

**UN HLPF 2023 Side Event
CONCEPT NOTE**

*UN Headquarters, NY - Conference Room A
Wednesday, 19 July 2023 - 18:30-20:00*

Achieving the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs through the successful implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at all levels

Background

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) sets out an ambitious plan to implement broad-based action to transform our societies' relationship with biodiversity by 2030, and to ensure that the shared vision of living in harmony with nature is fulfilled by 2050.

The Framework is a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). At the same time, progress towards the SDGs and the achievement of sustainable development in all its three dimensions (environmental, social and economic) is necessary to create the conditions necessary to fulfil the goals and targets of the KMGBF. More integrated action among the 17 indivisible SDGs will help enable the cooperation needed to deliver on the KMGBF, by all levels of government and by all actors of society.

The relationship between biodiversity and the SDGs acts in both directions. Some Sustainable Development Goals address the direct drivers of biodiversity loss, such as climate change (Goal 13), pollution (Goals 6, 7, 12 and 14) and overexploitation (Goals 6, 12, 14 and 15), while others address the underlying drivers of biodiversity loss by focussing on building institutions and human capital (for example through education) and strengthening of equality and rights. The SDGs therefore provide an enabling environment conducive to the improved governance of factors affecting biodiversity.

Outcome

This event aims to contextualize the KMGBF and explore how its implementation at all levels will contribute to successfully achieving the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs.

Programme

Duration	Item	Facilitation notes
18.30 (10min)	Welcome and opening remarks	People's Republic of China (TBC) Mr. David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity
18.40 (30min)	PANEL 1: National Implementation	The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is action- and results-oriented and aims to guide and promote, at all levels, the revision, development, updating, and implementation of policies, goals, targets, including through national biodiversity strategies and actions plans, as well as to facilitate the monitoring and review of progress at all levels in a more transparent and responsible manner.

		<p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Permanent Mission to the United Nations, Colombia Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Canada Botswana (TBC)</p> <p><i>Questions to consider:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can swift and effective implementation of the KMGBF at the national level contribute to the achievement of SDGs? • How can SDG national coordination mechanisms integrate the implementation of the KMGBF? How can a whole-of-government approach be fully realized?
19.10 (15min)	PANEL 2: Facilitating Implementation	<p>The Framework promotes coherence, complementarity and cooperation between the CBD and its Protocols, other biodiversity-related conventions, and other relevant multilateral agreements and international institutions, respecting their mandates, and creates opportunities for cooperation and partnerships among diverse actors to enhance implementation of the Framework.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <p>Ms. Susan Gardner, Director of Ecosystems Division, UN Environment Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given the many interlinkages between the KMGBF targets, how can UNEP help countries implement the targets more holistically? <p>Ms. Midori Paxton, Head of Ecosystems and Biodiversity, UN Development Programme (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The KMGBF requires policy coherence and whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches. What is UNDP's experience in implementing these approaches and how can it help countries act more holistically? <p>Ms. Sasha Koo-Oshima, Deputy Director of Land and Water Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the Framework contribute to achieving SDG 2 on achieving food security? How will FAO be supporting countries? <p>UN-Habitat (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will UN-Habitat drive implementation and synergies between KMGBF Target 12 and SDG 11?
19.25 (30min)	Q&A / Discussion	Questions from the floor and discussion among panellists
19.55 (5min)	Closing	Closing remarks