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Item 9 of the provisional agenda*
Biodiversity and agriculture

Early submission of statements for agenda item 9

Note by the Secretariat

1. In paragraph 3 of decisions [16/25](#), [CP-11/5](#) and [NP-5/10](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and 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, respectively, requested the Executive Secretary, together with the Bureaux, to explore and make use of, as appropriate, relevant ways and means to facilitate early preparations for meetings, such as options for streamlining agendas, peer-reviewing documents in advance and the early submission of statements.
2. At a meeting held on 18 September 2025, the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice agreed on modalities for the early submission of statements to allow Parties and observers to convey their positions or comments on draft recommendations contained in pre-session documents ahead of the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body, on a voluntary and informal basis. The Bureau also agreed that the modalities would be applied on a trial basis to agenda items 9 (biodiversity and agriculture) and 10 (biodiversity and health).
3. Consequently, in notification No. [2025-120](#) of 23 September 2025, the Executive Secretary of the Convention invited Parties and observers to submit written statements on the two agenda items, according to the modalities annexed to the notification, in any of the six official languages of the United Nations, by 19 October 2025 at 11.59 p.m. (Panama time).
4. In response, 20 Parties and four observers had submitted written statements under agenda item 9 by the deadline. The list of submitters is provided in the annex to the present document, while the submitted statements are available at www.cbd.int/meetings/SBSTTA-27.

* [CBD/SBSTTA/27/1](#).

Annex

Parties and observers that submitted statements under agenda item 9 through the early submission process

Parties

1. Australia
2. Bangladesh
3. Brazil
4. Canada
5. Cook Islands
6. Denmark
7. European Union
8. Finland
9. Germany
10. Guatemala
11. Indonesia
12. Japan
13. Morocco
14. Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
15. New Zealand
16. Republic of Korea
17. Spain
18. Sweden
19. Switzerland
20. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Observers

1. DMUN Foundation
 2. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 3. Global Youth Biodiversity Network
 4. International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity
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