



The Convention on Biological Diversity: a brief overview and presentation of the coming meetings and agenda

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What is the CBD?

“Sister” agreement to the UNFCCC, both of which were negotiated during the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992



United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change



Convention on
Biological Diversity

"the variability among living organisms from all sources, including [...] ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part: [...] within species, between species and of ecosystems"

Three main objectives: **Conservation** of biological diversity; the **sustainable use** of the components of biological diversity; and the fair and equitable **sharing of the benefits** arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.

CBD Bodies and their roles

Governing body: Conference of the Parties (CoP)

Subsidiary bodies: Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological advice (SBSTTA), Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI)

Bureaus: COP/SBI/SBSTTA Bureaus

Intersessional work: Ad-hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG), Advisory Committee. E.g. CBD Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization

Informal inter-sessionals: E.g. Informal consultations on DSI/RM under the CBD, online discussion session on BD and CC.

** Different bodies = different Rules of Procedure*



Main CBD Actors

Secretariat: SCBD

Parties: 196

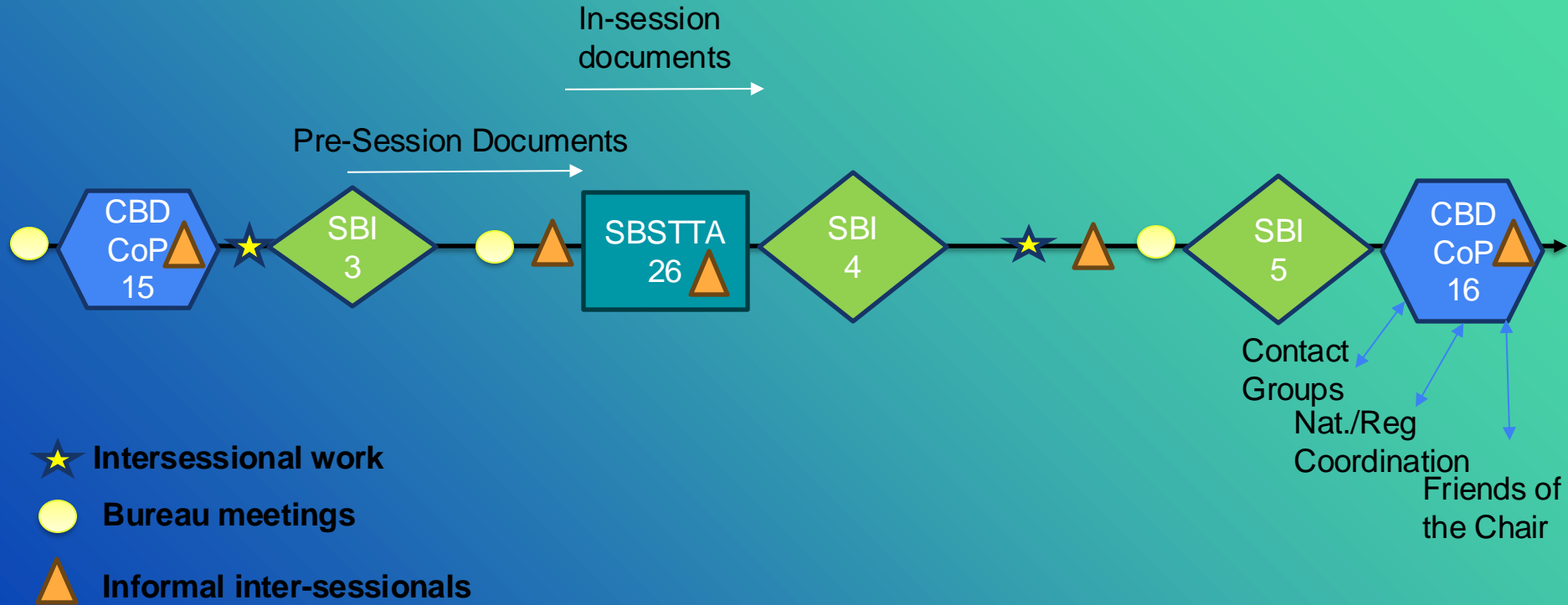
non-Parties: 3

Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs)

Stakeholders: Youth, industry, academia, civil society (NGOs)

** Different Actors = Different rights to participate*

Timeline



Pre-Session Documents

e.g. draft decisions/resolutions, reports, INF docs

Online 6-12 weeks before meeting - Basis for (EU) positions & amendments

In-Session Documents

New documents based on comments on the pre-session document:

- non-paper, 'co-chairs' document or other 'in-between' text (EN only)
- CRP (Conference Room Paper) which is a formal working document (all languages)
- L document ('Limited'): final draft decision document (all languages)

Order of document approval



What is the role of the EU Presidency?



- Rotating EU Presidency: every 13,5 years for 6 months
- Expected to be neutral and impartial, an 'Honest broker'
 - guiding, seeking solutions, working out compromises.
 - Not push its own agenda nor that of a particular Member State
 - ensure involvement of all EU MS, safeguard integrity/transparency
- Chairing all Council formations and Working Groups
- Addressing both EU legislation and multilateral negotiations

What came out of CBD CoP 15?

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

- Took over 3 years and many meetings to negotiate, amidst a world pandemic.
- Sets the global framework for biodiversity up to 2030, paving the way to 2050
- Four goals and 23 targets, by 2030: Protect 30% of Earth's lands, oceans, coastal areas, inland waters; Reduce by \$500 billion annual harmful government subsidies; Cut food waste in half



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What will be discussed at SBSTTA 26?

- Electing of 5 **new Bureau members** (SBSTTA 26-28), to replace the members from Czechia, Finland, Gabon, Jordan and Peru.
- **Item 3 – MF for the KM GBF:** prepare recommendations for consideration by CoP16
- **Item 4 - Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the KM GBF:** consider the information and to prepare recommendations for consideration by CoP16
- **Item 5 - Synthetic biology:** prepare recommendations for consideration by CoP16 and, as appropriate, by CoP-MoP 11 to the Cartagena Protocol and CoP-MoP 5 to the Nagoya Protocol
- **Item 6 - Risk assessment and risk management:** prepare recommendations for consideration by CoP-MoP 11 to the Cartagena Protocol
- **Item 7 - Detection and identification of LMOs:** prepare recommendations for CoP-MoP 11 to the Cartagena Protocol regarding the need to update the Training Manual on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.
- **Item 8a - Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas:** consider the information and prepare recommendations for consideration by CoP16
- **Item 8b - Conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity:** consider the information and prepare recommendations for consideration by CoP16
- **Item 9 - Biodiversity and health:** (draft global action plan) prepare recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

What will be discussed at SBI 4?

- **Item 2 - Review of implementation, progress in national target setting and the updating of NBSAPs:** preliminary analysis of the information provided, incl. a note by the Secretariat on progress made by Parties. SBI may decide to make a preliminary recommendation, noting that, at SBI-5 there will be a review of implementation, including means of implementation, based on the submissions from Parties expected by CoP16.
- **Item 3 - Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review:** note by the Secretariat, to be complemented by relevant recommendations and conclusions of SBSTTA 25 and 26.

open-ended forum for voluntary country review: determine the modus operandi for a forum to be piloted at its fifth meeting and to prepare a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties that could be updated in the light of its experience in conducting the forum.

MF and procedures for the global review of progress in the implementation of the KM GBF: prepare a recommendation on the procedures for the global review for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting and to take note of the progress of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on the monitoring framework.

Finalization of the reporting templates: review and finalize the templates and prepare a recommendation for its adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

What will be discussed at SBI 4? (cont'd)

- **Item 4a - Resource mobilization:** prepare a recommendation on RM for consideration by CoP16, taking into account, among other things, the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and progress in the establishment and operationalization of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund by GEF
- **Item 4b - Financial mechanism:** adopt recommendations for consideration by the CoP16 and, as appropriate, by CoP-MoP 11 to the Cartagena Protocol and CoP-MoP 5 to the Nagoya Protocol, concerning: (a) guidance to GEF, including on a four year framework of programme priorities, funding needs and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund; and (b) any other relevant matters pertaining to the financial mechanism, including in the light of the findings of the sixth review of its effectiveness.
- **Item 5a - Capacity-building and development, TSC, CHM and KM:** adopt a recommendation for consideration by CoP16
CHM: adopt a recommendation for consideration by CoP16
Knowledge management: adopt a recommendation for consideration by CoP16
- **Item 5b - Capacity-building and development action plan for the Nagoya Protocol:** adopt a recommendation for consideration by CoP – MoP5
- **Item 6 – Communication:** adopt a recommendation for consideration by CoP16
- **Item 7 - Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations:** adopt a recommendation on cooperation with other conventions and organizations for consideration by CoP16
- **Item 8 - Review of the effectiveness of the processes under the Convention and its Protocols:** adopt a recommendation for consideration by CoP16
- **Item 9 - Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol:** adopt a recommendation for consideration by CoP – MoP5
- **Item 10 - Long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming (LTAM):** adopt a recommendation for consideration by CoP16
- **Item 11 - Review of the programmes of work of the Convention**
- **Item 12 - Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties:** adopt a recommendation for consideration by CoP16
- **Item 13 - Administrative and budgetary matters**



What will be discussed at CBD CoP16?

- Implementation will be the main focus
- Discussion and adoption of recommendations resulting from SBI 4 and 5, and SBSTTA 25 and 26
- Special attention will be given to the Monitoring Framework, capacity building and development, TSC, Knowledge Mgt, CHM, reporting and review, ..

Thank you for your attention!

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