



Reasons to join the Action Agenda for Nature and People

The *Action Agenda* is a voluntary commitment platform for non-state actors (e.g. private sector, organizations, municipalities, academia, indigenous peoples and local communities, individuals, etc.) to make commitments that are highlighted in support of the implementation of the *post-2020 global biodiversity framework*. You are invited to register your Actions for Biodiversity on the *Action Agenda platform*.

Make a commitment in any of the following 11 action categories:

1. Access and Benefit-Sharing


The *Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing* to the Convention on Biological Diversity contributes immensely to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. It ensures that the benefits from the use of genetic resources are shared fairly and equitably with countries or communities providing genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge. Read these [factsheets](#) to find out why it matters. More information on the Nagoya Protocol is available at www.cbd.int/abs.

2. Biosafety

The *Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety* to the Convention on Biological Diversity aims to ensure the safe handling, transport and use of living modified organisms (LMOs) resulting from modern biotechnology that may have adverse effects on biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health. More information on the Cartagena Protocol is available at <https://bch.cbd.int/protocol>.

3. Climate change mitigation and adaptation

Biodiversity has an important role in climate change mitigation. Climate change and biodiversity loss are inseparable threats to humankind and

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must be addressed together. Biodiversity is strongly impacted by climate change, while the conservation of biodiversity positively affects climate change. Good management of ecosystems (wetlands and forests) is an effective mitigation option as these natural systems capture and restore the carbon.

4. Food systems and health

Food systems refer to the full spectrum of inputs, finance and insurance, production, post-harvesting, storage, processing, transport, marketing and consumption related to food. The focus is on addressing loss of biodiversity through enhanced contributions to improving food and nutrition security, human and environmental health and resilience of food systems.

5. Freshwater, coastal, and ocean ecosystem

Marine ecosystems face unprecedented human-induced threats. Industries such as fishing and transportation and effects of waste disposal, excess nutrients from agricultural runoff, and the introduction of exotic species cause ecosystem degradation. Protecting the water systems by managing water resources, tackling environmental issues as well as disseminating and integrating of best practices is key.

6. Green finance

Financially investing into sustainable development projects and initiatives, environmental products, and policies that encourage the development of a more sustainable economy. Investing across a broad range of industries and market-capitalizations seeking forward-looking companies developing innovative solutions to preserving biodiversity.

7. Conservation and restoration of land ecosystems

Land ecosystems are valuable as they provide livelihoods and food for millions of people and support large portions of the world's biodiversity.

8. Conservation and sustainable use of species

The preservation and protection of animals, plants and their habitat ensures that the future generations can enjoy our natural world and the incredible species that live in it. Contributing and supporting foundations devoted on conservation of wildlife (i.e. African Elephants)

9. Stewardship

Responsible management of land and water to ensure its values and services are maintained for future generations. A set of diverse actions in creating protected areas, replanting trees, limiting harvests, reducing harmful activities or pollution, creating community gardens, restoring degraded areas, or purchasing more sustainable products. Stewardship actions can also be taken at diverse scales, from local to global efforts, and in both rural and urban contexts. Environmental Stewardship is a responsibility shared by all those actions affect the environment.

10. Sustainable consumption and production

The implementation of sustainable patterns of food consumption and production and best practices from businesses and other sectors that helps to transform change which all sectors need to undertake to ensure an economy that is sustainable and compatible with biodiversity. It secures efficiency and productivity gains, ensuring that human activities remain within the carrying capacity of the planet, while respecting the rights of future generations

11. Urban sustainability

To improve and build our cities without actively using our resources forever. Encouraging revitalization and transition of urban areas and cities to improve livability, promote innovation and reduce environmental impacts while maximizing economic and social co-benefits.

How the Action Agenda benefits the [post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#)

12. Commitments to reverse nature loss

The Action Agenda is showcasing commitments and actions to reverse nature loss by actors other than national governments (aligned to the Global Biodiversity Outlook 5 transition pathways).

13. Commitments already committed to transition pathways

The Action Agenda is demonstrating, through individual and cooperative commitments, that a significant number of actors other than national governments are already committed to the necessary transition pathways recommended by GBO5.

14. Cooperative initiatives across sectors and stakeholders for the post-2020 framework

The Action Agenda is supporting further implementation at the global, domestic and local levels, through cooperative initiatives across sectors and stakeholders in support of the goals and targets of the post-2020 framework, as part of the review mechanism.

15. Others follow the same path

The Action Agenda is encouraging others to follow the same essential path because it is in their best interest.

16. Public awareness about the risks of nature loss for people, the planet and the economy

The Action Agenda is raising public awareness about the risks of nature loss for people, the planet and the economy.

17. Urgency needed to transform our societies, and inspiring actions and collaboration between all stakeholders

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18. Climate and nature actions, as well as broader economic, social and ecological considerations connected

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19. Engagement with key economic sectors to addresses drivers of nature loss and systemic transformation pathway on land and natural systems

The Action Agenda is strengthening engagement with key economic sectors to help addresses the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) drivers of nature loss and

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) systemic transformation pathway on land and natural systems.

20. Development of policy frameworks to transform economic and financial systems

The Action Agenda is informing the development of policy frameworks to transform economic and financial systems to accelerate action aligned to the post 2020 framework.

Actions for [Biodiversity Day, 22 May](#), or [World Environment Day, 5 June](#)

21. Inform Actors about the Action Agenda

Inform actions other than governments about the importance and to make commitments to the Action Agenda to protect biodiversity.

22. Celebrate Biodiversity Day

- 22 May is Biodiversity Day! Participate in celebrations that are happening in your country or organize an activity to get others involved. Find out more at www.cbd.int/biodiversity-day. *Anyone can organize activities!*
- Make a commitment on the [Action Agenda online platform](#) and enhance profiling of your work. Commitments will be profiled online and related to the CBD meetings. The [four pledge forms to make commitments](#) are available on the [Action Agenda website](#).

[Make a commitment on the Action Agenda >](#)

[Propose your own list of 22 biodiversity-related items \(guidelines\) >](#)

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We acknowledge that there are thousands of individuals and organizations around the world undertaking extraordinary work for biodiversity each and every day.

The information provided within each list of 22 biodiversity-related items is meant to create engagement and participation in the [Biodiversity Day](#) campaign and is by no means exhaustive or fully representative of all the initiatives taking place around the globe or all the individuals, organizations, and entities that promote biodiversity. We apologize for any inconvenience or misunderstanding this could cause and we look forward to your feedback. Please [contact us](#) for any comments and suggestions to rectify any inconsistencies. More importantly, we also invite you to create your own lists of 22 biodiversity-related items, which will be more representative of your work and adapted to your topic of interest.

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