

**Statement by [David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity]  
On behalf of  
The Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions**

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the executive Heads of eight convention secretariats who work closely together in the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions: The secretariats of CBD, CITES, CMS, the Convention on Wetlands, the World Heritage Convention, the International Plant Protection Convention, the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the International Whaling Commission.

During preparation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the members of the Liaison Group worked hard together to ensure that the Framework, and its monitoring framework, address the objectives of each of our conventions. We are continuing our collaborative efforts to support the implementation of the Framework in a complementary manner.

Working together is more important than ever.

The Global Biodiversity Framework is built around the three pillars of sustainability and the interrelationships of biodiversity, climate change, land degradation and pollution. It recognizes the essential role in its implementation of biodiversity-related conventions.

It is complementary to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other global agreements, including the Paris Agreement.

And it reflects the urgency with which changes must be made and the urgency with which agreement must be turned into action.

While negotiated and adopted under the Convention on Biological Diversity, it is a global framework, intended to be embraced by all international organizations and conventions that relate to abating the drivers of biodiversity loss or to safeguarding biodiversity.

The Conference of the Parties to the CBD therefore called on the governing bodies of all related organizations and conventions to endorse the Framework and take measures to contribute to its implementation and monitoring, according to their respective mandates.

We are pleased to note that the Governing Body of the International Treaty, the CMS COP and the World Heritage Committee have responded to this call and work is ongoing under the other conventions in preparation for their own governing bodies. [insert details on respective COPs, if relevant? Keeping in mind the length of the statement]

We are pleased also that UNEP has strongly aligned its work programme in support of the Global Framework.

The Bern III Conference on cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions convened by UNEP a few weeks ago, and follow-up activities including at the margins of UNEA 6, contribute greatly to the development and planning of concrete actions by Parties, secretariat and stakeholders.

As one of their first actions in implementing the Framework, governments are updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and setting national targets: this provides the opportunity to incorporate relevant actions and priorities under each of the biodiversity-related conventions to which they are a Party, in order to enhance effective implementation.

We welcome the attention being given by UNEA-6 to cooperation between UNEA, UNEP and the MEAs and will continue to support our own governing bodies in providing similar attention to this cooperation, and to our joint efforts towards the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

We thank you for your attention.

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