



Second COBSEA Webinar on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

The Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) has set out the process to develop a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, for consideration at COP 15¹. 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 framework² are coordinated by an open-ended working group. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) provides assessments of possible framework elements while the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) will review and strengthen framework implementation.

The COBSEA Secretariat hosts a webinar series on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, providing a platform for dialogue on how COBSEA can be leveraged to support countries during the development, delivery and tracking of the framework. 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, held 28 May 2020, took stock of the process for development of the framework and discussed UNEP's role in this, including its work with and through Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (see summary).

The second webinar will be held Thursday 3 December 2020, 14.00 - 15.30 (ICT).

The second webinar will discuss the updated zero draft of the framework and preparations for SBSTTA, SBI and Bern-II meetings; as well as ongoing efforts under the UNEP-CBD-European Commission project 'Regional Seas Biodiversity under the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework', including the webinar and workshop held in October 2020, and activities building on the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Recommendation on the inclusion of coral reefs and related ecosystems within the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework . As always, there will be time for discussion, questions and answers, and exchange of views on efforts through COBSEA.

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Draft agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter
14:00	Welcome, Opening remarks	COBSEA Coordinator, UNEP
14.05	Outcomes of UNEP-CBD-EC project	UNEP
	Reflections from CBD webinar 1 Oct 2020	Indonesia
14.30	Update on Bern-II, SBI and SBSTTA and the updated zero draft	UNEP
14.45	Coral reefs in the post-2020 GBF	ICRI
15.00	Discussion	
15.20	Summary and closing	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