



Welcome to the COP16 Science-Policy Interface Newsletter!

2024 was a big year for biodiversity - months of arduous research, discussions and negotiations all came to a culmination at the **16th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity**. Held in Cali, Colombia between 21 October and 1 November, **COP16** brought together governments, academia, business and biodiversity experts with a focus on advancing the achievement of global biodiversity targets.

In this special joint edition of **BioAgora's** and **CO-OP4CBD's** newsletters, you will find out more about the outcomes of COP16 and how the two projects contributed to this crucial event with insights on the Science-Policy Interface (SPI).



BioAgora and CO-OP4CBD join forces at COP16!

With expert-led discussions and showcases, BioAgora and CO-OP4CBD made their voices heard in Cali.

Here is how we left a mark at COP16:

Two events. One crucial topic.



Horizon Europe-funded projects **CO-OP4CBD**, **BioAgora**, **RESPIN** and **Biodiversa+** co-organised two side events on the SPI at **COP16's EU pavilion**:



Side Event 1: Discussion on the SPI Landscape & the Role of SPIs in Supporting the Implementation & Monitoring of the KM-GBF

On the 25th of October, a panel of experts came together to discuss the importance of the SPI in the context of implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

[Watch Side Event 1 recording](#)



Side Event 2: SPI - Contribution to the Subjects of Biodiversity & Health & Biodiversity & Climate Change

Another enlightening session came on the 31st of October, this time touching upon the relation of the SPI to the nexus between biodiversity, health, and climate change.

[Watch Side Event 2 recording](#)

In addition...



We also held a **joint press conference**, answering journalists' questions from around the globe!



Our **dissemination materials** were a big hit among attendees - projects' brochures, leaflets and

stickers were widely distributed on the conference floor.



COP16 - Notable Developments

With proceedings during the Colombian presidency of the CBD at an end, let us take a look back on the summit's overall milestones and their implications for global biodiversity policy:



The “Cali” Fund was established to collect resources from the use of digital sequence information and allocate them to conservation efforts



The role of Indigenous Peoples in biodiversity conservation was further recognised through the creation of a **new subsidiary body**



With over **40 000 attendees** and broad civil society participation, this was by far **the most public biodiversity COP** so far



The work continues...

COP16.2

As negotiations in Cali were suspended before consensus could be reached on all outstanding issues, **COP16 is set to continue:**

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Here is a closer look at the agenda points in need of resolution during the upcoming proceedings:

The approval of a **Resource Mobilization Strategy** deployed in support of biodiversity conservation efforts that is to secure \$200 billion annually by 2030

The finalisation of a **Monitoring Framework** and a **Planning, Monitoring, Reporting, and Review Mechanism** that would both evaluate the implementation of the KM-GBF



The endorsement of the **Global Environment Facility**'s achievements and provision of guidance regarding its future employment



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