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Kunming Dialogue opening press conference

Ahead of the 2026 UN Biodiversity Conference, representatives of Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and other stakeholders gather in Kunming for an informal dialogue on advancing biodiversity action around the globe

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) invites media representatives to the opening press conference for the Kunming Dialogue, which will be held in-person and online in both English and Chinese, with the ability to ask questions in person or via the online chat.

Date: 7 September 2026

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CST (China Standard Time)

Format: Online and in-person

Speakers¹:

- Director-General of Department of Nature and Ecology Conservation from the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, Mr. Zhang Yujun
- Secretary of State for Nature, Canada, and co-Chair of the Kunming Dialogue, The Honourable Ms. Nathalie Provost
- Minister of Environment of Armenia and COP 17 President-designate, His Excellency Mr. Hambardzum Matevosyan
- Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Ms. Astrid Schomaker

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About the Kunming Dialogue:

From 7-9 September, Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and stakeholders will gather in Kunming, China, for an informal technical dialogue ahead of the 2026 UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 17) in Yerevan, Armenia.

¹ May still be subject to confirmation or change.

Bringing together Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth representatives, academia, the private and financial sectors, experts and other stakeholders, the Kunming Dialogue constitutes an inclusive platform for multi-stakeholder consultations related to the global review on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which will take place at COP 17 in Yerevan in October 2026.

The objective of the Kunming Dialogue will be to forge a collective understanding of the scope and expected outcomes of the global review, including how the [gaps uncovered by the peer-reviewed global report](#) can be bridged in order to acceleration action for the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework.

The meeting marks a return to Kunming, where the first part of COP 15 was held in 2021 and where the [Kunming Declaration](#) helped set the stage for the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework the following year in Montreal, Canada.

Official information and documents:

[Kunming Dialogue website](#)

[2026 UN Biodiversity Conference website](#)

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