

**COP15 President HUANG Runqiu Announces Taking
the Lead to Launch the Action Initiative for
Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

On December 9, 2023, during the "Nature Day" of the 28th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (hereinafter referred to as the Convention) (COP28), Minister HUANG Runqiu of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China, President of the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15), officially announced the launch of the Action Initiative for Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF).

HUANG Runqiu stated that, to further consolidate the political will of all parties to implement the KMGBF, China officially took the lead in launching the Action Initiative for KMGBF, and is willing to work with the international community to jointly address global challenges such as biodiversity loss and climate change, jointly promote the success of COP28, and jointly build

a home in the planet featuring harmony between humanity and nature.

The Action Initiative for KMGBF aims to create a platform for voluntary participation for all parties and stakeholders, reflecting the political willingness, to comprehensively implement the KMGBF. China, as the COP15 presidency, jointly launched the Action Initiative for KMGBF together with Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, the Maldives, as well as international organizations such as the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Currently, partners such as the United Nations Development Programme, Climate Bonds Initiative, Natural Resources Defense Council, The Nature Conservancy, World Economic Forum, and World Wide Fund for Nature have joined the initiative.

Parties and stakeholders are welcomed to join the Action Initiative for KMGBF!

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Concept Note of the Action Initiative for Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

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Background & Goals

The second part of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP15) was held in Montreal in December, 2022. COP15 adopted historic outcomes including the ambitious, practical and balanced Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (hereinafter referred to as the GBF) and associated package of decisions, including on planning, monitoring, reporting and review, resource mobilization, capacity building and development, and on Digital Sequence Information on genetic resources. The GBF sets clear 4 long-term goals for 2050 to achieve the vision of a world living in harmony with nature, and 23 action-oriented targets for 2030, presenting a new blueprint for global biodiversity governance and action. Specific targets include those for reducing the key threats to biodiversity, for meeting people's needs through sustainable use and benefit sharing, and related to tools and solutions for implementation and mainstreaming, including funding to be provided by developed countries for developing countries.

The complementary decisions to the GBF will support its implementation, including the adoption of the monitoring framework, the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, a request to the Global Environment Facility to establish a Special Trust Fund to support GBF implementation which is able to receive financing from all sources, and the decision to establish a multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of DSI on genetic resources.

The adoption of the GBF marks a step change in ambition in the global journey for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, but there is still a long way to go in order to realize its targets and goals.

Aiming to promote the profile and visibility of the GBF, mobilize and strengthen political will and galvanize efforts from all stakeholders for its implementation, it is proposed to launch the Action Initiative for Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (hereinafter referred to as the Action Initiative) to provide momentum for delivering on its international commitments.

Objectives & Actions

In order to catalyze and advance on the actions necessary to deliver on the GBF, the Action Initiative will seek to:

1. *Highlight and communicate* the urgent actions needed to halt and reverse biodiversity loss to put nature on a path to recovery for the benefit of people and planet as agreed in the whole GBF by 2030.
2. *Provide* an open and inclusive platform which is of voluntary participation and reflects the political will of interested parties, for the sharing of experiences and lessons learned, in the implementation of the GBF and on the solutions to challenges faced in taking action to deliver on its 2030 targets, in collaboration with the ongoing international processes to promote global biodiversity governance.
3. *Promote* efforts by the Global Environment Facility to operationalize the GBF fund, and to provide international and bilateral funding from all sources, including ODA, from developed countries, and countries that voluntarily assume obligations of developed countries, to developing countries, and raise awareness of other funding sources to ensure the means of implementation of the GBF in all countries.
4. *Facilitate* the establishment and the process to further develop and operationalize a multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of DSI on genetic resources.
5. *Promote* countries to revise or update National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and develop national targets in line with the GBF before COP16, in synergy with other relevant initiatives.
6. *Promote* sustainable development through biodiversity mainstreaming, accelerating the transformation of intentions and actions, and supporting developing countries in enhancing their capacity to address global challenges of biodiversity loss and climate change in a coherent manner.

Co-Sponsors and Partners

The Action Initiative will support global biodiversity governance, and be jointly launched by the Chinese Government as Presidency of COP15, developed countries, developing countries, and UNEP.

CBD Secretariat, all stakeholders including IPLCs, the youth and women organizations, NGOs, academia, local governments, businesses, and any other parties interested are invited and encouraged to join the initiative as partners for the common goal of achieving the GBF mission to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030 and the vision of a world of living in harmony with nature by 2050.