



THE POST 2020

GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

2030 ACTION TARGET 21
**EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE
PARTICIPATION IN
DECISION-MAKING**

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Target 21. Ensure equitable and effective participation in decision-making related to biodiversity by indigenous peoples and local communities, and respect their rights over lands, territories and resources, as well as by women and girls, and youth.	
Objective: Reaching the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity will require a whole-of-society approach. It is important that the views, perspectives and experiences of all groups are taken into account in decision-making processes related to biodiversity. This will require equitable participation in decision-making processes, with a view to ensure that indigenous peoples and local communities, women and girls, and youth can effectively shape these decisions and that their rights are respected. Indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth should be recognized and empowered in their crucial role as leaders and key actors in action towards biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.	
Component:	Indicators (Headline in bold)
Indigenous people and local communities	21.0.1 Degree to which indigenous peoples and local communities, women and girls as well as youth participate in decision-making related to biodiversity. 21.0.2 Land tenure in the traditional territories of indigenous peoples and local communities
Women and girls	21.0.1 (same as above)
Youth	21.0.1 (same as above)
Further explanation of target elements	
Equitable and effective participation in decision-making – Under article 21.1 of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, “[e]veryone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.” ⁸³	
Rights over lands, territories and resources – Under article 26 of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, “[i]ndigenous peoples have the right to the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired” ⁸⁴ .	
Linkages	
Objectives of the CBD – conservation of biological diversity, sustainable use of the components of biological diversity, and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources	
GBF targets – all targets. The equitable and effective participation of indigenous peoples, local communities, women and girls, and youth is a precondition to the successful implementation of the entire post-2020 global biodiversity framework.	
Sustainable Development Goals Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels	
GBO-5 pathways Essential for the achievement of all transitions to sustainable pathways identified in GBO-5	

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⁸³ UN. Universal Declaration of Human Rights. <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

⁸⁴ UN. United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf