



MEDIA ADVISORY

Governments prepare the road to achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

Montreal, 13 June 2014 – Governments meet in Montreal, Canada, for the last two weeks of June, 2014 to assess progress towards achievement of global targets on biodiversity, and prepare for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-12) scheduled to take place in the Republic of Korea in October, 2014.

Delegations of Parties to the [Convention on Biological Diversity](#) (CBD) will meet at the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention ([WGRI-5](#)), and the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice ([SBSTTA-18](#)).

The two meetings will review the state of implementation of the [Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020](#) agreed by governments in 2010 in Nagoya, Japan, and subsequently reaffirmed by the United Nations General Assembly as the framework for international action on biodiversity at the global level.

The review comes just before the midpoint of the [United Nations Decade on Biodiversity](#), and represents an opportunity to revise and possibly redirect efforts to achieve the [Aichi Biodiversity Targets](#), a set of twenty specific time bound targets addressing 5 goals, adopted under the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Realizing the mission of this plan is central to achieving sustainable development. Biodiversity and the ecosystem services it supports is the foundation for human well-being, which is why the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 was reaffirmed by governments at Rio+20, and the United Nations General Assembly encouraged Parties to consider it in the elaboration of the post-2015 UN development agenda.

WGRI-5 will look at progress made by Parties to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Delegations will also be discussing technical and scientific cooperation under the Convention, the role of local and subnational governments, and efforts to effectively engage stakeholders including the private sector. Delegations will also consider the mobilization of resources in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Further, Delegations will also look at the relationship between biodiversity and sustainable development and poverty eradication, including the linkages between biodiversity and the ongoing discussions in the United Nations General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals.

WGRI-5 will also include an [informal dialogue session](#). Participants, guided by two panels will explore the mainstreaming of biodiversity in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and mobilization of resources to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.



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SBSTTA-18 will review the draft of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 4, which provides an assessment of the status and trends of biodiversity and the implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, based primarily on information contained in the National Reports of Parties. The meeting will also review the results of seven regional workshops on Ecologically and Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs), as well as research on a number of marine issues including a report on Ocean Acidification. The meeting will also introduce an updated plan of action on coral reefs. Invasive Alien Species will also be discussed, including the management of risks associated with introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food.

WHERE:

WGRI-5 and SBSTTA-18 are both being held at:

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
999 University Street, Montréal, Quebec

WHEN:

- WGRI-5: 16 to 20 June 2014
- SBSTTA-18: 23 to 28 June 2014

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INFORMATION:

WGRI-5: www.cbd.int/wgri5/

SBSTTA-18: www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=sbstta-18

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