

Third COBSEA Webinar on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

The Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD) has set out the process to develop a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, for consideration at COP 15¹. The aim of the framework is to galvanize transformative action by governments and all of society to put biodiversity on a path to recovery, for the benefit of people and the planet. Negotiations on the framework² are coordinated by an open-ended working group. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) provides assessments of possible framework elements while the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) will review and strengthen framework implementation.

The COBSEA Secretariat hosts a webinar series on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, providing a platform for dialogue on how COBSEA can be leveraged to support countries during the development, delivery and tracking of the framework. The webinars are targeted at COBSEA countries, in particular COBSEA National Focal Points, contact persons and other relevant staff; as well as national biodiversity focal points or their representatives. The first webinar, held 28 May 2020, took stock of the process for development of the framework and discussed UNEP's role in this, including its work with and through Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (see [summary](#)). The second webinar, held 3 December 2020, discussed the updated zero draft of the framework, provided an update on preparations for meetings of subsidiary bodies, and shared information on projects and initiatives linking the Regional Seas and the framework as well as the ICRI Recommendation on the inclusion of coral reefs and related ecosystems within the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (see [summary](#)).

The third webinar will be held Thursday 8 July, 14-15.30 ICT.

The third webinar will discuss the pathway to CBD COP 15 to be held in October 2021, including outcomes of the second consultation workshop of biodiversity-related conventions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework ('Bern-II'); updates of meetings of subsidiary bodies, and information about the third open-ended working group meeting (OEWG-3). A demonstration of the [Data reporting tool for Multilateral Environmental Agreements](#) (DaRT) will also be provided. The event will further provide an opportunity to learn from experiences of individual COBSEA countries in relation to the development of the framework. As always, there will be time for discussion and exchange of views on efforts through COBSEA, including from COBSEA country representatives.

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Draft agenda

<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
14:00	Welcome and opening remarks	COBSEA Coordinator a.i.
14.05	Pathway to CBD COP15 including updates on Bern-II, SBSTTA-24, SBI-3 and OEWG-3	Diane Klaimi, UNEP's Law Division
14.20	Presentation of DaRT	Eric Wiedmer, UNEP consultant
14.40	Q&A including reflections from COBSEA countries	Representatives from COBSEA countries
15.15	Discussion on next steps	
15.25	Summary and closing	COBSEA coordinator a.i.

¹ in decision 14/34, see <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-34-en.pdf>

² <https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/da8c/9e95/9e9db02aaf68c018c758ff14/wg2020-02-03-en.pdf>