

BERN II WORKSHOP BACKGROUND DOCUMENT

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Objectives

- **Prepared by:** Katharina Rogalla von Bieberstein (UNEP-WCMC) in May 2020, building on input from MEAs secretariats and with the financial support of the Switzerland.
- **Purpose:** support achievement of the workshop objectives, with respect to identifying:
 - concrete elements to be included in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
 - concrete mechanisms for monitoring and reviewing its implementation
 - how conventions other than CBD can contribute to its development and operationalization thereby strengthening cooperation among and coherent implementation of conventions with respect to biodiversity and ecosystem services
- **Approach:** Provide background and ‘food for thought’ which:
 - informs workshop participants, without being exhaustive or promoting a particular outcome
 - presents topics/questions to facilitate and encourage discussion before and at the workshop

Overview

Each section provides suggestions of **questions that could be addressed** during the workshop, and also a **list of key sources** that could provide further information. Neither is intended to be exhaustive, but should help provide support to participants.

Three sections, following the structure of the workshop agenda:

A - Thematic issues

B - Implementation issues

C - Operationalisation by other conventions and processes

A - Thematic issues

Suggestions of topics that would be relevant for discussion relating to the drafting of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and its future implementation:

- a) Identification of draft goals, targets and indicators that are of highest priority to MEAs, and whether these are currently addressed in the most useful way
- b) Identification of gaps in the draft, and whether the topics not covered should be integrated in the currently proposed goals, targets and indicators or by new proposals
- c) Needs and opportunities for developing joint work programmes, potentially with one lead MEA
- d) Opportunities for greater harmonisation of the use of indicators across MEAs
- e) Ensuring cooperation and synergies for the implementation of the long-term approach to mainstreaming being developed by the Convention on Biological Diversity

B - Implementation issues

Suggestions of relevant topics for discussion during Bern II workshop:

- a) Role of other MEAs in implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and elements to include in the framework and in other CBD COP-15 decisions to facilitate this role
- b) Potential relevance of a specific MEAs leading implementation of specific activities, including the relationship to other sectors (for example chemicals and waste)
- c) Potential need for cross-referencing MEAs monitoring and reporting frameworks, and opportunities for identifying synergies in review and reporting mechanisms
- d) Facilitating coherent implementation of MEAs at national level (strengthening cooperation mechanisms amongst focal points, role of regional/sub-regional workshops on NBSAPs, etc)
- e) Cooperation in capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, resource mobilization, etc

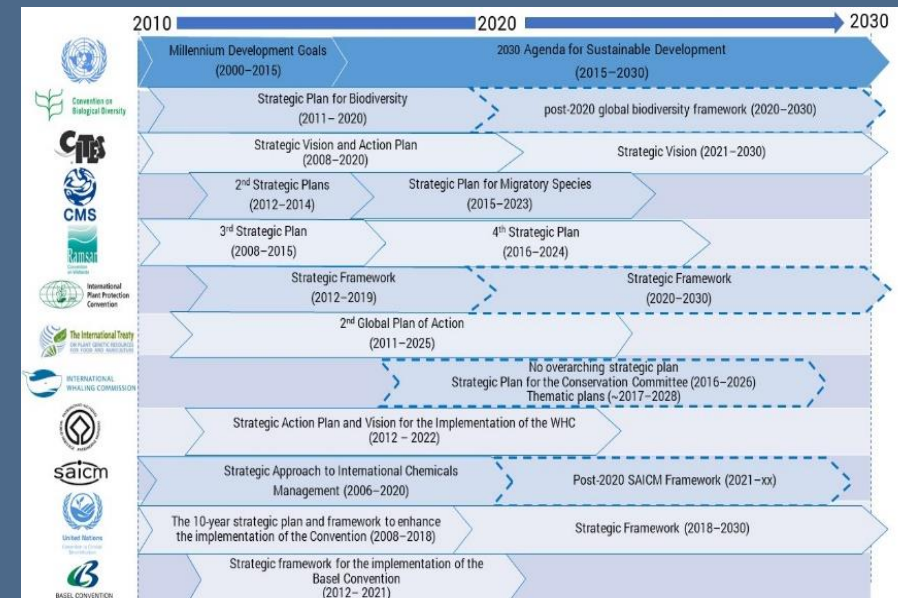
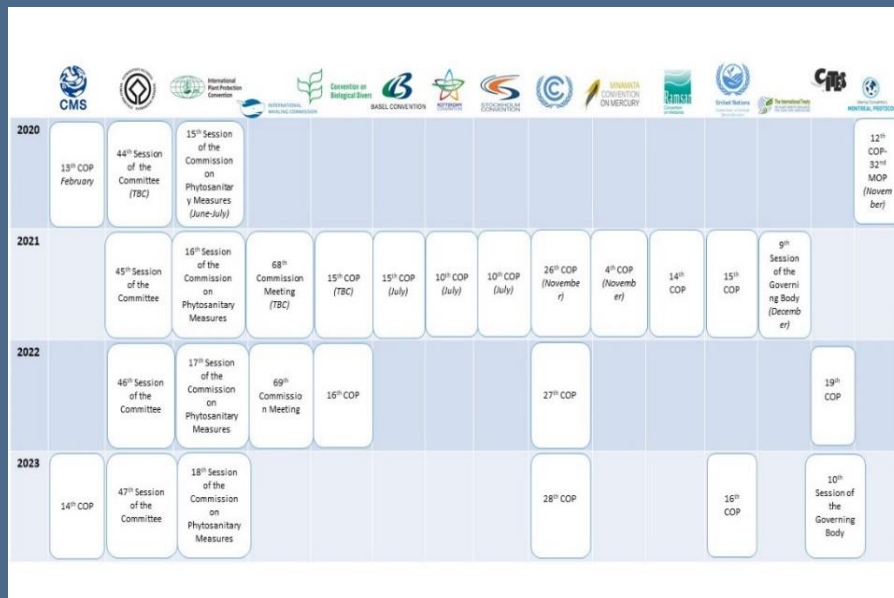
C - Operationalisation by other conventions and processes

Suggestions of relevant topics for discussion during Bern II workshop:

- a) Reflection of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in decisions of other MEAs
- b) Alignment of different MEA strategies/targets/indicators with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- c) Addressing differences in process timings, for example potential coordination and streamlining of meetings, synergies in implementation reviews, joint secretariat activities, etc.
- d) Role of cooperation mechanisms among conventions, opportunities for strengthening these mechanisms in different ways
- e) Showcasing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as a vehicle for delivering the SDGs...

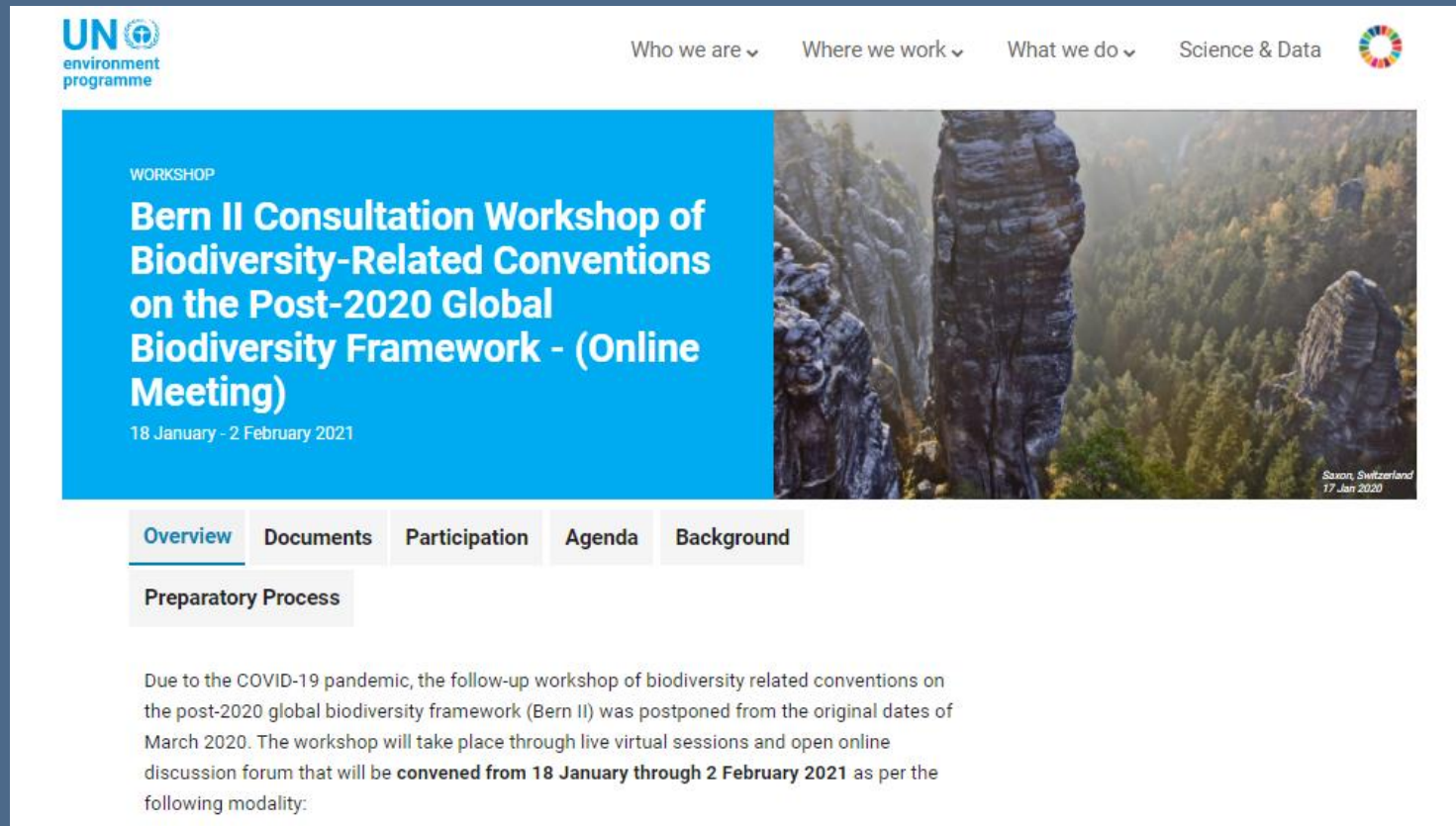
Annexes

- Annex 1:** Overview of explicit references to other MEAs in the zero draft
- Annex 2:** Overview of decisions, resolutions and declarations on alignment of the strategic planning documents of other biodiversity-related conventions than CBD with the GBF
- Annex 3:** Timing of MEA governing body meetings up to CBD COP 15 and beyond
- Annex 4:** Overview of the timelines of Strategic Frameworks of MEAs up to 2030




Online access

<https://www.unenvironment.org/events/workshop/bern-ii-consultation-workshop-biodiversity-related-conventions-post-2020-global>



The screenshot shows the UN Environment Programme website page for the Bern II Consultation Workshop. The page features a blue header with the UN Environment Programme logo and navigation links: "Who we are", "Where we work", "What we do", and "Science & Data". The main content area has a blue background with the text "WORKSHOP" and "Bern II Consultation Workshop of Biodiversity-Related Conventions on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework - (Online Meeting)". Below this, the dates "18 January - 2 February 2021" are displayed. To the right of the text is a photograph of a forested landscape with tall, thin rock formations. Below the main content area, there is a navigation menu with tabs for "Overview", "Documents", "Participation", "Agenda", and "Background". The "Overview" tab is selected. Below the navigation menu, there is a section titled "Preparatory Process" with a paragraph of text explaining the postponement of the workshop due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the new dates.

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Preparatory Process

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the follow-up workshop of biodiversity related conventions on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (Bern II) was postponed from the original dates of March 2020. The workshop will take place through live virtual sessions and open online discussion forum that will be **convened from 18 January through 2 February 2021** as per the following modality: