

Committee of Permanent Representatives  
Subcommittee Meeting  
Thursday, 19 January 2023  
10:00 – 13:00 and 15:00 – 18:00 (GMT+3)  
Conference Room 1, United Nations Office at Nairobi  
Hybrid meeting

**Agenda item 6: Update on the outcomes of the CBD COP15.**

This note serves as an information background document for consideration of agenda item 3, whereby the Committee will be provided an update on the outcomes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 15). The note has been developed by the CBD Secretariat.

Following the presentation, Member States and Stakeholders are invited to engage in an exchange of views with the CBD Secretariat on the outcomes of CBD COP 15.

## UN Biodiversity Conference 2022 – Outcomes and Follow-up

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Briefing to subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, 19 January 2023

### BACKGROUND NOTE

The second part of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15) and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing were held in Montreal from 7 to 19 December 2022. The ministerial, high-level segment of the Conference was held from 15 to 17 December 2022.

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) adopted by COP 15<sup>1</sup> will serve as the world's framework for actions taken at all levels to safeguard and restore biodiversity under 23 targets to be achieved by 2030 and towards four long-term goals for 2050.

The implementation of the GBF will be supported by an agreed monitoring framework; mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review; resource mobilization; capacity building and technical and scientific cooperation; and benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources.

Agreements reached on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations, a communications strategy, a gender plan of action, a plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, and on enhanced implementation of the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, will also contribute to the implementation of the GBF.

Around 10,000 delegates, representing 189 Governments and 930 observer organizations, participated in the discussion and negotiation of these decisions, and others on substantive and procedural matters, and in associated events.

Major events held at the margins of the Conference included the 7th Summit for Subnational Governments and Cities, a Nature and Culture Summit, the 5th Science-Policy Forum for Biodiversity, a Business and Biodiversity Forum and a Finance and Biodiversity Day.

In addition, over 200 side-events, as well as events held in pavilions organized by China, Canada, the Rio Conventions and other organizations, and at the multi-stakeholder *Place Québec*, were organized by participating governments and organizations.

The briefing to the subcommittee will provide information about the Conference, its key outcomes and its follow-up in terms of expectations for implementation by member States and stakeholders and intersessional work for COP 16 and its concurrent meetings that will be held in Türkiye in the last half of 2024.

Relevant webpages:

- ❖ [Conference website](#)
- ❖ [Outcome documents](#)<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ [Earth Negotiations Bulletin \(ENB\) Summary Report](#)

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<sup>1</sup> See document CBD/COP/15/L25 at <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2021-2022/cop-15/documents>.

<sup>2</sup> Advance unedited decisions arising from the L documents are in process of being posted.