

# Second Online Briefing to the MEA consultation workshop on post- 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Bern II)



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**Presenting Key documents;  
preparing the participants in advance for the discussions at the workshop;  
ensuring an efficient and productive Bern II workshop**

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**Objective:** The overall aim of this second online briefing is to help ensure an efficient and productive Bern II workshop when it takes place, whether in virtual or face-to-face format. The specific objectives of this second online briefing are to:

- present key workshop documents so that they do not need to be presented in detail at the workshop, allowing for more time to be allocated to discussion and feedback;
- encourage the participants to prepare in advance for the discussions at the workshop, thereby keeping the momentum going and helping to make the best out of the additional available time. The online briefing is intended to be informative, and to support preparation for the future workshop. It is not intended as a forum for debate and decision.

Process of preparations for the MEA consultation workshop on post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Bern II) in the inter-sessional period leading to CBD COP 15

### January 2020

- UNEP and the Government of Switzerland exchanged a pledged letter and concept
- Save-the-Date Letter and a pre-meeting questionnaire sent to Secretariats of MEAs (biodiversity, chemicals/waste, Rio Conventions).

### February 2020

- A draft agenda prepared and consulted with MEAs clusters for inputs.
- Invitation letters were sent to MEAs Secretariats and Parties, Chairs of bureaus/standing committees, consolidated the nominations and started the logistical arrangements.
- The website launched (<https://www.unenvironment.org/events/workshop/bern-2-consultation-workshop-biodiversity-related-conventions-post-2020-global>).

### March 2020

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the originally planned workshop (25 – 27 March) was postponed.

The first online briefing was held on 26 and 27 March to inform the participants of the objectives and organization of the workshop. For this online briefing, a briefing note was circulated to participants.

### May 2020

- The background document was prepared in consultation with MEAs for the Bern II workshop and was circulated to participants.

### September 2020

- The Co-Lead's Paper was shared with participants
- The second online briefing will take place on 9 September.

### January 2021

- The Bern II workshop may be organized in late January 2021, subject to COVID-19.



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**Thank You**

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