



Preparing next CBD meetings

Concrete process, advice from the field

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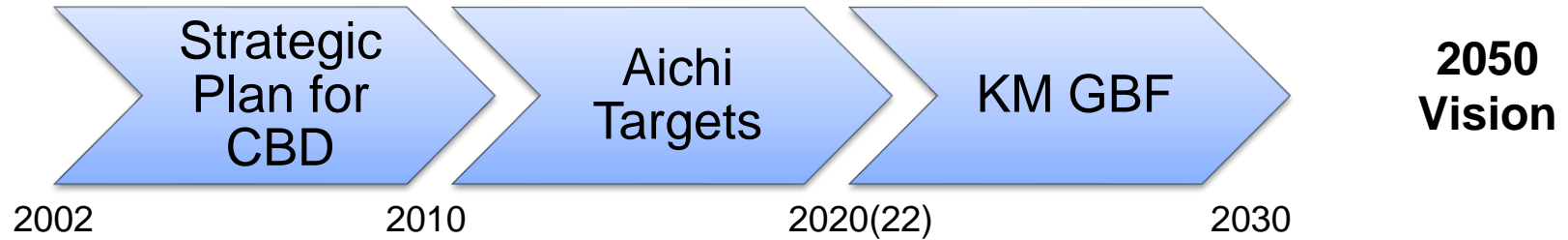
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Different layers of CBD processes



CBD is a process where Parties decide on decennial strategies for biodiversity (3 objectives)



One COP every two years + intersessional work

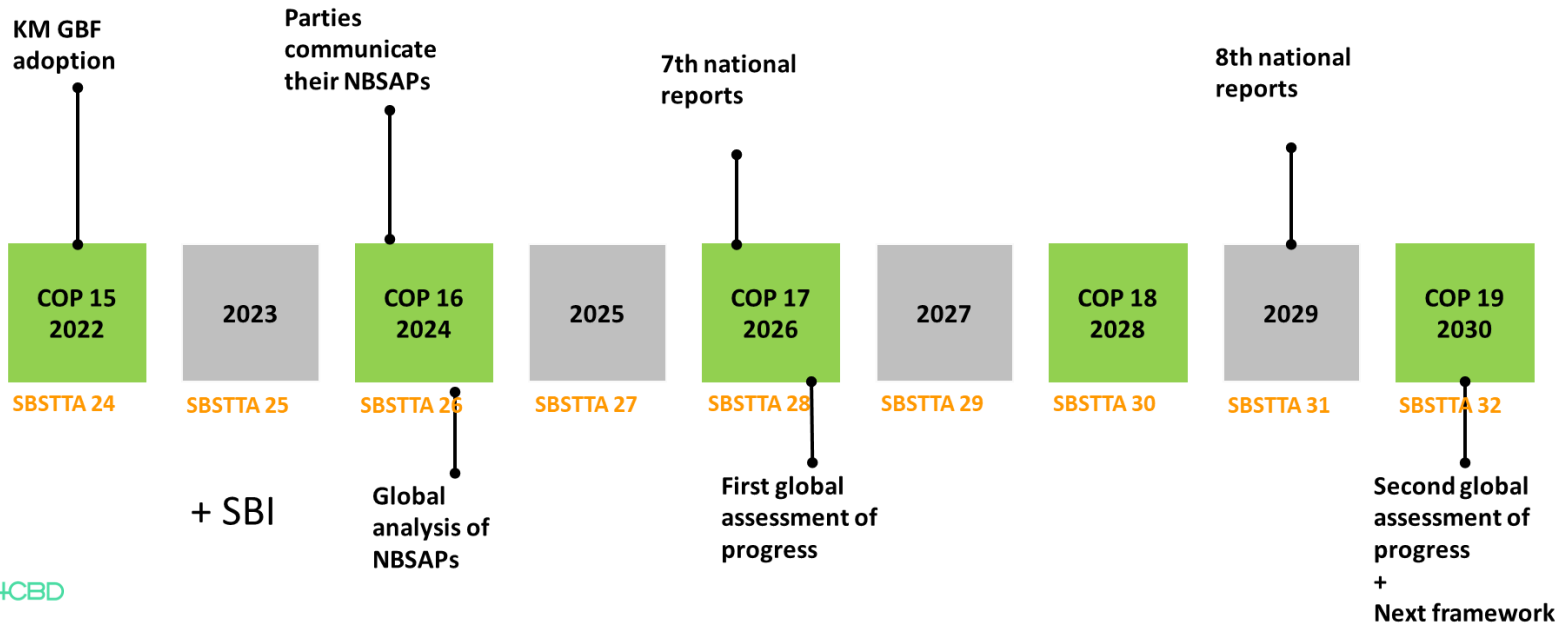
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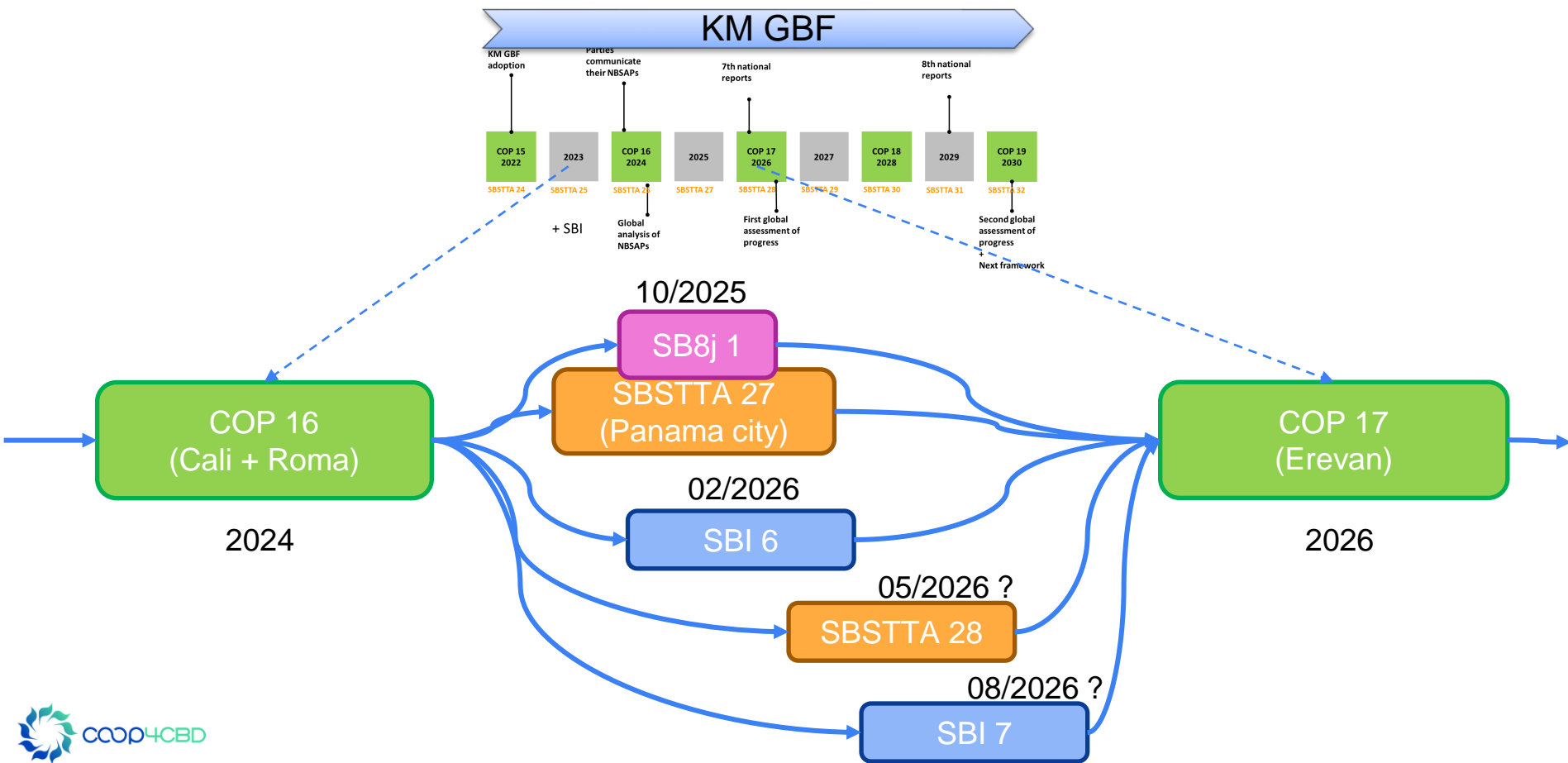
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Different layers of CBD processes



CBD Event web-page (example from COP 16)



 cbd.int/meetings/COP-16

ABOUT THE SECRETARIAT

Convention on
Biological Diversity

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Meeting documents

Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
21 October–1 November 2024 - Cali, Colombia

Outcomes (36)

Official (23)

Information (43)

Reference (8)


Notifications (10)

Other (3)


More

Documents to be discussed/negotiated
One doc per agenda item

Decisions

1. **Decision 16/1** 

Review of implementation: progress in national target setting and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans

2. **Decision 16/2** 

Digital sequence information on genetic resources

Plenary (54)

WG I (43)

WG II (24)

Statements (398)

CBD Event documents (example from COP 16)



- **Official**: produced by the SBSTTA bureau or the Convention secretariat for the Parties, then this document becomes a plenary document in several successive formats :
 - A **CRP** (Conference Room Paper): versions amended by the Parties, possibly with sticking points marked by square brackets in the text, then:
 - A **L**: version validated by the Parties during a meeting
 - A **Non-paper** can be produced, e.g. by the chair of CG, as a compromise proposition to be discussed
 - An **Outcome** : version disseminated at the end of the meeting and which becomes a decision
- **Information**: support document not discussed or negotiated
- **Notification**: intersessional messages informing about the activities of the Convention
- **Statements** : notes produced by the Parties to express their opinion on a particular subject

At the end of a COP, outcomes documents are considered as « **Decisions** » documents

Example : decyphering a CDB document

ID of the document + date
The id gives information:
“CBD”: who
“COP”: which meeting
“DEC”: type of document
“15”: number of the meeting
“4”: number of the document

Meeting + date
+ number of
the item in the
agenda

Who is
speaking
through the
document

Content of the
decision



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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Fifteenth meeting – Part II
Montreal, Canada, 7-19 December 2022
Agenda item 9A

Id of the decision

DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

15/4. Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision [14/34](#), in which it adopted the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and decided to establish an open-ended intersessional working group to support its preparation,

Noting the outcomes of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, of the regional and thematic consultations and workshops conducted based on decision 14/34 and of the intersessional work conducted on digital sequence information on genetic resources,¹

Noting also the outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation,²

CBD meeting : so, how to prepare ? on what, for what ?



- Several ways to contribute -

Depends :

- If you are planning to attend the meeting or not (official or not)
 - On your interest/role regarding CBD processes (NFP/delegation member, observer, expert)
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- Follow CBD notification service (<https://www.cbd.int/notifications>) to be informed
 - For **NFPs or delegation members** : you have to consult nationally to support political position regarding discussions to come and decisions to make at next CBD meetings. In EU, two places can help on that i) at political level during Brussels WPIEI ; ii) on a more technical way during the Vilnius meeting (organized by BfN)
 - For **observers** : establish and disseminate your opinions, messages and warning ; try to reach who you want to convince before and during meetings
 - For **experts** : you can be solicited by your national delegation if identified and/or nominated to ad hoc CBD thematic working groups ; you can also attend workshops and other intersessional event (<https://www.cbd.int/meetings>)

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Regional and major groups

Some (« like-minded ») countries consult or coordinate together on what they can/must mutually agree for next CBD meetings, e.g. :

- African group
- GRULAC
- EU : specificity on having only 1 voice at SBI and COP meetings

Major groups can make common statements during CBD meetings :

- United Nations and other Intergovernmental organizations
- Non-governmental organizations and civil society
- Indigenous organizations
- Scientific and technical assessment bodies
- Industry and the private sector
- Women, Children and youth organizations

Next SBSTTA (27) agenda



3. Planning, monitoring, reporting and review: global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
4. Matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.
5. Biodiversity and climate change.
6. Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework:
 - (a) Strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention in the context of the Framework;
 - (b) Strategic review of and updates to the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity;
 - (c) Areas of potential further work.
7. Risk assessment and risk management.
8. Invasive alien species.
9. Biodiversity and agriculture.
10. Biodiversity and health.

Next SBI (6 and 7) agendas



SBI 6 (02-2026)

- Capacity building and development and technical and scientific cooperation
- Synthetic biology
- ABS (art 4. para 4. NP)
- Progress in updating NBSAPs, NT and national reporting
- Review of implementation of the Gender Plan of Action
- Review implementation of PoW on 8j
- Effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its protocols
- Resource mobilization
- Financial mechanism
- Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations
- Administrative and budgetary matters
- Communication, education and public awareness

SBI 7 (08-2026 ?)

- Global review of collective progress in the implementation of the KM GBF
- 5th assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol
- Review of the role of subnational and local governments in the implementation of the KM GBF (PoA)
- Capacity building, technical and scientific and technical cooperation and knowledge management
- Resource mobilization
- Financial mechanism
- Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors
- Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations
- Communication, education and public awareness
- DSI on GR
- Administrative and budgetary matters

First SB8j meeting agenda (Panama City, 27–30 October 2025)



1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. In-depth dialogue: “Strategies for mobilizing resources to ensure the availability of and access to financial resources and funding, as well as other means of implementation, including capacity-building, development and technical support for indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth, to support the full implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework”.
4. Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities.
5. Implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030:
 - (a) Guidelines on indigenous and traditional territories to support the protection and restoration practices led by indigenous peoples and local communities in line with Targets 2 and 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (Task 1.1);
 - (b) Guidelines for the inclusion and consideration of traditional lands and of resource use in spatial planning processes and environmental impact assessments (Task 1.2);
 - (c) Process to review and update the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention (Task 5.4).
6. Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report.
9. Closure of the meeting.



3 global steps to prepare for a CDB meeting

1. Understand where we are in the process (timelines, CBD notifications)
2. Identify what, where and when the information is available (CBD notifications, CBD event agendas/website)
3. Find the right pipelines for your messages (lobbying, national positions) to be considered during next discussions

... and check for CO-OP4CBD resources !

Thank you for your attention!

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