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**Conference of the Parties
to the Convention on
Biological Diversity
Sixteenth meeting,
second resumed session**

Rome, 25–27 February 2025
Agenda item 2
Organizational matters

**Conference of the Parties
to the Convention on
Biological Diversity serving
as the meeting of the Parties
to the Cartagena Protocol on
Biosafety
Eleventh meeting,
second resumed session**

**Conference of the Parties to the
Convention on Biological Diversity
serving as the meeting of the Parties
to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to
Genetic Resources and the Fair and
Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising
from their Utilization
Fifth meeting, second resumed session**

Proposed organization of work and scenario note for the second resumed sessions

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The present note contains a plan for organizing the work of the second resumed sessions of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization, which are to be held concurrently from 25 to 27 February 2025.
2. The meetings will be preceded by regional preparatory meetings, on 24 February.

II. Scenario note

A. Overview and daily calendar

3. Given that the remaining draft decisions are all at the “L” stage of negotiations, it is proposed that all pending agenda items be considered in plenary session, with the holding of informal consultations to address specific complex issues, as necessary. To facilitate full participation of all delegations, including small delegations, no meetings will be held in parallel. No side events or other parallel events are envisaged; press briefings, however, may be held.
4. In line with usual practice, a typical day will comprise a morning session (10 a.m.–1 p.m.), an afternoon session (3–6 p.m.) and, as necessary, an evening session (7.30–10.30 p.m.). The timings are, however, subject to change, and the most up-to-date information will be made available on the Conference webpage and the CBD Events Application (CBD-Events App), and will be displayed on

the monitors at the venue. Delegation and regional group meetings are usually held before the plenary morning sessions.

B. Opening of the meetings

5. On 25 February, the second resumed sessions will be opened by the respective Presidents, namely, María Susana Muhamad González (Colombia) for the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, and Nneka Nicholas (Antigua and Barbuda) for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

6. Opening statements from the Presidents and the Executive Secretary will be delivered in a joint plenary session of the three bodies, under item 1 of each agenda. Owing to the limited time available, no other opening statements are expected.

C. Plenary sessions and informal consultations

7. During the plenary sessions convened on the morning of 25 February, the three bodies will each agree on the organization of work proposed for the concurrent meetings, as described in the present document and its annex, under item 2 of each agenda. A single report on credentials will also be submitted by the Bureau in the context of item 3 of each agenda.

8. Also on the first day, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will start its consideration, with a view to their adoption, of the draft decisions submitted under agenda items 7, 10, 11, 13 and 28, as contained in the following documents, listed in the proposed order of consideration:

- (a) CBD/COP/16/L.34, on resource mobilization (item 11);
- (b) CBD/COP/16/L.26, on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (item 10);
- (c) CBD/COP/16/L.33, on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review including the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be conducted at the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties (item 10);
- (d) CBD/COP/16/L.31, on the financial mechanism (item 11);
- (e) CBD/COP/16/L.30, on cooperation with other conventions and international organization (item 13);
- (f) CBD/COP/16/L.23, on the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties (item 28);
- (g) CBD/COP/16/L.35/Part.B, on matters related to the appointment of executive secretaries of the Convention on Biological Diversity (item 7).

9. Subsequent plenary sessions will be held as necessary on 26 February and the morning of 27 February to conclude consideration of the decisions.

10. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will also consider, with a view to its adoption, the draft decision on digital sequence information on genetic resources,¹ under item 14 of its agenda.

11. The final plenary sessions will be convened on the afternoon of 27 February. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the

¹ CBD/NP/MOP/5/L.13.

Parties to the Protocols will each consider other matters, if any, under their respective agendas and adopt their respective meeting reports.

12. Representatives speaking on behalf of regional groups and representatives of other delegations will then be invited to make closing remarks on matters related to one or more of the meetings, time allowing. Following the closing remarks, the Presidents will declare the respective meetings closed.

D. Sequence of consideration of draft decisions and informal consultations

13. Given that the meetings in Cali were suspended during consideration of document CBD/COP/16/L.34 on resource mobilization (item 11), it is envisaged that substantive discussions in Rome will commence with that agenda item and continue in the sequence indicated in the proposed organization of work (see annex). However, it is understood that many Parties consider that draft decision and those on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review as a package and, therefore, that they should all be considered for adoption together once the text of each has been reviewed and agreed in plenary session. It is also noted that the draft decision on resource mobilization is closely linked to that on the financial mechanism.

14. To facilitate consideration of document CBD/COP/16/L.34, the President of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties is undertaking informal consultations with Parties in advance of the second resumed session. She will circulate a note on her reflections on possible ways forward in the light of those consultations, before the second resumed meetings. However, the formal basis for the work of the Conference of the Parties remains document CBD/COP/16/L.34. At the second resumed session, the Conference of the Parties may, if deemed necessary, establish an informal group to address specific issues in that draft decision that remain unresolved.²

15. The Bureau will keep progress on the various agenda items under review and may propose adjustments to the organization of work, where necessary.

E. Technical arrangements

16. States that are not Parties to the Cartagena Protocol or the Nagoya Protocol will be considered as observers for the consideration of the items specific to the agendas of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols. Technical measures will be in put place during the related deliberations to assist the Presidents with identifying Parties and non-Parties, so that they may give priority in speaking order to the Parties to the Protocols.

17. For practical reasons, the seating arrangements for the second resumed session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will also be used for the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.

18. All documents for the meetings, including in-session documents, will be made available online.³ Every effort will be made to ensure timely meeting announcements on monitors and on the website during the second resumed sessions.

19. The plenary sessions will be live-streamed on United Nations Web TV in the six official languages.⁴

² An “L” document (limited distribution document) is a draft document and may thus be changed before final agreement is reached in plenary. While, as far as possible, draft decisions contained in “L” documents are submitted for consideration and adoption in plenary once they have been fully negotiated, if such consensus cannot be reached, then a revision may be necessary. Accordingly, during the sessions in Rome, once the President considers that she is in a position to issue a revised text that has a good chance of securing consensus, she may issue a revised draft decision, as CBD/COP/16/L.34/Rev.1.

³ At www.cbd.int/conferences/2024.

⁴ <https://webtv.un.org/>.

Annex

Proposed organization of work for the second resumed sessions of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol

Date	Agenda items		
Tuesday, 25 February (10 a.m.–1 p.m.)	CBD	CP	NP
	1	1	1
	2	2	2
	3	3	3
	11		
	10		
	10		
	11		
(3–6 p.m.)			
Wednesday, 26 February (10 a.m.–1 p.m.)			
(3–6 p.m.)	13		
		14	
	28		
	7		
Thursday, 27 February (10 a.m.–1 p.m.)			

Date	Agenda items			
(3–6 p.m.)	29	15	17	Other matters
	30	16	18	Adoption of the report
	31	27	19	Closure of the meeting

Abbreviations: CBD, Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity; CP, Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; NP, Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of the Benefits Arising from their Utilization.