

BERN II WORKSHOP BACKGROUND DOCUMENT

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Objectives

- **Prepared by:** Katharina Rogalla von Bieberstein (UNEP-WCMC) in May 2020, building on input from convention secretariats and with the financial support of Switzerland.
- **Purpose:** support achievement of the workshop objectives, with respect to identifying:
 - concrete elements to be included in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
 - concrete mechanisms for monitoring and reviewing its implementation
 - how conventions other than CBD can contribute to its development and operationalization thereby strengthening cooperation among and coherent implementation of conventions with respect to biodiversity and ecosystem services
- **Approach:** Provide background and ‘food for thought’ which:
 - informs workshop participants, without being exhaustive or promoting a particular outcome
 - presents topics/questions to facilitate and encourage discussion before and at the workshop

Context

- **UNGA Resolution 65/161:** recognized the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 as a universal framework for action on biodiversity and a foundation for sustainable development for all stakeholders, including agencies across the UN system.
- **Other conventions:** thanks to the Biodiversity Liaison Group, five biodiversity-related conventions other than the Convention on Biological Diversity also recognized it
- **So in 2021:** the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should go further and:
 - be universal in terms of relevance and ownership - THE framework of action for biodiversity
 - draw attention at level high political levels, and mobilize action of all stakeholders,
 - relate to and support other frameworks/processes with direct impact on biodiversity

Key step → Active engagement of biodiversity-related conventions, Rio conventions, other relevant MEAs and UN organisations in development and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Overview

Each section provides suggestions of **questions that could be addressed** during the workshop, and also a **list of key sources** that could provide further information. Neither is intended to be exhaustive, but should help provide support to participants.

Three sections, following the structure of the workshop agenda:

[A - Thematic issues](#)

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A - Thematic issues

Suggestions of topics that would be relevant for discussion relating to the drafting of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and its future implementation:

- a) Identification of draft goals, targets and indicators that are of highest priority to MEAs, and whether these are currently addressed in the most useful way
- b) Identification of gaps in the draft, and whether the topics not covered should be integrated in the currently proposed goals, targets and indicators or by new proposals
- c) Needs and opportunities for developing joint work programmes, potentially with one lead MEA
- d) Opportunities for greater harmonisation of the use of indicators across MEAs
- e) Ensuring cooperation and synergies for the implementation of the long-term approach to mainstreaming being developed by the Convention on Biological Diversity

B - Implementation issues

Suggestions of relevant topics for discussion during Bern II workshop:

- a) Role of other MEAs in implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and elements to include in the framework and in other CBD COP-15 decisions to facilitate this role
- b) Potential relevance of a specific MEAs leading implementation of specific activities, including the relationship to other sectors (for example chemicals and waste)
- c) Potential need for cross-referencing MEAs monitoring and reporting frameworks, and opportunities for identifying synergies in review and reporting mechanisms
- d) Facilitating coherent implementation of MEAs at national level (strengthening cooperation mechanisms amongst focal points, role of regional/sub-regional workshops on NBSAPs, etc)
- e) Cooperation in capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, resource mobilization, etc

C - Operationalisation by other conventions and processes

Suggestions of relevant topics for discussion during Bern II workshop:

- a) Reflection of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in decisions of other MEAs
- b) Alignment of different MEA strategies/targets/indicators with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- c) Addressing differences in process timings, for example potential coordination and streamlining of meetings, synergies in implementation reviews, joint secretariat activities, etc.
- d) Role of cooperation mechanisms among conventions, opportunities for strengthening these mechanisms in different ways
- e) Showcasing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as a vehicle for delivering the SDGs...

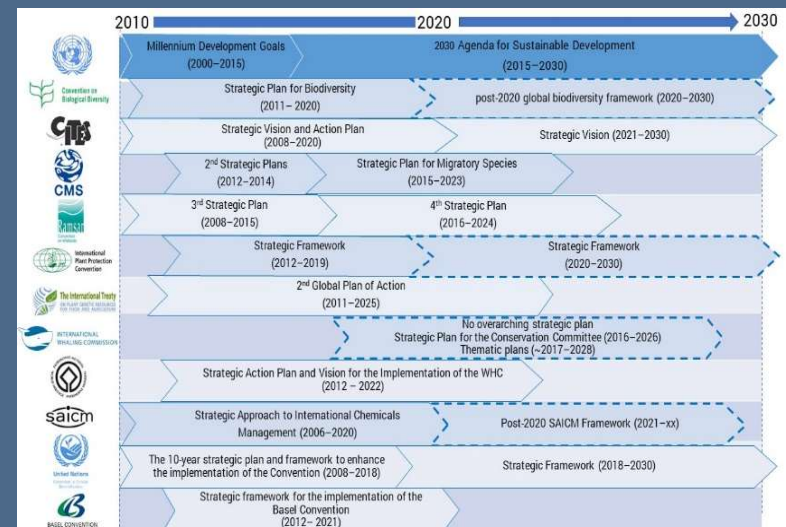
Annexes

Annex 1: Overview of explicit references to other MEAs in the zero draft

Annex 2: Overview of decisions, resolutions and declarations on alignment of the strategic planning documents of other biodiversity-related conventions than CBD with the GBF

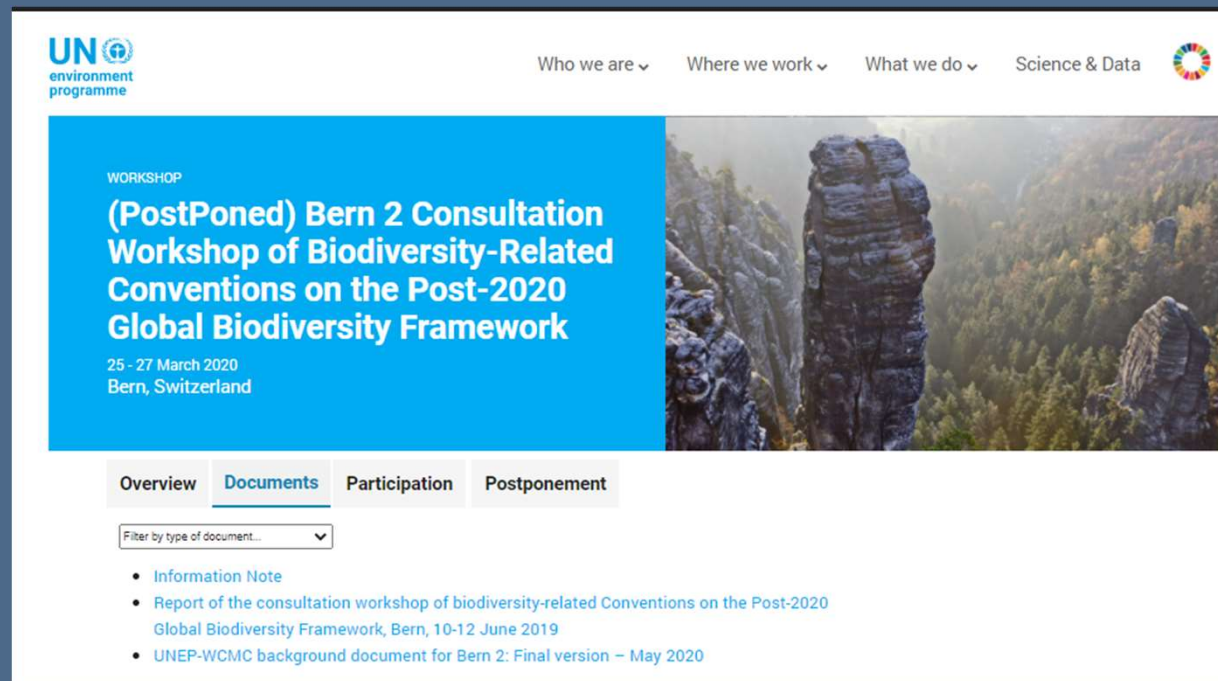
Annex 3: Timing of MEA governing body meetings up to CBD COP 15 and beyond

Annex 4: Overview of the timelines of Strategic Frameworks of MEAs up to 2030




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- Information Note
- Report of the consultation workshop of biodiversity-related Conventions on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Bern, 10-12 June 2019
- UNEP-WCMC background document for Bern 2: Final version – May 2020