

Committee of the Permanent Representatives
Subcommittee meeting
Nairobi, 23 January 2025
13:00 – 16:30 (GMT+3)
Hybrid meeting
Conference Room 4 (in person)
and Microsoft Teams (online)

Agenda item 4: Briefing on the outcomes of the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

This background document has been developed by the Secretariat to update the Committee on the key outcomes of the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Cali, Colombia from 21 October to 1 November 2024.

Following the presentation, the Committee is invited to take note of the briefing and engage in an exchange of views with Committee members and the Secretariat.

Outcomes of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP16)

The sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16) and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing were held from 21 October to 1 November 2024 in Cali, Colombia under the theme of “Peace with Nature”.

COP 16 was the first since adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF). With over 20,000 registered delegates, the COP16 saw unprecedented engagement from a diverse range of stakeholders, including Indigenous Peoples, local communities, cities, business and financial institutions. Following a Whole-of-Society approach, the CoP was billed as “La COP de la Gente” (the People’s COP).

Despite a challenging end as countries struggled to agree key decisions on budget, finance and a reporting framework, COP16 achieved a significant amount. Key Outcomes of the first part of CBD COP 16 are as follows:

- **Digital Sequence Information (DSI):** Launched the Cali Fund for the fair and equitable benefit-sharing from the use of DSI on genetic resources (CBD/COP/DEC/16/2)
- **Article 8j on Indigenous Peoples:** Adoption of the Programme of Work (CBD/COP/DEC/16/4); Establishing a new permanent subsidiary body (CBD/COP/DEC/16/5); Recognizing the role of people of African descent (CBD/COP/DEC/16/6)
- **Marine:** Agreeing on a new and evolved process to identify Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) (CBD/COP/DEC/16/16)
- **Nexus with climate Change:** Adoption of a landmark decision on biodiversity and climate change with a reference to the Ocean-Climate-Biodiversity Nexus; Calls upon the Presidents of CBD COP 16 and UNFCCC COPs 29/30 to strengthen multilateral coordination; Stresses importance of national focal points to engagement with UNFCCC counter parts (CBD/COP/DEC/16/22)
- **Health:** Adoption of the Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health (CBD/COP/DEC/16/19)
- **NBSAPs:** 121 countries submitted 2747 national biodiversity targets. 44 countries have submitted National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans.

COP16 was suspended in the early hours of 2 November after quorum was lost. To continue critical financial and technical discussion, in-person sessions will resume from 25 to 27 February 2025 in Rome, Italy.

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 17 and its concurrent meetings that will be held in Armenia, in the last quarter of 2026.

Relevant webpages: [Conference website](#); [Outcome documents](#); [Earth Negotiations Bulletin \(ENB\) Summary Report](#)