

Bern III Conference

Cooperation among the Biodiversity-related Conventions for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Webinar I

Preparations for the Bern III Conference on Cooperation among the Biodiversity-related Conventions for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Tuesday 19th December 2023 from 15:00 (GMT), online

Agenda

Topic	Time (GMT)
Opening Remarks <i>Tita Korvenoja (UNEP)</i>	5 min 15:00-15:05
Perspective from the host-country on the Bern Process <i>Niklaus Wagner (Switzerland)</i>	5 min 15:05-15:10
Format of Bern III <i>Natasha Walker (Facilitator)</i>	10 min 15:10-15:20
UNEP's role in Facilitating Synergies among MEAs <i>Diane Klaimi (UNEP)</i>	10 min 15:20-15:30
Overview over KM GBF and COP-15 Decisions <i>Neil Pratt (CBD Secretariat)</i>	10 min 15:30-15:40
Co-Chairs Perspective <i>Camilla Zepeda & Clarisse Siebert (Co-Chairs)</i>	20 min 15:40-16:00
Question and Answers <i>Natasha Walker (Facilitator) & Participants</i>	25 min 16:00-16:25
Closing Remarks <i>Diane Klaimi (UNEP)</i>	5 min 16:25-16:30

Bern Conference – Framing



Make it
actionable!

Goals and objectives of Bern III

- ✓ Identify opportunities to strengthen cooperation and collaboration within and among Parties to the biodiversity-related conventions, Rio conventions and other relevant multilateral environment agreements (hereafter referred to as “MEAs”) in implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) at all appropriate levels.
- ✓ Make recommendations on further steps that could be taken to strengthen cooperation and collaboration, while recognizing and respecting the roles and mandates of each MEA.
- ✓ Share practical experiences of cooperation and collaboration in implementation.

No-Goals of Bern III

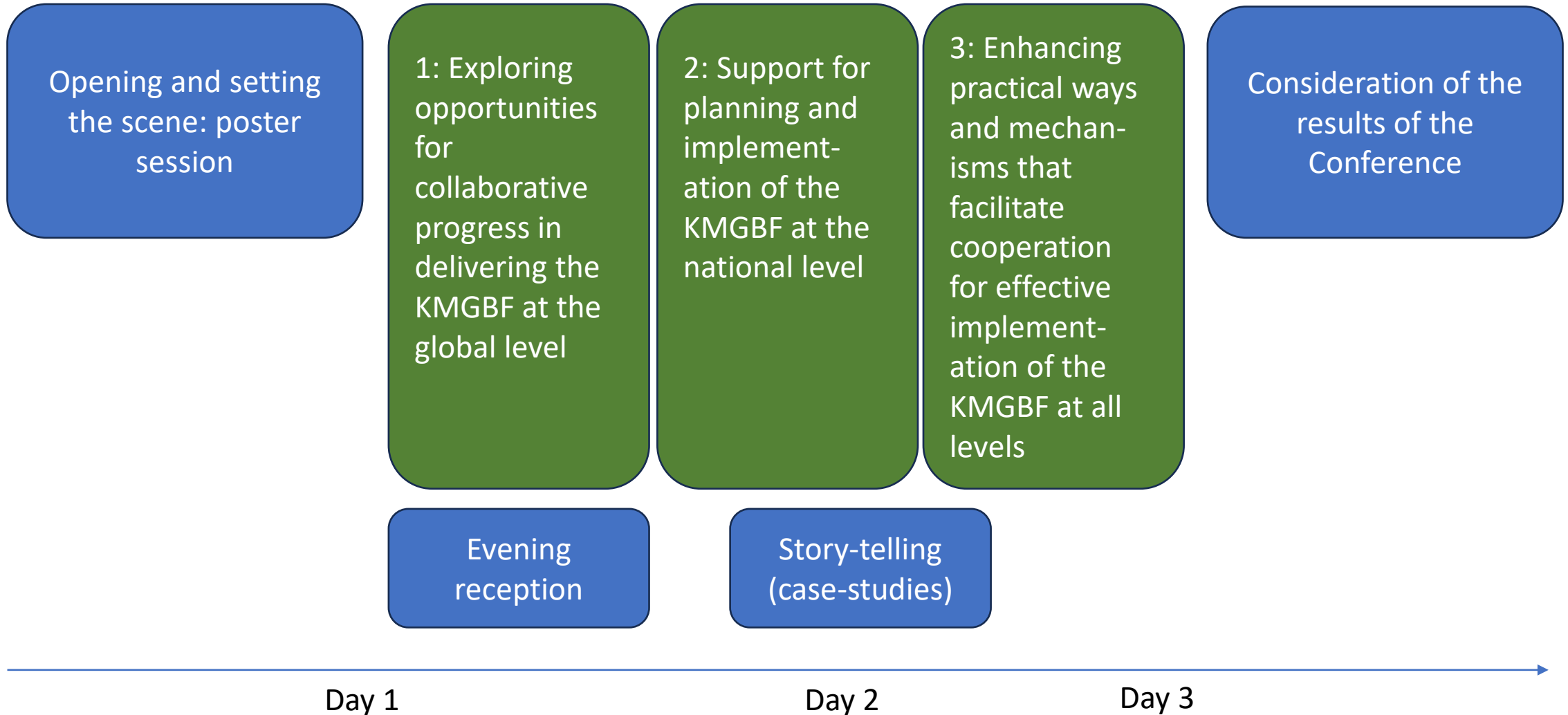
- ✗ Repeat the Bogey-Bossey brainstorming and re-open the list of ideas
- ✗ Negotiation between parties or preempt CBD COP16 or other MEAs’ governing bodies.
- ✗ Dwell on or challenge the mandates that brought people to Bern III

Bern Conference – Principles

- We identify the next steps for everything we recommend: Bern III Conference deliverables are good practical ideas on who needs to do what, with what follow-up and by when.
- We share experience openly to enable scaling up good practice
- We spend as little time in plenary as possible – this is not a negotiation!
- We start thinking about the future of the Bern Process from the beginning
- We can't deliver on our own, but need the input of the broader stakeholder community to implement the KMGBF
- We have no hierarchies among participants!



Bern III Conference – Flow



Bern III Conference

An important milestone towards achieving CBD COP 15 decision 15/13 on cooperation with other conventions and organizations and the associated package of decisions adopted supporting the implementation of **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (K-M GBF)**

COP-15 invites **governing bodies of other biodiversity-related conventions** to take specific actions **to align their processes** in support of implementation and monitoring of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and calls for continuation of the **Bern Process** to strengthen cooperation and collaboration among parties and secretariats of the various MEAs in delivery



Bern process aims to strengthen cooperation among parties and secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant conventions, in implementing the **KMGBF**

CBD COP invited UNEP within its role to facilitate strengthened cooperation and collaboration amongst MEAs in implementing the K-M GBF- building on experience of the Bern consultations and engaging with those in relevant thematic clusters

Working with the Swiss Government and SCBD, UNEP is planning for a Bern III Conference in January 23-25, 2024 to consider cooperation amongst MEAs in implementing the K-M GBF



Other MEAs have already taken steps within their mandates considering potential need for alignment with the GBF and the Bern Process

Kunming-Montreal GBF

CMS

CITES

ITPGRFA

Ramsar Convention

Minamata Convention

BRS

WHC

Carpathian Convention

Cartagena Convention

UNFCCC

Bern Process

ITPGRFA GB [resolution 13/2022](#)
[resolution 1/2023](#), [resolution 13/2023](#)

Ramsar COP [resolution XIV/26](#)

Minamata Convention COP
decision MC-5/17

Carpathian Convention COP
[decision 7/4](#)



Preparation for the Bern III Conference

- UNEP worked in close collaboration with the SCBD and Switzerland as host of the conference, and UNEP-WCMC partner
- *June 27-30, 2023, **Bogis-Bossey Expert Meeting***, to gather advise on agenda and process of organization
- July- September 2023, **the Co-Chairs** of the Bern III Conference Ms. Clarisse Kehler Siebert from Sweden and Ms. Camila Isabel Zepeda Lizama from Mexico and organizing committee
- **Worked with 15 MEA secretariats to coordinate invitations** to party representatives as appropriate- Other relevant organizations and stakeholders' groups
- 18 October 2023, **SBSTTA-25 Side Event** on Cooperation in implementing the framework - preparation for the Bern III Conference *Nairobi, Kenya*, to gather further inputs from CBD/SBSTTA Parties and MEAs attending

Background Documents

- **Agenda (provisional and annotated)**
- **The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**
- **Bern III information paper 1 – Mandates**
(“Mandates for the Bern Process and cooperation in implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework”)
- **Bern III information paper 2 – Meetings**
(“Potentially relevant meetings for a “roadmap””)
- **Bern III information paper 3 – Cross-mapping MEA strategies**
(“Key entry points for cooperation and collaboration amongst MEAs”)
- **The Co-Chairs Reflection Paper**
- **Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste**

Pre-conference online mechanisms:

1. Two preparatory webinars:

- ❑ December 19, informative webinar on preparations and agenda
- ❑ January (TBC) , interactive on background documents

2. Discussion Forum- January following Webinar II to allow participants to provide their feedback on three key documents

3. Case Studies- participants invited to share their examples of relevant experience- All submissions received within the deadline will be listed on the meeting website and will be used to inform the breakout group discussions during the Bern III Conference- deadline January 11, 2024

Outcomes

The outcomes of the Bern III Conference will be made available to inform discussions to be held under relevant processes, including the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-4) of the CBD and the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6).



Website



<https://www.unep.org/events/conference/bern-iii-conference-cooperation-among-biodiversity-related-conventions>

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