



MEDIA ADVISORY – MEETINGS

Two key UN biodiversity meetings set to open that will help shape the post-2020 global biodiversity agenda

Recommendations produced during the two meetings will be forwarded to the UN Biodiversity Conference (15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity), to be held in Kunming, China in late 2020

18 November 2019 – The UN Biodiversity Convention¹ is convening two meetings in Montreal this week, with the expected participation of some 850 delegates from around the world, to lay the groundwork for negotiations to achieve an ambitious and effective post-2020 global biodiversity framework at next years' UN Biodiversity Conference² in Kunming, China.

- **11th meeting of Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

Date: 20 – 22 November 2019

Location: Montreal, Canada

The 11th meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions will:

- Discuss progress on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use of biodiversity under the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.
- Hold an in-depth dialogue on “The contributions of the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities and cultural diversity to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework”.
- Consider proposals for elements of work of relevance to indigenous peoples and local communities in the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
- Consider proposals for increasing the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, and the recognition of the contribution of their collective actions, in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- Share insights and stories about innovative uses of traditional knowledge, and the contributions of the collective actions of indigenous peoples to conservation, long-term sustainable development, and climate action

¹ The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

² Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity; Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing; Kunming, China, October 2020.

- Consider new recommendations arising from two sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues pertaining to the CBD, involving human rights and biodiversity.
- **Twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice**
Date: 25-29 November 2019
Location: Montreal, Canada

The twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-23) will consider the following agenda items:

- Informing the Scientific and Technical Evidence Base for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
- Biodiversity and Climate Change.
- Possible Elements of Work on the Links Between Nature and Culture in the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework strengthening the links between cultural and natural diversity and mainstreaming lessons learned across the work of the Convention and other relevant processes
- Sustainable Wildlife Management.
- Technical and Scientific Cooperation.
- Results of The Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas in the North-East Atlantic Ocean.
- New and emerging issues.

About:

Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j): The CBD recognizes the dependency of indigenous peoples and local communities on biodiversity and their unique role in conserving life on Earth. Thus, a Working Group was established in 1998, and in 2000 a programme of work was adopted to implement the commitments of Article 8(j) and to enhance the role and involvement of indigenous peoples and local communities, and in doing so, achieve the objectives of the CBD. The Working Group will consider options for the participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the CBD post-2020, those being an extension and revision of the mandate of the Working Group or replacing it with a permanent advisory body or considering full integration in the work of the other subsidiary bodies.

Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA): SBSTTA is one of the CBD's two subsidiary bodies and meets annually. SBSTTA's mandate is, among other things, to provide assessments on biodiversity, assessments on the efficiency of measures taken under the CBD, and support for the implementation of the programmes of work of the Conference of the Parties and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

NOTES TO EDITORS

Meeting documents: Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j):

www.cbd.int/conferences/sbstta23-8j11/wg8j-11/documents

Meeting documents: Twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and

Technological Advice: www.cbd.int/conferences/sbstta23-8j11/sbstta-23/documents

Media Accreditation: Available for SBSTTA-23, please contact Johan Hedlund, Associate Information Officer (johan.hedlund@cbd.int)

Webcasting: www.cbd.int/live

Social media: LinkedIn (Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity), Twitter (@UNBiodiversity), Instagram (@UNBiodiversity), Facebook page of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (www.facebook.com/UNBiodiversity/)

Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice: www.cbd.int/sbstta/
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