

# PLACE QUÉBEC

## Auditorium Agenda

From December 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the 15th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Place Québec in the Palais de Congrès, Montréal

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

#### ONE HEALTH

**09:00 - 10:15**

##### **Caring for biodiversity to protect ourselves, our health and wellbeing**

Organizer: Planetary Health Alliance, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, other organizations to be confirmed

Biodiversity is inextricably linked to the quality of the air we breathe, the water we drink, the soils we depend upon for the quality and quantity of the food we produce. It is an important determinant of human health and wellbeing and contributes directly to the improvement of human health and to the health sector through traditional medicine, benefits for mental health, and nutritious diets.

This highly interactive session will explore the connection between intact, functioning natural systems and human well-being as the basis for a well-being society. In particular, the session will discuss how the health sector, especially health facilities and health professionals, can play a leading role in understanding and raising the importance of our relationship with nature, including through education initiatives and social action.

Participants to this session are invited to engage and learn about health system and health professionals' initiatives that improve biodiversity values and biodiversity itself in proximity to communities, such as nature prescribing, greening hospitals and healthcare facilities, and efforts to increase access to blue and green areas for positive health outcomes.

**10:30 – 11:15**

##### **Fireside Chat with Quadripartite for One Health**

Organizer: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), and the World Health Organization (WHO) - collectively called the Quadripartite for One Health.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), and the World Health Organization (WHO) signed an MoU last year establishing a Quadripartite Alliance for One Health, with a view to strengthening cooperation to sustainably balance and optimize the health of humans, animals, plants and the environment.

Responding to international requests to prevent future zoonotic pandemics and to promote health sustainably, the Quadripartite have developed the One Health Joint Plan of Action (2022-2026) (OH JPA), which outlines the commitment of the four organizations to collectively advocate and support the implementation of One Health.

This fireside chat session aims to present the work of the Quadripartite, and in particular the OH JPA, and its linkages with ecosystems health and the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity. This highly interactive session will give stakeholders and interested participants an opportunity to learn more about the operationalization of One Health approaches at all levels, to ask questions and discuss challenges and opportunities related to the implementation of the OH JPA.

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**11:30 – 13:00**

## **One Health at the governance level: synergies for advancing the health of people and the planet**

Organizer: Wildlife Conservation Society, CBD Secretariat, other organizations to be confirmed

With biodiversity declining faster than at any time in human history, the deterioration of nature threatens quality of life and intensifies risks posed to well-being, our economies and our planet. The uptake of a more integrated, cross-sectoral and biodiversity-inclusive One Health approach can truly help to address the common drivers of biodiversity loss, climate change, increased pandemic risk while supporting better health and well-being outcomes.

This interactive session will explore opportunities for further strengthening linkages between the environmental and health agendas. It will specifically refer to opportunities to reinforce biodiversity-health linkages in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the ongoing process to draft and negotiate a WHO convention, agreement, or other international instrument on pandemic prevention.

## **WOMEN**

**13:30 – 17:30**

## **Gender Day “Weaving Human Rights and Gender Equality in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework - Part 2”**

Organizer: UNCBD Women's Caucus and CBD Secretariat

The UNCBD Women's Caucus and the CBD Secretariat are together hosting the “Gender Day: Weaving Human Rights and Gender Equality in the Post-2020 GBF”. The purpose of this two-part event is to collectively identify the best practices towards the effective inclusion of human rights and gender equality in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to be adopted at CBD COP-15.

In this second part, a panel discussion will be held to highlight the role of women, girls and gender towards effective, inclusive, and transformative action towards the achievement of the three objectives of the Convention. Four themes underpinning the effective inclusion of Human Rights and Gender Equality in the Post-2020 GBF will be addressed:

1. Land & Territories and women;
2. Contributions of Human Rights Defenders;
3. Financial Mechanism;
4. Young Women in Biodiversity Conservation.

During the panel discussion, different possible solutions for the inclusion of Human Rights and Gender Equality in the Post-2020 GBF will be raised and evaluated. It will also be a participatory session with dynamic, highly interactive and continuous activities for the participants.



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## Civil Society from China

**18:00-21:00**

### **Action Salon on Biodiversity Conservation**

Organizer: Global Environmental Institute (GEI), African wildlife Foundation (AWF)

Strengthen non-state actors (NSAs) in local, regional and global cooperation and take practical actions to achieve global biodiversity goals and ambitions has attracted great attention from CBD Parties, especially developing countries. This event will collect the non-state actors of academies, enterprises, civil society and youth groups from all over the world (especially those from China and Africa) to exchange young people perspectives on the post 2020 GBF, to discuss how to take actions, and to mobilize NSA voluntary commitments to biodiversity conservation.