

**Statement by
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Today, and every day, the United Nations stands for equality, freedom and justice for all. With this, comes a mutual responsibility to protect the rights of people and the planet we share.

The [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#), adopted by Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, aims to halt and reverse the loss of biodiversity and put nature on a path to recovery by 2030, for the benefit of people and the planet. Implementation of the Framework will contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Framework is underpinned by a human rights approach, and it acknowledges the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment. It also acknowledges the important roles and contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities as partners in conservation, restoration, and sustainable use, and it has a gender-responsive approach, supported by a dedicated [Gender Plan of Action](#). It calls for access to justice and information related to biodiversity and aims to ensure the full protection of environmental human rights defenders.

The Framework includes 23 action-oriented targets for 2030. Alongside decisive action to combat climate change in line with the Paris Agreement, achieving the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is essential to maintain a liveable planet. Such action contributes to, and is supported by, the ongoing fight for equality, freedom and justice for all.