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# UN Biodiversity Conference 2022

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Briefing to subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives

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# Briefing will address

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- I. Preparation
- II. Outcomes
- III. Participation and associated events
- IV. Looking ahead



# UN Biodiversity Conference 2022

**UN Biodiversity Conference 2022, Montreal, 7-19 December 2022, comprising:**

**Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15) Part 2**

30 agenda items

**Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CP COP-MOP 10) Part 2**

20 agenda items

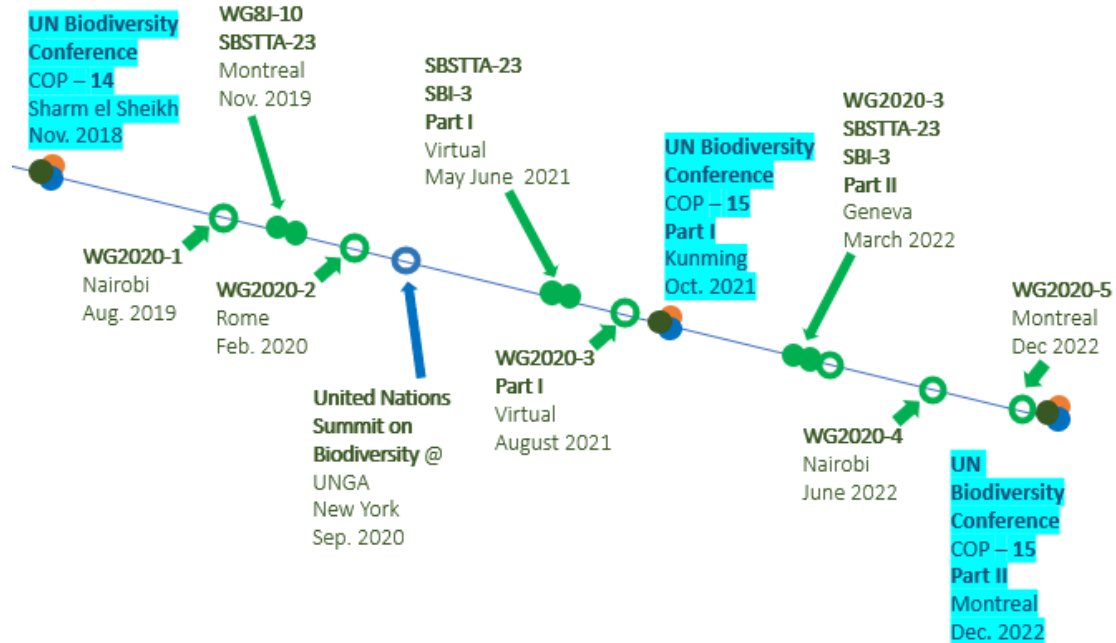
**Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (NP COP-MOP 4) Part 2**

19 agenda items

**Ministerial High-level Segment 15-17 December 2022**



# Intersessional Process COP 14 to COP 15





# June to Dec 2022: from Kunming to Montreal

- June: change of venue from Kunming to Montreal announced at WG2020-4
- July: dates determined with COP 15 to be preceded by WG2020-5
- August: venue determined
- Mobilization of resources and actors
- Strong collaboration, liaison and regular meetings between Secretariat, China and Canada
- Logistical arrangements at federal, provincial and city levels



# Major outcomes COP 15

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**Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** (decision 15/4)

**Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal GBF** (decision 15/5)

*Agreed and adopted as a package with decisions on:*

- Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review (decision 15/6)
- Resource mobilization (decision 15/7)
- Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation (decision 15/8)
- Digital sequence information on genetic resources (decision 15/9)



# Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

- Four global Goals for 2050 and 23 Targets to be achieved by 2030
  - Reducing threats to biodiversity (targets 1 to 8), Meeting people's needs through sustainable use and benefit-sharing (targets 9 to 13), Tools and solutions for implementation and mainstreaming (targets 14 to 23)
- Provides: background, purpose, considerations for implementation, links with 2030 Agenda, theory of change, 2050 Vision and 2030 Mission (sections A to F)
- Includes requirements for: implementation and support mechanism and enabling conditions; responsibility and transparency; communication, education, awareness and uptake (sections I to K)
- Global framework for all countries, governments, stakeholders, MEAs, organizations and UN, including UNEP, and provides a mechanism to foster:
  - synergies and complementarity in implementation of related MEAs;
  - whole of government and whole of society approaches; and
  - integration (mainstreaming) of biodiversity into sectors.



# The closely-related decisions establish:

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- **Enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review** (decision 15/6).
- **Strategy for Resource Mobilization** (decision 15/7).
- **Long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development** (decision 15/8)
- **Mechanism** comprising a **network of regional**, and/or additional subregional **technical and scientific cooperation support centres** (decision 15/8).
- **Agreement to establish a multilateral mechanism for benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources** (decision 15/9).





# Other GBF-related decisions address:

- **Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations** (Decision 15/13)
- **Communications strategy** (CBD/COP/15/L23, decision 15/14).
- **Gender plan of action** (CBD/COP/15/L24, decision 15/11).
- **Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity (2021-2030)** (CBD/COP/15/L22, decision 15/12).
- **Guidance to the Global Environment Facility** (CBD/COP/15/L.23, decision 15/15) including request to GEF to establish Special Trust Fund (Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Fund)



# Examples of other COP 15 outcomes

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- **Synthetic Biology** (CBD/COP/15/L.18, decision 15/31)
- **Nature and Culture** (CBD/COP/15/L.10, decision 15/22)
- Biodiversity and **agriculture** (CBD/COP/15/L16, decision 15/28)
- Biodiversity and **health** (CBD/COP/15/L17, decision 15/29)
- Biodiversity and **climate change** (CBD/COP/15/L19, decision 15/30)



# Significant outcomes of the COP-MOPs to the Protocols

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## **Cartagena Protocol**

- Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2021 to 2030
- Capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

## **Nagoya Protocol**

- Measures to assist in capacity-building
- Digital sequence information on genetic resources
- Global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism



# High-level engagement at the Conference

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Ceremonial opening in the presence of the Prime Minister of Canada and UN Secretary-General

High-level Segment presided by China (15-17 December 2022)

Ministerial discussions on GBF and its five associated matters, for example: Ministers of Egypt and Canada co-chairing discussions on GBF, Rwanda and Germany on resource mobilization, etc.



# Participation and stakeholder engagement

930 observer organizations representing diverse stakeholders

Stakeholder representatives actively participated in contact and working groups, high-level meetings including with the UNSG

Participated in and organized events:

- 7th Summit for Subnational Governments & Cities
- Nature and Culture Summit
- 5th Science-Policy Forum for Biodiversity
- Business and Biodiversity Forum
- Finance and Biodiversity Day
- Youth Summit
- Multistakeholder *Place Québec*
- Thematic pavilions and exhibitions
- Over 200 side-events

Perspectives of civil society influenced the negotiations and are reflected in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework



# Analysis

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- Solid GBF that takes into account views from all actors
- Over 4 years of consultations and engagement
- Has overcome critical issues: means of implementation, including capacity building, resource mobilization and financing; numerical values, monitoring, indicators and baselines; and digital sequence information (DSI)
- Takes into account lessons learned from previous strategic plan and targets: Not all stakeholders were involved in preparing Aichi Biodiversity Targets; no key financing or RM mechanisms; delays related to national reports and NBSAP review



# Implementation

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- Rapid alignment of NBSAPs with GBF
- Support from GEF-7 early action grants and GEF-8; and establishment of GBF Fund in 2023.
- Expecting governing bodies of other conventions and international organizations, including UNEA-6, to endorse the GBF, align strategies, and contribute to its implementation and monitoring



# Intersessional work to COP 16

Provision for **up to six intersessional meetings** of open-ended subsidiary bodies to provide advice to **COP 16, to be held in Türkiye in last half of 2024:**

- **Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)** – up to two meetings
- **Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI)** – up to two meetings
- **Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (WG8J-12)**
- **Ad hoc open-ended working group on benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources** to undertake further development of the multilateral mechanism and make recommendations to COP 16





# Intersessional work to COP 16

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Will be informed by work undertaken by, among others:

- **Ad hoc technical expert group on indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** to advise on the further operationalization of the monitoring framework
- **Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization** to support strengthening the Strategy for Resource Mobilization and to operationalize elements of the decision on resource mobilization
- **Informal advisory group on technical and scientific cooperation**, to provide strategic advice on practical measures, tools and opportunities to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation





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Thank You

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