



**PRECOP**  
**BIODIVERSIDAD**  
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## **Concept Note**

### **BIODIVERSITY PRE-COP**

#### **August 30, 2021**

#### **CONTEXT**

Biodiversity is declining at an alarming and unprecedented pace in human history. According to the most recent Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services by IPBES (2019), around 1 million animal and plant species, are now threatened with extinction.

Unfortunately, the efforts made by countries to address this problem have not been sufficient. The deadline for implementing the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan and achieving the Aichi Targets under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) expired in 2020 without the expected results. For this reason, the Parties to the CBD agreed at the 14th Conference of the Parties (COP-14), in November 2018 in Egypt, a process for the negotiation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. For this purpose, an Open-Ended Working Group (WG2020) was established, to meet at least three times before COP-15, where the new agreement is to be adopted. The COP-15 will be opened in October 2021, and resumed in April 2022 in Kunming, China.

The Working Group met for in Nairobi in August 2019; in Rome, in February 2020; and the third session was scheduled to take place in Cali, Colombia, in July of last year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the schedule of international meetings associated with the process had to be postponed, with uncertainties regarding their dates.

Due to the continued travel restrictions, the Bureau of the Convention on Biological Diversity decided to hold the Working Group sessions in a virtual format from August 23 to September 3, 2021. In this context, and considering the importance of increasing the political momentum around this process that will define the new global biodiversity goals and targets for the upcoming decades, Colombia, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Presiding officers, has decided to organize a high-level political meeting in a virtual format on Monday, on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Almost one year after the United Nations Summit on Biodiversity, the PreCOP will be key to catalyze further actions and support to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The urgent call made by scientific evidence on the need to halt



biodiversity loss to achieve the Paris Agreement targets and reach the Sustainable Development Goals must be restated.

### **GENERAL OBJECTIVE**

To promote the high-level political commitment with the adoption of a post-2020 Global Framework for Biodiversity, that contains the critical elements and level of ambition needed to reverse the trend of biodiversity loss by 2030.

### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

1. To promote agreements regarding the critical elements that the new Global Framework on Biodiversity must contain, especially in terms of sustainable consumption and production patterns, integration of biodiversity in the productive sectors and means of implementation.
2. To identify ways to articulate the main international alliances and coalitions on biodiversity, environment, and sustainable recovery, among others recently announced, with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
3. To encourage early announcements (projects, finance pledges and partnerships) for the implementation of the new global biodiversity framework.

### **OUTCOMES**

Considering that the PreCOP will take place in the framework of the negotiations of the third meeting of the Open-Ended intersessional Working Group to support the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity (WG2020-3) and that multiple initiatives and declarations have been recently signed to promote specific issues or goals related to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, Colombia will not promote a negotiated outcome. However, all participants are invited to bring announcements, initiatives, among others, that can promote the momentum towards the adoption and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

### **FORMAT**

The high-level political segment will consist of a virtual format with Heads of State and Government and high-level representatives of Governments and international organizations. It will be led by President Iván Duque.

Platform: *Interactio* (<https://www.interactio.io/>).

Additionally, the participation of all Heads of State and Government parties to the CBD as well as other interested high-level representatives is also encouraged and will be possible through pre-recorded videos.



## AGENDA

Time (Colombia/ GMT-5)	
<b>9:00 - 10:15 am</b>	<p><b>High-level political segment: Towards an ambitious and effective Post-2020 Global Framework.</b></p> <p><u>Objective:</u> to exchange insights about the critical elements that the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework must contain to be ambitious and effective to reverse the global trend of biodiversity loss by 2030, and to make a call for the implementation of urgent actions for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.</p> <p><u>Participants:</u> Heads of State and Government and high-level representatives of Governments and international organizations</p> <p><u>Modality:</u> Remote interventions.</p> <p><b>Suggested questions for the interventions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the critical elements that the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework will need to address to be ambitious and effective?</li> <li>2. What actions will your country/organization/sector take to implement the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework?</li> </ol>
<b>10:15 – 10:45 am</b>	<b>Videos of High-Level Representatives</b>
<b>10:45 - 11:00 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:00 – 1:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Ministerial Segment: The contribution of alliances, coalitions, and other relevant stakeholders to the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.</b></p> <p><u>Objective:</u> to identify solutions and bridging proposals that serve to resolve pending negotiation issues and advance the implementation of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework.</p> <p><u>Participants:</u> Ministers and other relevant stakeholders of emerging initiatives.</p> <p><u>Modality:</u> virtual</p> <p><b>Suggested guiding questions for discussion:</b></p>



	<p><b>1. Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns and Green Recovery</b></p> <p><i>How can countries address Nature-Based Solutions and ecosystem-based approaches in the context of the post-2020 Global Framework on Biodiversity?</i></p> <p><i>What should be the role of the bioeconomy and circular economy in the global framework, considering their relevance for the sustainable use of biodiversity and its potential for green growth?</i></p> <p><i>What other approaches or elements for sustainable consumption and production must be considered in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework?</i></p> <p><b>2. Resource mobilization</b></p> <p><i>How to increase the mobilization and allocation of financial resources for the effective and efficient implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework?</i></p> <p><i>How to eliminate perverse or negative incentives and promote those that are positive for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity?</i></p> <p><i>What role should the international financial system, multilateral banks, and the private sector play in this task?</i></p> <p><b>3. The role of coalitions and non-state actors:</b></p> <p><i>How could partnerships contribute to solving the bottlenecks identified above?</i></p> <p><i>How can synergies be strengthened to serve the post-2020 framework?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People (HAC)</i></li> <li>• <i>Leaders' Pledge for Nature (LPN)</i></li> <li>• <i>Global Oceans Alliance (GOA)</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>1:30 – 2:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p>