

PLACE QUÉBEC

Auditorium Agenda

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

Place Québec in the Palais de Congrès, Montréal

Wednesday 7th December

09:00 - 13:00

No events planned

13:30 – 17:30

Reserved

FAITH BASED

18:00 – 21:00

Faith Based Organizations

Various Organizers

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Thursday 8th December

YOUTH

09:00 - 10:00

Welcoming & opening speeches

Keynote speakers and day's overview.

10:00 – 10:45

Role of right holders

Role of women, IPLCs and youth as right holders and custodians of biodiversity

10:45 – 11:10

Dance with Elizabeth Mrema

Submit Youth summit Call for Action and youth manifesto with #fornature by dancing with Elizabeth

Mrema

11:10 – 12:10

Intergenerational dialogue

Intergenerational Equity: how to meaningfully engage youth in the other stakeholder groups?

12:10 – 13:15

Panel discussion

Contributions des jeunes francophones contre la perte de la biodiversité

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13:15 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 – 16:30

Building youth-led funding partnerships

Towards a new culture of financing rightsholders to unlock impact.

16:30 – 17:30

Closing remarks and culture engagement

CBD ALLIANCE

18:00 - 19:30

Climate and biodiversity issues, including geoengineering, and calling out false solution like nature-based solutions

19:30 – 21:00

Corporate capture including of mainstreaming vs rights and governance

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Friday 9th December

BUSINESS & FINANCE

08:30-10:00

What is Global Biodiversity Framework and what it means to business?

Organizer: World Economic Forum

During the session, World Economic Forum will publish a report in collaboration with PwC on “What is Global Biodiversity Framework and what it means to business?”. The report will highlight the key targets that are relevant to business and provide identical cases to reflect each of the targets. This will give more companies a clear understanding how to make better efforts in biological conservation and sustainable use. Through this session, we are expected to change mindset to actions, and change actions to impacts. The main objectives from the session are:

- To mainstream the global biodiversity targets and interpret the target to business actions and opportunities.
- To raise the ambition level of both business and government in setting biodiversity goals.
- To discuss what next-step actions business can take based on the biodiversity framework and collective efforts.

10:15-11:15

Reforming environmental harmful subsidies for a nature positive future

Organizer: Capitals Coalition and Business for Nature

This session will aim to stage a discussion between government and business on **how to rethink and reform subsidies that are harmful to biodiversity** and, where possible, to redirect them towards nature positive outcomes.

The session will explore how **Target 18** can reflect the ambition, scale and urgency needed to reform environmentally harmful subsidies by discussing the importance of subsidy reform for businesses and governments. It will include discussions on the need to create a radical collaboration where business, government and finance collectively reshape the incentive mechanisms for the future. Currently, \$1.8 trillion is spent every year on environmentally harmful subsidies, a figure that is exponentially higher than the amount of government funding used to protect biodiversity.

These types of support distort prices and resource allocation and investment decisions, altering the patterns of production and consumption in the economy, increasing externalities and costs for society to reverse nature loss and clean up pollution. Reforming environmentally harmful subsidies could also contribute to the resource mobilisation strategy of the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.

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11:30-13:00

Embedding Climate & Nature into Corporate Decision Making: TCFD Reference Scenarios, TNFD Piloting, Enhanced Risk Management

Organizer: World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Corporations and governments must work together to drive this transformation and to do so, tools must be developed to support companies on this journey. This session will highlight progress made on two critical areas:

1. Make disclosure of ESG-related risks and impacts mandatory and standardised.
2. Build capability in the directors about what a “future proof business” is and have the right processes in place to make informed decisions

Intended Outcomes

- This session will discuss the way that WBCSD members & partners are creating tools, pilots and programs to Embed Climate & Nature into Corporate Decision Making to create impact at scale.
- Call to action for companies to join us and our partners in support of TCFD & TNFD.
- Call to action for governments to continue to drive the transparency agenda.

13:15-14:15

The Business Case for Nature Friendly Consumption: Scaling up Consumer Information on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

Organizer: UN Environment Programme (Consumer Information Programme @ OnePlanet network)

The objective of the session is to showcase how businesses can take responsibility for a healthy planet and benefit from including aspects of biodiversity in their marketing campaigns.

Businesses are realising that safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystem services is crucial to maintaining their business models. Private sector initiatives such as The Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity by the Convention on Biological Diversity or OP2B - One Planet Business for Biodiversity are prominent examples of collective action towards halting and reversing adverse effects on nature. Those initiatives prepare businesses to develop relevant measures that support the implementation of the consumption and production related targets that are currently negotiated as part of the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework.

But how does this look in reality and where do consumers come into play? And: how can we address those challenges in an alliance between businesses, policy makers and consumers? The session “Building the business case for nature friendly consumption” will provide answers and spark off discussions on how to move forward.

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Nature Positive: The emerging Business as Usual

Organizer: Cross Sector Biodiversity Initiative

Banks, Mining and Energy Companies will share their insights on Net Zero and Nature Positive ambitions from a private sector perspective. This session will discuss the challenges and opportunities and share learnings across the value chain of these 3 industries on achieving Nature Positive; ranging from sustainable financing options and shareholder engagement through to low carbon mineral and metal extraction, refinement, circularity and the establishment of renewable energy installations which will underpin the energy transition. Case studies will be used to highlight these learnings. This session will discuss and bring insights on:

- The pressures/requirements of investors /banks to finance extractives projects in support of the energy transition; are they achievable in balancing energy needs and climate/biodiversity impacts.
- The impacts and trade-offs of achieving nature positive including avoidance and using Nature based solutions and offsets; sourcing low carbon minerals/metals to support the energy transition.
- How to balance synergies and trade-offs between Net Zero and Nature Positive; how to integrate NbS.

16:30-18:00

Business contributions towards the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: learnings from sourcing collaborations and actions across value chains

Organizer: UEBT, Textile Exchange and OP2B

Achieving the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework targets requires private sector collaboration across landscapes and economic sectors. Industry coalitions are providing tools and guidance to enable companies to achieve the outcomes needed to reverse biodiversity loss.

In this session, the lead organisations will share common lessons learned from industry coalition work in facilitating business action on biodiversity.

Then, representatives from companies will inspire action by sharing their experiences in building a foundation towards achieving biodiversity targets across their supply chains. They will provide practical tips on identifying priority natural raw materials and landscapes and implementing best practices. Companies will also explore how collaborations across sectors have helped to accelerate their capacity to create positive change.

Speakers will reflect on the primary enablers and barriers to driving biodiversity action in the private sector. The session will conclude with suggestions for how the valuable work businesses are already doing for biodiversity on the ground can be replicated throughout global industry.

ACADEMIA & RESEARCH

18:00 - 21:00

Academic and Research Organizations

Various organizers

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Saturday 10th December

BUSINESS & FINANCE

08:30-10:00

Promoting Biodiversity Through Nature Markets

Organizer: Global Canopy, Deloitte and EY

This session will provide participants with the current opportunities and roadblocks around: appropriately valuing, regulating, and monetizing biodiversity, creating and leveraging market incentives to promote biodiversity conservation and restoration, and the equity and ethics considerations we need to keep at the forefront of the conversation. The session aims to provide the appropriate context setting, SME expertise, and cross-sector pollination to create a collaborative environment around solutioning for the financialization of biodiversity to incentivize conservation and restoration efforts. Attendees should walk away with:

- A knowledge of environmental markets and potential pathways for biodiversity in these markets.
- An understanding of the opportunities and challenges posed in valuing and regulating biodiversity.
- Insight into the market levers for incentivization for biodiversity conservation and restoration.

10:15-11:45

How nature-related standards and disclosures are guiding investors and insurers

Organizer: United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative

According to industry experts, biodiversity is "the fastest-developing ESG theme in global capital markets." At the same time action is often geared at banks and not investors and insurers. In this session UNEP FI together with PRI and UNEP-WCMC is inviting leading insurers and investors to reflect on how approaches to measure, act and report impact and dependency on nature, such as via the development of a standardised framework by the Taskforce on Nature-related Disclosures, and the International Sustainability Standards Board, or the update of the Global Reporting Indicator on Biodiversity is guiding their actions on nature.

The main objectives/intended outcomes of this session are to discuss to what extent the TNFD LEAP FI approach is applicable for insurers and investors and what recommendations could be made to the TNFD and other standard setters based on the UNEP FI-led pilots in support of the TNFD with nearly 40 financial institutions including 12 investment manager and insurers.

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Strengthening the measurement and accountability for nature-positive business actions

Organizer: World Economic Forum

Conserving, restoring and sustainably managing nature is an economic imperative. With growing recognition of the scale and magnitude of the crisis associated with biodiversity loss, corporates, financial institutions and investors are moving from understanding “why” to asking about “how” nature positive could be measured and applied in the real world. Therefore, measurement and accountability must be strengthened to avoid the risks of greenwashing and empower businesses to start and scale up their action on nature.

Through this session, we are expected to empower businesses to take immediate first steps in developing robust measurement and strengthening accountability of nature-positive actions to contribute to a successful CoP15 and the implementation of the Target 15.

13:45-14:30

Increasing the Nature Alignment of Global Finance

Organizer: NatureFinance

Achieving the goals of an ambitious Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework requires not only significant mobilisation of resources but also the realignment of huge volumes of public and private finance towards nature positive, equitable outcomes. NatureFinance has developed a first of its kind Alignment Toolkit to allow national, international and corporate financial actors to assess their degree of alignment and support the changes needed to put them on the path to a nature positive, net zero future. At this event you will learn about the Alignment Toolkit and hear from partners in its development, and future users, about why it matters.

14:30-16:00

Transformative business action towards nature-positive from national to global scale

Organizer: World Business Council for Sustainable Development

This session aims to highlight collaborative actions across all levels of the system for a nature-positive world by 2030:

- From landscapes, seascapes and watersheds to national and global levels.
- From operational sites, to corporate and into value-chains.

Aimed at business practitioners, policy makers and organisations and networks that work with business, we will share inspirational stories from around the world of how business, government and other stakeholders have come together to transform key sectors including agriculture, built environment and energy systems, highlighting the enabling corporate and government policies and strategies required. Participants will then have the chance to interact directly with the presenters through small group discussions, leaving the session inspired to replicate similar multi-stakeholder collaborations in their respective regions.

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Role of valuation for a nature positive economy

Organizer: Capitals Coalition

The valuation of nature is critical to achieving a nature positive economy. Businesses are calling for mandatory assessment and disclosure of impacts and dependencies on nature to deliver the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. This session will bring together experts from finance, business, NGOs and government to explore the role of valuations in effectively implementing Target 15. Participants will have the opportunity to provide input to the Value Commission as they develop the global criteria for transparent value factors and discuss the path to mainstreaming the inclusion of nature's value in decision making.

Objectives:

- Bring awareness about the Value Accounting Network and the tools/frameworks available and its potential for delivering target 15
- Raise awareness of valuation and role of valuation for delivering the CBD global biodiversity framework and agenda (especially target 15)
- Discuss and gain feedback on transparency criteria for valuation factors

WOMEN

18:00 - 21:00

Gender Day “Weaving Human Rights and Gender Equality in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework - Part 1”

Organizer: UNCBD Women's Caucus and CBD Secretariat

The UNCBD Women's Caucus and the Secretariat to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) are 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. It will also be an open space for Parties, stakeholders and observers to discuss and assess existing solutions and concrete ways forward to effectively integrate Human Rights and Gender Equality in all biodiversity-related policies and practices at all levels.

This will be an evening reception event. After welcoming remarks and an opening of the event, there will be music and a photographic exhibition, and opportunities for participants to engage on the theme of Gender Day. The winning photographs of the photo contest: “She Shapes Biodiversity”, held months before the CBD COP-15 by Women 4 Biodiversity will be exhibited, showing women taking action for our planet and future, as women and girls are key actors in the conservation of biodiversity and its sustainable use (CBD, 1992). The aim of the photo exhibition is to visualize and recognize the practices that women around the world carry out for the benefit of conservation.

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Sunday 11th December

BUSINESS & FINANCE

08:30-10:00

Nature Action 100 Launch event

Organizer: Finance for Biodiversity Foundation

With mounting evidence of nature's decline, institutional investors are increasingly recognizing a critical and urgent need to address nature-related risks and dependencies of the companies they own. Companies depend upon functioning natural ecosystems, which play a crucial role in sustaining operations and supply chains. During this session, a group of investors will announce the formation of a new investor-led global initiative – Nature Action 100 – focused on driving greater corporate ambition and action to tackle nature and biodiversity loss. The initiative aims to engage companies in key sectors with the largest impacts and dependencies on nature to ensure they are taking timely and necessary actions to protect and restore nature and ecosystems.

The Secretariat and Corporate Engagement Working Group of Nature Action 100 is co-led by Ceres and the Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC). The Finance for Biodiversity Foundation and Planet Tracker co-lead the initiative's Technical Advisory Group.

Objectives:

- Announce the formation of a new collaborative investor initiative to tackle nature and biodiversity loss.
- Showcase how investors can play an important role in driving corporate nature action.
- Activate more institutional investors around the globe to join this initiative.

10:15-11:15

Sovereign debt for Nature: A mapping of Solutions to avoid 'Too little Too late' for nature-positive outcomes

Organizer: United Nations Development Programme

Sovereign debt risks for emerging economies increased significantly in the recent period, with many emerging and low-income economies having been severely affected in their ability to service outstanding debts and to mobilise resources for sustainable development. The international community is accordingly continuing in its quest to develop and apply solutions to the emerging market debt crisis with greater urgency, while exploring pathways for creating much needed fiscal and financial space to address environmental challenges, among which effectively moving forward in biodiversity conservation and protection.

The objectives of the session are: (i) to raise awareness around potential instruments to deal with the double challenge of increasing debt and limited fiscal capacity compounded by increasing financing gaps to conserve nature; (ii) to engage with key stakeholders for evidence-based policy-making; and (iii) to increase visibility and transparency of debt for nature swap discussions through the COP15 platform.

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Biodiversity Impact & Dependency assessment in the Finance sector – The time to act is now

Organizer: Partnership for Biodiversity Accounting Financials

Today, forward-looking financial institutions are actively exploring how to measure the biodiversity impact and dependencies of their portfolios and, in this way, are increasingly aware of the material impact of biodiversity loss, and how they can potentially have a positive impact. A variety of initiatives, including (but not limited to) the TNFD, SBTN, PBAF, FfB Foundation and UNEP-FI, provide support in the assessment and disclosure of biodiversity and nature related impacts and dependencies and resulting financial risks. These initiatives are highly valued by the finance sector and the guidance, tools and trainings they offer are increasingly being used in practice.

This side event will bring together a selection of these initiatives (*), showing how they strengthen and complement each other and to explore opportunities for further synergies in their support of impact and dependency assessment and disclosure in the financial sector. The latest developments will be shared, as well as the challenges ahead and the opportunities to address these. The session aims to build confidence to financial institutions and their regulators that assessments can already be done and the results can already be used to steer investments from negative impact to a positive impact. The time to act is now.

Expected impact

- The session will show to financial institutions and their regulators that impact and dependency assessments can already be conducted and the results can already be used to steer investments from negative impact to a positive impact.
- The session will provide clarity on the position of and cooperation between the various initiatives in the Finance & Biodiversity space.
- The session will contribute to the cooperation between the initiatives involved.

13:15-14:15

Aligning financial flows with the goals and targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Organizer: Finance for Biodiversity Foundation

Voluntary action alone by the private finance sector will be insufficient to change practices across the public and private financial sector in a way that protects and restores biodiversity at the rate and scale required. An enabling policy environment by governments is needed now, to stop harmful financial flows and to unlock the flow of public and private capital to the solutions.

Objective of the session is to raise the attention of CBD delegates, finance sector and stakeholders on the absolute necessity to align public and private financial flows to achieve the 2050 vision of living in harmony with nature and to have this language in Goal D, target 14 and 15 in the Global Biodiversity Framework.

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Invest in Nature: High Level Dialogue of Partnership of Biodiversity and Finance (PBF)

Organizer: World Resources Institute

Half of the world's GDP moderately or highly depends on nature. However, there is a significant financing gap in biodiversity conservation around the globe. In order to overcome these challenges and facilitate sustainable, innovative, and inclusive green growth, fully tap the potential of financial sector, and enhance capital participation and take biodiversity conservation actions, the Partnership of Biodiversity and Finance (PBF) has been established to support the close collaboration between biodiversity conservation group and the financing institutions (FIs), in particular, in helping to address urgent biodiversity challenges and help to close the considerable action and financing gaps.

The event will focus on two topics:

- 1) mobilising more finance resources to invest in nature.
- 2) enhancing incentive policies and technical tools to invest in nature.

16:30-18:00

Biodiversity-related financial risks: Bridging the gap between central banks' [supervisory] expectations and financial institutions' realities

Organizer: LSE INSPIRE and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

This event brings together a high-profile panel of international central banks and supervisors and representatives from the financial sector to discuss the implications of biodiversity loss for the financial system and the role that the financial sector can play to support the transition towards a nature-positive future. This session aims to bridge the gap between central banks and supervisors' expectations on reporting and disclosure of risks and constraints financial institutions may have in meeting these expectations and discuss avenues of moving forward despite these challenges.

- How central banks can start assessing and setting supervisory expectations on biodiversity, and the need to include wider nature-related risks.
- The transmission of nature-related risks through value chains within the real economy and create spill-over effects and feedback loops.
- Approaches to assess transition risk, particularly, with respect to the global biodiversity framework which will hopefully come out of COP15.
- The importance of globally systemically important biomes and the need for international cooperation between central banks to mitigate these risks. (localised vs global nature; reach of central banks across jurisdictions)
- The implications for financial exclusion from integration of biodiversity-related risks into the prudential framework. (For example, financial institutions' exclusion of lending to sectors/regions highly dependent on ecosystem services.)
- Challenges financial institutions face to understand exposure (physical risk) to and impact (transition risk) of their activities on biodiversity.

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Monday 12th 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 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

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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.

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Tuesday 13th December

SUBNATIONAL

10:00-13:00

Workshop on subnational and local leadership towards 30 x 30

Organizer: Government of Quebec & California Natural Resources Agency

This interactive workshop aims to showcase subnational and local initiatives that contribute to the upcoming global 30x30 target, and present transformative approaches to governance and management that goes beyond traditional protected areas to include concepts such as indigenous protected areas, key biodiversity areas (KBAs) or other effective area-based conservation measures (OECM).

Co-hosted by the California Natural Resources Agency and the Government of Québec, the event will foster a dialogue between on-the-ground actors and other stakeholders looking to support subnational leadership and partnerships in their essential contributions to conserving 30% of the planet's terrestrial and marine ecosystems by 2030.

13:00-17:30

TBC

MOVIE NIGHT

19:00-21:00

Green Planet-BBC Earth

Narrated by Sir David Attenborough. The Green Planet will reveal the strange and wonderful world of planets like never before. Presented by Danielle Mulder BBC Sustainability Director, and David Ainsworth, CBD Secretariat.

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Wednesday 14th December

IPLCs

09:00-09:15

Spiritual Ceremony

Organizer: International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity + TBD

09:15-09:30

Welcome message

Organizer: International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity + CBD+BNIW

Welcome message, Lucy Mulenki and Ramiro Batzin, IIFB and Secretariat of the CBD.

09:30-10:30

Panel on IPLCs Contributions to biodiversity conservation (Targets 1-3)

Organizer: TBD

- 09:30-09:40: Experience in IPLC contribution to restoration of degraded ecosystems
 - Organization TBC
- 09:40-09:50: Experience on lands and territories to biodiversity conservation
 - Organization TBC
- 09:50-10:00: Importance of respect for Free Prior and Informed Consent for the creation of Protected Areas
 - Organization TBC
- 10:00-10:10: What are other effective areas based conservation measures (OECM)?
 - Organization TBC
- 10:10-10:30: Dialogue and exchange with audience

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10:30-11:30

Panel on Customary Sustainable Use of Biodiversity (Target 5 and 9)

Organizer: TBD

- 10:30-10:40: What and why is Customary Sustainable Use important for conservation of biodiversity?
 - Organization TBC
- 10:40-10:50: IPLC experiences with the criminalization of Customary Sustainable Use of wildlife animals or plants?
 - Organization TBC
- 10:50-11:00: Actions for the protection of customary sustainable use of biological diversity
 - Organization TBC
- 11:00-11:30: Dialogue and exchange with audience

11:30-12:30

Panel on Traditional Knowledge and IPLC participation in decision making (Targets 20 and 21)

Organizer: TBD

- 11:30-11:40: Traditional knowledge to guide decision making for effective governance?
 - Organization TBC
- 11:40-11:50: Traditional knowledge available for the decisions makers, practitioners and public
 - Organization TBC
- 11:50-12:00: Free, Prior and Informed Consent for the Access and Utilization of Traditional Knowledge
 - Organization TBC
- 12:00-12:30: Dialogue and exchange with audience

12:30-14:00

PAUSE

14:00-15:20

Panel on Indicators and Monitoring

Organizer: TBD

- 14:00-14:10: TBC
 - Organization TBC
- 14:10-14:20: TBC
 - Organization TBC
- 14:20-14:30: TBC
 - Organization TBC
- 14:30-14:40: TBC
 - Organization TBC
- 14:40-15:20: Dialogue and exchange with audience

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15:20-16:30

Panel on Digital Sequence Information

Organizer: TBD

- 15:20-15:30: TBC
 - Organization TBC
- 15:30-15:40: TBC
 - Organization TBC
- 15:40-15:50: TBC
 - Organization TBC
- 15:50-16:00: TBC
 - Organization TBC
- 16:00-16:30: Dialogue and exchange with audience

16:30-17:00

Closing ceremony

Organizer: TBD

- 16:30-16:40: Main Conclusion
 - Organization TBC
- 16:40-16:50: Next Steps and future work
 - Organization TBC
- 16:50-17:00: Closing
 - Organization TBC

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Thursday 15th December

ACTION DAYS DIALOGUES

15:00 – 16:20

Title: High Level Panel: Financing delivery of the Global Biodiversity Framework

Organized by: United Kingdom and Northern Ireland

Description: How to bridge the gap in biodiversity finance is one of the most challenging and important questions facing the international community as it prepares to agree the Global Biodiversity Framework and then implement it. This High-Level Panel will bring together leaders from government, International Financial Institutions, the private sector, and civil society to discuss how we can ensure that we realign existing flows of public and private finance with the emerging goal of halting and reversing biodiversity loss and mobilize additional finance for biodiversity drawing on a range of sources – national and international, public, and private. The 10 Point Plan for Financing Biodiversity provides an ambitious and credible blueprint for bridging the biodiversity finance gap that we must now translate into concrete actions. Timed to build on the outcomes of Finance days and to coincide with the High-Level Segment of the CBD-COP15.2, it will provide a roadmap to ensure that the resources are in place to deliver a high ambition outcome.

16:30 – 17:00

Title: EMG High-level Dialogue: Implementing the Common Approach on Biodiversity and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (CBD COP15)

Organized by: EMG Secretariat

Description: The UN Heads of Agencies Dialogue will provide a unique opportunity for UN system entities to convey a united voice in supporting the post-2020 GBF by implementing the Common Approach to Biodiversity, including through targeted support to Member States. The Common Approach is expected to be “delivered through collaboration”, focusing on the three broad outcomes of stronger global advocacy and normative frameworks; regional collaboration; and national implementation for biodiversity.

The Dialogue will consist of three parts: an opening statement, keynote ministerial speeches and a panel discussion of UN agency heads and their representatives who will underscore the significance of the UN Common Approach to Biodiversity and the post-2020 GBF in curbing biodiversity loss and safeguarding ecosystem health in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In their keynote speeches, Member States are invited to share their views on how the UN system can better support their efforts to implement the post-2020 GBF and integrate its targets into national planning and strategies for sustainable development.

PLACE QUÉBEC

Auditorium Agenda

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

Place Québec in the Palais de Congrès, Montréal

Friday 16th December

ACTION DAYS DIALOGUES

10:00 – 11:15

Title: The role of Action Agenda for Nature and People in supporting implementation by non-state actors

Organized by: CBD Secretariat

Description: The session will look into the Sharm El Sheikh to Kuning and Montreal Action Agenda for Nature and People and the progress made so far in catalyzing support and action for biodiversity and what are the possible ways forward and the role in strengthening implementation.

11:30 – 12:45

Title: Empowering Earth defenders

Organized by: CBD Secretariat

Description: This dialogue aims to highlight the importance of taking action to protect and respect environmental human rights defenders. Panelists will also address the critical role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in protecting biodiversity through the lens of rights-based approach.

13:15 – 14:45

Title: Sports for Nature: A new pathway for sports to achieve nature positive action

Organized by: IUCN

Description: Sports depend on a healthy environment to perform. With its broad reach and universal appeal, sports organizations are well-positioned to galvanize global action for nature. On 16 December 2022, at the Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of the Parties, the first-ever Sports for Nature Framework will be launched. This new Framework gives sports a pathway that will allow all sports – of all sizes and in all geographies – to scale-up and demonstrate their contributions to nature, and more specifically, to new global biodiversity targets. The first signatories to the Sports for Nature Framework will be announced at the event. Without urgent action by all parts of society, we will not be able to halt and reverse loss by 2030.

15:00 – 16:15

Title: Scaling up Resources for Implementation

Organized by: CBD Secretariat

Description: This dialogue will showcase different initiatives, tools and solutions designed to scale up resources for implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The United Nations agencies, the Global Environmental Facility, CBD Parties, private sector and financial institutions have pledged to support implementation since early adoption of the new biodiversity goals.



PLACE QUÉBEC

16:30 – 17:45

Title: Just Transition: how to achieve transformative change while protecting the people?

Organized by: CBD Secretariat

Description: In order to tackle pressing environmental challenges like climate change, pollution and plummeting biodiversity, the public and private sectors need to transition towards resilient, climate-neutral and biodiversity-friendly economies and societies. A Just Transition means changing the economy in a way that is as fair and inclusive as possible to everyone concerned, creating decent work opportunities and leaving no one behind.

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FAITH BASED

09:00-13:00

Various organizers

UN SYSTEM

13:00-18:00

TBC

MOVIE NIGHT

18:00-19:15

Frozen Planet II

This BBC series – narrated by Sir David Attenborough – explores the wildlife found in the world’s coldest regions: the Arctic and Antarctic, high mountains, frozen deserts, snowbound forests, and ice-cold oceans. From polar bears to penguins, and from snow monkeys to Siberian tigers, each species must overcome a unique set of challenges to endure its extreme environment. The screening will present one of six episodes of the series: Our Frozen Planet, which presents how frozen worlds have reached a tipping point – their future hangs in the balance and with it, so does ours.

19:15PM to 21:00PM

INTERACTIONS – When cinema looks to nature

Composed by 12 original short films, each shot during 2022, Interactions was released at the International Film Festival of Rome on 17 October 2022. The filmmakers participating in this film production have been selected carefully from all over the world, including Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia, Latino America and USA, not only on the basis of their filmography, awards and fame, but as well for their particular sensitivity to themes regarding our planet, the consequences of the climate change on humankind, nature and the animal life.

INTERACTIONS is under the auspices of the UN Biodiversity Conference CBD COP15 (Montreal, Canada) and WAAS (World Academy of Art and Science); benefits of the support of its international donors such as the Global partner DDC (Swiss Direction of Development and Cooperation/Ministry of Foreign Affairs) together with the International Secretariat of Water (Canada); the Main Partner GAIL (India); the Partners such as Cariplo Foundation (Italy), SESC (São Paulo), Osklen and Instituto e (Rio de Janeiro), Voice Over Foundation (Milan), One Planet One Future (Milan), and Paul Schiller Stiftung, Zürich (Switzerland) among others.

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Sunday 18th December

ACADEMIA & RESEARCH

09:00-13:00

Various organizers

YOUTH

13:15 - 14:45

GYBN Kick Off Event

Organizer: Global Youth Biodiversity Network

15:00 – 21:00

Unleash youth action

Organizer: Global Youth Biodiversity Network