

High-level segment

United Nations Biodiversity Conference, Kunming, China “Ecological Civilization-Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth”

12-13 October 2021

SCENARIO NOTE

The high-level segment of the first part of the 2021-22 United Nations Biodiversity Conference, including the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity as well as the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization, will be hosted by China and will be held virtually on 12 and 13 October 2021.

The updated programme of the high-level segment, as well as other relevant documents, can be found on the high-level segment webpage: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2021-2022/cop-15-hls>.

The discussions throughout the two days will include a Leader’s Summit, two virtual plenary sessions, four round tables (two parallel sessions per day), and will be followed by a press conference, as follows:

- (a) Tuesday, 12 October
 - Leader’s Summit
 - Opening plenary
 - Round table A: Putting biodiversity on a path to recovery
 - Round table B: Closing the financing gap and ensuring the means of implementation
- (b) Wednesday, 13 October
 - Round table C: Biodiversity conservation and sustainable development
 - Round table D: Knowledge, innovation and benefit-sharing
 - Closing plenary
 - Press conference

Round table sessions

These sessions aim to allow Ministers from all Parties to address the high-level segment on the topic of each round table. In order to assist in the preparation of interventions and to guide the discussions, short briefing notes with guiding questions for each round table will be available on the high-level segment webpage in due course. Ministers are encouraged to provide brief, focused interventions, and to use the opportunity to announce commitments of national action to advance implementation of the Convention and its Protocols towards the 2050 Vision. Collectively, the sessions seek to drive political impetus towards the development of an ambitious and effective post-2020 global biodiversity framework and contribute to its implementation.

Modality

Each Minister will have the opportunity to deliver an intervention in one round-table discussion, and, time permitting, in a second round-table discussion. Every effort will be made to accommodate Ministers’ preferences; however, interventions will be accommodated on a first-come first-served basis, taking into account regional balance. Live interventions from Ministers are strongly encouraged, but, in cases where time zones or other challenges do not permit it, pre-recorded video statements will be welcomed. Pre-recorded video statements should be in mp4 format, must not exceed three minutes in length and need to be submitted to hls_videos@163.com with a copy to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible, but no later than **29 September 2021**.

In order to best accommodate preferences, it is requested that all Parties which have confirmed attendance at the high-level segment:

(a) Indicate which round table your Minister(s) would like to prioritize for an intervention and indicate whether this will be live or through a pre-recorded video message;

(b) Indicate the second round table in which they would like to participate, time permitting.

Preferences can be indicated by completing the enclosed form and submitting it to wang.ran@fecomee.org.cn with a copy to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible, but no later than **22 September 2021**.

In addition, regional statements will be accommodated in the closing plenary session of the high-level segment. Parties are kindly requested to coordinate with their regions the preparation and designation of the Ministers/speakers who will deliver these regional statements, as appropriate.

Platform

The high-level segment will be held through the Interactio platform and all sessions will have interpretation available in the six official languages of the United Nations. Access links will be sent to registered delegates, as appropriate.

In addition, all sessions will be live-streamed through the Convention's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvyFdu4oVs6jzyfiMRwN4IQ>.

For further enquiries or comments regarding the high-level segment, please contact wang.ran@fecomee.org.cn with a copy to secretariat@cbd.int.

High-level segment of the 2021 United Nations Biodiversity Conference Round table participation form

This form should be completed by each Minister or head of delegation attending the high-level segment (this includes invited Ministers from other sectors).

Country: _____

Name of Minister: _____

Please mark with an "X" the round table of your preference:

	<i>Priority intervention preference: Please check one</i>	<i>Second preference: Please check one</i>
<i>12 October 2021</i>		
Putting biodiversity on a path to recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>or</i>	
Closing the financing gap and ensuring the means of implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>13 October 2021</i>		
Biodiversity conservation and sustainable development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>or</i>	
Knowledge, innovation and benefit-sharing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate if your participation will be live or through a pre-recorded video statement:

Please complete and submit this form to wang.ran@fecomee.org.cn with a copy to secretariat@cbd.int as soon possible, but no later than **22 September 2021**.