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UN Biodiversity Conference enters its final, high-level week *UN and COP 17 leaders to review negotiating progress, outstanding decisions and priorities*

Press Conference: Monday, 26 October 2026, 17:15 Yerevan time (UTC+4)

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Press conference room, COP 17 Blue Zone, Yerevan

Yerevan, Armenia – As the UN Biodiversity Conference enters its final, high-level week, senior UN officials and the COP 17 Presidency will brief journalists Monday, 26 October on progress in negotiations, issues still to be resolved, and the decisions needed to accelerate global action to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030.

The press conference, held at 5:15 pm Yerevan time (GMT+4), will cover the three concurrent meetings of the Conference, including COP 17 and the Convention's two global protocols (Nagoya on access and benefit sharing; Cartagena on biosafety), and link to other agendas including climate and finance.

Speakers will also preview the final week of the UN Biodiversity Conference, including the 27-28 October [high-level ministerial session](#) and ongoing negotiations on the Yerevan Pathway intended to chart accelerate progress.

Speakers

- **Hambardzum Matevosyan**, President of COP17 and Minister of Environment of Armenia
- **Inger Andersen**, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme
- **Astrid Schomaker**, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity

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Where: Press conference room, COP17 Blue Zone, Yerevan

Live broadcast: [UN WebTV](#)

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