

COBSEA Webinar on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

The Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention of Biological Diversity has set out the process to develop a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, for consideration at COP 15¹. The Framework will build on outcomes and lessons learned from implementation of the Biodiversity Strategic Plan 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The aim of the Framework is to galvanize transformative action by Governments and all of society to put biodiversity on a path to recovery, for the benefit of people and the planet. Negotiations on the zero draft of the framework² are coordinated by an open-ended working group. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice provides assessments of possible framework elements while the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will review and strengthen framework implementation. The process for developing the framework includes global, regional and thematic consultations preceding COP 15.

The COBSEA Secretariat will host a webinar series on the global post-2020 biodiversity framework, providing a platform for dialogue on how COBSEA can be leveraged to support countries during the development of the framework, as well as how it can support delivery and tracking once the framework has been adopted. The webinars are targeted at COBSEA countries, in particular COBSEA National Focal Points, contact persons and other relevant staff; as well as national biodiversity focal points or their representatives.

The first webinar will be held Thursday 28 May 2020, from 14.00 to 15.30 (UTC+7). It will take stock of the process for development of the framework and discuss UN Environment Programme's role in this, including work with and through Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans. Based on this, the webinar will provide opportunity to exchange views on efforts through COBSEA.

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Agenda:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
14:00	Welcome	COBSEA Coordinator
	Opening remarks	Kerstin Stendahl, Ecosystem Division, UNEP
	Overview of agenda and procedures	COBSEA Coordinator
14:10	Introduction to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and UNEPs' role in the development of the Framework	Diane Klaimi, Law Division, UNEP
14:25	UNEP's Regional Seas Programme including work with and through the Regional Seas Programme in relation to the Framework	Kerstin Stendahl, Ecosystem Division, UNEP
14:35	COBSEA's mandate and current activities relevant to the Framework	COBSEA Secretariat
14:45	Discussion	All participants, moderated by COBSEA Secretariat
15:20-15:30	Summary, wrap-up	COBSEA Coordinator

¹ in decision 14/34, see <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-34-en.pdf>

² <https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/da8c/9e95/9e9db02aaf68c018c758ff14/wg2020-02-03-en.pdf>