



NOTIFICATION

CBD Side Event at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2022

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform Parties and observers that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) will be hosting a Side Event on *The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Building Back Better and Advancing Implementation of the SDGs*, to be held online on the margins of the 2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) on Friday, 15 July 2022, from 13:00 to 14:30 EDT.

The theme for the HLPF in 2022 will be “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. The HLPF will thus take stock of the impacts of COVID-19 on the SDGs and provide political leadership, guidance, and policy recommendations on how to advance the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda during the Decade of Action and Delivery, as part of ensuring sustainable, inclusive, and resilient recovery from the pandemic.

The CBD side event will highlight how the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework can accelerate the realization of the SDGs in an inclusive manner. By underscoring the shared recognition of the urgent need for action on nature, this event will help build political momentum for the successful adoption of an ambitious and transformative framework at the second part of COP 15 in Montreal in December, and to support early implementation of the framework.

The side event will be held fully online and will take the form of a moderated fireside chat, inviting participants to exchange views and experiences on the policies, multi-stakeholder actions, and partnerships needed to advance early implementation, as well as ways to integrate biodiversity considerations into the pandemic recovery. They will also underscore the urgent need to invest in the conservation, sustainable use, and restoration of biodiversity to help provide jobs, business opportunities and other benefits.

The programme is enclosed in the Annex to this notification. Those who wish to take part can register using the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7425451047339715600>. The event will be held in English. It will be streamed live, and a recording will be made available on the CBD website.

I encourage you to participate in this side event and thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the Convention, as well as for your contributions towards the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

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

Elizabeth Maruma Mrema
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, PoWPA Focal Points, Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Focal Points, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, and relevant organizations



Annex

**Side Event at the 2022 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Building Back Better and Advancing
Implementation of the SDGs**

Organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Friday, 15 July 2022, 13:00 p.m. – 14:30 p.m. EDT

Proposed Agenda

12:30	Log-in Speakers are invited to log in early.	Speakers log in and test technical arrangements
13:00-13:05	Moderator opens the event Mr. Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, CBD Action Agenda Champion for Nature and People & Global Leader, Climate and Energy	Introduction
13:05-14:25	Fireside chat Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, CBD Secretariat Mr. Basile van Havre & Mr. Francis Ogwal, Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework Dr. Guomei Zhou, COP 15 Presidency, TBC Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Mr. Daniel Ortega Pacheco, former Minister of Environment of Ecuador and Co-Chair of the IC-VCM Expert Panel Ms. Eva Zabey, Executive Director, Business for Nature Ms. Joji Carino, Ibaloi-Igorot from the Cordillera, Philippines (IIFB) Mr. Suresh Weerasinghe, Head of EU and International Public Affairs at Aviva, Finance for Biodiversity Foundation Ms. Swetha Stotra Bhashyam, Wildlife Biologist & Global South Focal Point of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN)	Moderated Discussion with possibility for audience questions
14:25-14:30	Closing Remarks Moderator to summarize and indicate next steps	Closure of the meeting
