civil society, NGOs, Women groups, Youth groups, IPLCs to participate in the process through the regional workshops and also to submit their views through online discussions

The post-2020 process is up and running



First planning meeting of the Co-chairs with CBD secretariat team

10-11 January 2019 , Montreal, Canada