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MEDIA ADVISORY UPDATE

Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to convene for the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-6)

Invitation to media to register for the Opening Press Conference (In-Person and Online)

16 February 2026, 9:15 a.m. Rome, Italy

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will hold an interactive press conference on the margins of the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 6), taking place at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome, Italy.

The press conference will outline key priorities and expectations for SBI 6 and provide an opportunity for members of the media to ask questions in person or online (registration required). Further details, including accreditation for in-person participation or registration to join the webinar, are provided below.

- **Who:** CBD Executive Secretary Astrid Schomaker, Director for Implementation Support, Asad Naqvi, Head of Communications, Lis Bernhardt
- **When:** 16 February 2026 (9:15, Rome, CET/ /8:15 am, Africa GMT/ 3:15 am, Montreal EST
- **Where:** Either online or in person at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Headquarters Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, Rome, Italy. Links to both are below.

In person media accreditation can be requested here: <https://www.cbd.int/participation/rome-2026/media>. NB: freelancers must provide assignment letters. Double accreditation – e.g., as press and delegate – is not permitted.

Online press conference registration: <https://bit.ly/SBI6-online-presser>

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NOTES TO EDITORS

SBI 6 constitutes an opportunity for Parties to the CBD to coordinate action, mobilize resources, and strengthen global efforts to accelerate the implementation of the KMGBF ahead of COP 17.

Meeting Documents, including the full provisional agenda, are available here: [SBI 6](#).

The plenary will be broadcast live on [UNWebTV](#), along with a number of special high-level sessions on topics relating to food security, the road to COP17, GEF and financing, Rio Convention technical cooperation, and more.

Full information for media, including information on how to follow live on UNWebTV, can be found on the “Media” tab at [SBI-6 Media](#).

About the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD):

Established in 1992, the CBD is an international treaty for the conservation of biodiversity, the sustainable use of the components of biodiversity, and the equitable sharing of the benefits derived from the use of genetic resources. With 196 Parties, the CBD has near universal participation among countries. It helps to address threats to biodiversity and ecosystem services through scientific assessments, the development of tools, incentives and processes, the transfer of technologies and good practices and the active involvement of relevant stakeholders, including indigenous peoples and local communities, youth, women, NGOs, sub-national actors, and the business community.

The Cartagena Protocol to the CBD that entered into force in 2003 and currently has 173 Parties aims to safeguard biological diversity from potential risks posed by genetically modified organisms (GMOs) resulting from biotechnology. It focuses on safe transport, handling, and use of living modified organisms, considering their potential adverse effects on biodiversity and human health. It also has a supplementary protocol on liability and redress.

The Nagoya Protocol to the CBD entered into force in 2014 and has 141 Parties. It provides a transparent bilateral legal framework to providers and users for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits derived from genetic resources.

About the KMGBF:

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) was adopted during the [fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties \(COP 15\)](#) following a four year consultation and negotiation process. This historic Framework, which supports the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and builds on the Convention’s previous Strategic Plans, sets out an ambitious pathway to reach the



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global vision of a world living in harmony with nature by 2050. Among the Framework's key elements are 4 goals for 2050 and 23 targets for 2030.

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