

**INFORMAL SESSION IN PREPARATION FOR THE THIRD MEETING OF THE
SUBSIDIARY BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION**

8–14 March 2021

SCENARIO NOTE

Note by the Chair

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Further to the decision by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties in December 2020 to hold a six-day informal meeting of Subsidiary Body on Implementation-3, I would like to share the organization of work for the informal session scheduled to begin on 8 March 2021.

2. The virtual informal meeting in preparation for the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will contribute to maintain momentum and to advance the preparations for the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It will include interventions on the pre-session documents for agenda items of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body. It is anticipated that participants will give interventions similar to the first reading at formal meetings of the Subsidiary Body. Participants are encouraged to focus their interventions on comments on the draft recommendations set out in pre-session documents. There will be no negotiations at this session; thus, there will be no formal substantive outcomes, decisions or conference room papers from the meeting. However, there is an expectation that, when the formal third meeting of the Subsidiary Body is held, to increase efficiency, Parties may refer to their statements at this informal session and only make additions if so needed.

3. Key elements of the meeting include:

(a) The meeting will include statements (equivalent to the first reading at a physical meeting). All statements will be recorded, and written submissions will be posted online; Participants may want to send pre-recorded statements and written submissions to the Secretariat prior to the informal meeting as backup in the case of unforeseeable connection problems during the informal meeting.

(b) Together with the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, the Secretariat will prepare a short procedural report on the informal session, noting the Parties and observers making interventions;

(c) The list of pre-registered participants will be available to participants prior to the meeting;

(d) All sessions will last three hours per day and will be held from 7 to 10 a.m., Montreal time, with a 15-minute break approximately midway through each session;

(e) All requests for the floor by Parties will be heard for each agenda item during the online informal meeting. Statements by stakeholder groups will also be heard, as well as other observers as time allows;

(f) There will be a short opening session which will include statements by the Presidency of the Conference of the Parties, the Chair and the Executive Secretary. As 8 March is International Women's Day, the Secretariat of the Convention will invite an inspirational and aspirational speaker to make a short address;

(g) Each agenda item will start with regional and group statements after the introduction of the item by the Secretariat. However, there will be no regional or group statements during the opening or closing sessions of the informal meeting;

(h) As usual, statements on each agenda item from Parties and observers will follow the previous practice of being limited to 5 minutes on behalf of the region/group and 3 minutes for individual interventions;

(i) There will be provision for an online platform consultation for regional groups, as requested by regions. Regions will need to advise the Secretariat on the time best suited for them. Regions are encouraged to hold preparatory regional meetings in the week prior to the informal session;

(j) Meetings of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties will be held on 4, 9 and 13 March 2021 to plan, assess progress and decide what needs to be covered on the last day by the informal session.

II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

4. Below is the proposed organization of work, agreed by the Bureau. Every attempt will be made to cover all agenda items (except item 8, as noted below) during the informal meeting. However, this is dependent on the number of requests for the floor per agenda item.

5. It is proposed not to open agenda item 8 during this informal session. Berne 2 consultations are currently ongoing and will conclude on 2 February 2021, and outcomes from this very important consultation should be included in the pre-session documents for discussion by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its third meeting. Therefore, it is proposed that this agenda item be taken up for the first time at the formal meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. This also will allow more time to discuss other agenda items, including those near the end of the agenda.

6. It is also proposed that agenda items related to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework be taken together as a package and all attempts made to address agenda items related to the Protocols; hence, agenda item 10 has been moved to the end. For agenda item 14, the Secretariat will provide an update on administrative matters, but there is no expectation of statements from Parties and observers.

NOTE: There will be a 15-minute break each day, approximately 2 hours into the session.

Date	Agenda item	Time	Notes
8 March 2021	1. Opening of the meeting	15 min	Statements by the Presidency of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation Inspirational address for the International Women's Day
	3. Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	90 min	Introduction of the agenda item by the Secretariat (5 min) Statements
	4. Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	60 min	Introduction of the agenda item by the Secretariat (5 min) Statements
9 March 2021	5. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework	60 min	Introduction of the agenda item by the SCBD (5 min) Statements on the Cartagena Protocol Introduction of the annex by Co-Chairs Adjournment of agenda item
	6. Resource mobilization and the financial mechanism	105 min	Introduction of the agenda item by the Secretariat (5 min) Statements

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10 March 2021	7. Capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer, knowledge management, and communication	90 min	Introduction of the agenda item by the Secretariat (5 min) Statements
	9. Mechanisms for reporting, assessment and review of implementation	75 min	Introduction of the agenda item by the Secretariat (5 min) Statements
11 March 2021	9. Mechanisms for reporting, assessment and review of implementation (<i>continued</i>)	30 min	Statements (<i>continued</i>)
	11. Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors and other strategic actions to enhance implementation	90 min	Introduction of the agenda item by the Secretariat (5 min) Statements
	5. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework (<i>continued</i>)	45 min	Introduction of the agenda item by the Secretariat (5 min) Statements on issues related to the Convention
12 March 2021	5. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework (<i>continued</i>)	45 min	Statements on issues related to the Convention
	12. Specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol	90 min	Introduction of the agenda item by the Secretariat (5 min) Statements
	13. Global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol)	30 min	Introduction of the agenda item by the Secretariat (5 min) Statements
14 March 2021	13. Global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol) (<i>continued</i>)	60 min	Statements
	10. Review of the effectiveness of the processes under the Convention and its Protocols	60 min	Introduction of the agenda item by the Secretariat (5 min) Statements
	14. Administrative and budgetary matters	20 min	Update by the Secretariat
	Closing of informal session	15 min	Statements by the Presidency of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation
	Total hours	18 hours	

Treatment of Subsidiary Body on Implementation agenda item 5

7. Many issues that will be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation are directly relevant to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The discussions under agenda items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 will be particularly important. Given these interconnections, and in order to avoid parallel discussions, issues related to these agenda items and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be considered under the respective agenda item and not agenda item 5. For example, issues related to resource mobilization for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should be addressed under agenda item 6 on resource mobilization and not under agenda item 5. The discussions under agenda item 5, therefore, should focus on:

- (a) Issues not covered by another agenda item, including:
 - (i) Overarching or cross-cutting issues;
 - (ii) Issues related to the post-2020 implementation plan and capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;
 - (iii) The gender plan of action for the post-2020 period;
 - (iv) Communications plan for the post-2020 period;
 - (v) Proposals for the date, venue and periodicity of upcoming meetings.

8. Please note that, in order to facilitate the consideration of issues related to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework have identified a set of questions on which they would like the input of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. These questions, which are set out in the annex to document CBD/SBI/3/4, are likely to be addressed naturally during the course of the discussions on the agenda items listed above. However, Parties may wish to bear them in mind during their deliberations.

9. Taking all this into account, agenda item 5 will be organized as follows:

- (a) A first round of interventions on the implementation plan for the Cartagena Protocol and the capacity-building action plan;
 - (b) The Co-Chairs of the Working Group will then provide an introduction to the annex contained in CBD/SBI/3/4. This introduction will help delegations consider the questions contained in the annex during their statements under the agenda items 6, 7, 9 and 11. Agenda item 5 will be then adjourned;
 - (c) After agenda items 6, 7, 9 and 11 have been completed, agenda item 5 will be re-opened for a second round of comments on issues not covered as outlined above (para. 7).
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