

NOTIFICATION
**Briefings by the WG2020 Co-Chairs on the First Draft of the
Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat is pleased to announce two information briefings by the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the First Draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, to be held on **22 July 2021**. The First Draft ([WG2020/3/3](#)) and the document on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources ([WG2020/3/4](#)) were released on 12 July 2021.

The briefings are intended to familiarize participants with the First Draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, its structure and content, and to give the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group and the Secretariat the possibility to address any questions raised by participants. The briefings will thus provide an important opportunity to update Parties and stakeholders on the details of the First Draft, which will be formally considered at the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020-3), to be held virtually from 23 August to 3 September 2021. The provisional agenda ([WG2020/3/1](#)) and annotated provisional agenda ([WG2020/3/1/ADD1](#)), as well as further documentation related to WG2020-3, can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020/wg2020-03/documents>.

The information briefings will **not be negotiation sessions**. However, they will provide an opportunity to assist participants in their preparations for WG2020-3. It is important to note that statements and views expressed during these briefings **would not be considered part of the official work** of WG2020-3 and will not be directly reflected in the documentation prepared for WG2020-3.

To accommodate Parties and stakeholders in different time zones, the first session will be held on **22 July 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (EDT)**, and the second on **22 July 2021 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (EDT)**. Please refer to the *Annex* for the briefings' schedule and agenda. Participants may join the date and time slot that is most convenient for them and should pre-register by [clicking here](#). Registered participants will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information on how to join the briefing. The briefings will be conducted in English and one of the sessions will be fully recorded and made available on the CBD website to accommodate those unable to take part.

I look forward to your active participation and thank you for your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, UN Organizations and Specialized Agencies, IGOs, NGOs, indigenous people and local communities, and other stakeholders



Annex
Briefings' Schedule

Thursday, 22 July 2021 – Briefing 1 (focus on time zones for Americas, Europe, Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, Middle East):

- 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. San Jose (Costa Rica) time UTC -6
- 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Mexico City (Mexico) time UTC-5
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Montreal (Canada) time UTC-4
- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Brasilia (Brasil) time UTC-3
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. London (UK) time UTC+1
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Brussels (Belgium) time UTC +2
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Kampala (Uganda) time UTC +3
- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tbilisi (Georgia) time UTC +4
- 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. New Delhi (India) time UTC +5:30
- 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Tokyo (Japan) time UTC+9
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Riyadh (Saudi Arabia) time UTC +3

Thursday, 22 July 2021 - Friday, 23 July 2021 – Briefing 2 (focus on time zones for Asia and Pacific):

- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. San Jose (Costa Rica) time UTC -6
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Mexico City (Mexico) time UTC-5
- 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Montreal (Canada) time UTC-4
- 3:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. Kampala (Uganda) time UTC +3
- 5:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. New Delhi (India) time UTC +5:30
- 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Bangkok (Thailand) time UTC+7
- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Manila (Philippines) time UTC+8
- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Tokyo (Japan) time UTC+9
- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Canberra (Australia) time UTC+10
- 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Wellington (New Zealand) time UTC+12

Proposed Agenda

	Agenda Items	Leads
5 min	Opening and Logistics 1) Welcome and review of briefing objectives and agenda	CBD Secretariat WG2020 Co-Chairs
20 min	2) Presentation of the First Draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework	WG2020 Co-Chairs
70 min	3) Questions & answers on the First Draft	Moderated by CBD Secretariat
5 min	Break (as needed)	
15 min	4) Road Ahead to WG2020-3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectations & modalities for the WG2020-3 virtual meeting • Questions and answers 	WG2020 Co-Chairs CBD Secretariat
5 min	5) Closing	