



Inputs and comments regarding SCDB Notification 2017-052: Preparation of the Post-2020 Strategic Plan

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Dear Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer,

Alianza Mexicana por la Biodiversidad is a network of Mexican NGOs that was born in 2017, on the basis of the commitment established in the [Declaration by Civil Society Organizations](#) (UNEP/CBD/COP13/INF/50) "... to gather wills, capacities and leadership to promote inclusive, equitable, participatory and transparent decision-making processes that contribute to the integration of biodiversity...".

Currently, 18 NGOs and networks which attended the Civil Society and Youth Forum during COP13 are part of this network and we are looking forward to welcome more organizations across Mexico.

As a group of NGOs, we are happy to receive your invitation to provide comments and inputs since the very first stage of the process for the preparation of the post-2020 biodiversity framework.

We consider that international frameworks to face global issues should be built over participatory, inclusive and effective processes that can shorten the gap between people and local contexts, and decision-makers.

The CBD already recognizes the value of NGOs' expertise and their admission as observers at COPs. However, we would like to take this opportunity to promote innovative mechanisms to ensure that our voices can be effectively heard.

Taking into consideration that more governments are engaging civil society and other stakeholders in the development of public policy as well as, SDG 16, Target 16.7 that requests governments to "Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels", international frameworks, such as the post-2020 agenda, should adopt the same practice considering that they will be implemented at the national, subnational and local levels.

Therefore, we encourage Parties and the SCBD to consider the following suggestions that not only enrich the preparatory process for the Post-2020 Strategic Plan, but to foster an international participatory approach:

- To make official the organization of Civil Society and Youth Fora during COPs.
- To reinforce the participation of Civil Society Organizations representatives during COPs.



- Encourage Parties to allow the accompaniment of civil society and youth representatives among their official delegations to COPs and other relevant CDB meetings.
- To foster regional and national workshops and consultation processes for the preparation of Post-2020 framework.
- To encourage Parties to organize workshops and consultation processes at the national and subnational level for the preparation of the Post-2020 framework.

We hope that our comments and suggestions are considered as a contribution from Mexican NGOs to this process.

Sincerely,

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