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# FOOD DAY

Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Pavilion

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*28 October 2024, Cali, Colombia*





## CONTEXT

Biodiversity is the foundation of food security and nutrition. This includes the genetic diversity in the crop varieties and livestock breeds that are the basis of people's diets, the wild species that contribute to the supply of food and materials, and the ecosystems whose functions and services support production.

Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) have recognized these interlinkages since the ratification of the Convention. However, further actions to support the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity are needed given that biodiversity continues to decline faster than at any time in human history, threatening global efforts to achieve food security.

During the 2022 UN Biodiversity Conference, the need to foster more sustainable agrifood systems was reflected in the adoption of the [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework \(KMGBF\)](#), which includes direct links to food and agriculture (agrifood) systems in most of its goals and targets. Successful implementation of the KMGBF will require the active involvement of the crop, livestock, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture sectors in the transformation of agrifood systems.

This period in which countries are developing new national targets, updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and focusing on the implementation of the KMGBF is an opportune moment to address the need to strengthen collaboration.

Food Day will aim to provide meaningful support to countries in their efforts to realize

the COP 16 theme: “Peace with Nature”. This will require engagement with agrifood systems and their actors. Food security and biodiversity considerations need to go hand in hand.

## PARTNER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

To ensure broad representation, a range of speakers will be invited to the various sessions, each of which will involve a panel discussion. All the panels will include a variety of relevant stakeholders, including representatives from government and from food producers' groups.

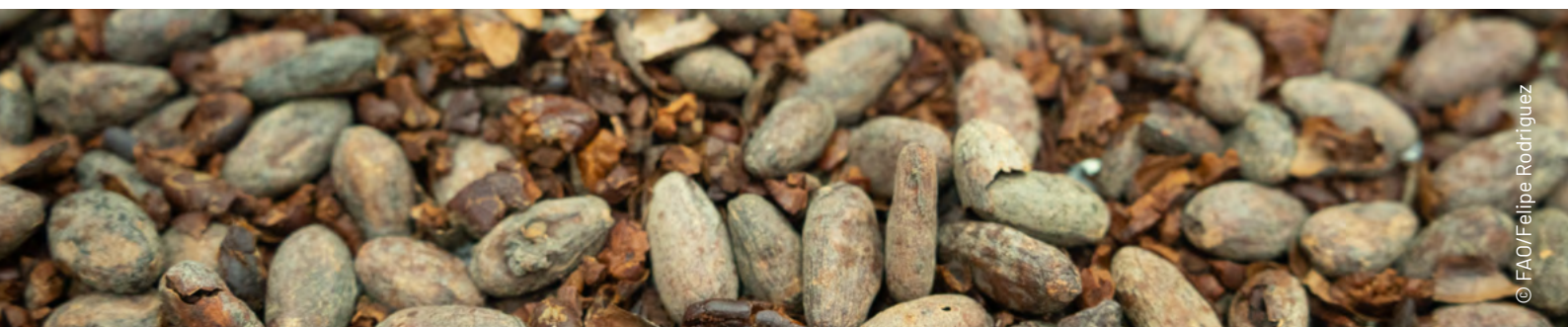
The programme will be further developed under the guidance of the co-organizers of Food Day – the CBD Secretariat (SCBD), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Colombian Presidency of COP16 and the Ministry of Agriculture of Colombia.

Food Day will have ENB coverage and be promoted through social media platforms using the hashtag #COP16FoodDay. The draft programme for Food Day is provided below.

## LOGISTICS

The facilities at the venue include the following: an auditorium with 120 seats; a screen with sound, connected by a laptop to an LCD projector; a table on a stage that seats five people comfortably; table microphones; a lectern and dedicated microphone; roaming microphones; six banquet tables at the back of the room that can seat eight to ten people; and an on-site team to manage the sound and video.

Interpretation will be provided in English, Spanish and French.





## FOOD DAY - SESSION 1. Opening: Agrifood systems transformation for peace with nature

28 October at 08:30–09:30 in the KMGBF Pavilion

**Leads: Ministry of Environment of Colombia; Ministry of Agriculture of Colombia; FAO; CBD Secretariat**

### DESCRIPTION

The event aims to:

- Set the scene and open the day's sessions, with a focus on food security, nutrition and peace with nature.
- The need for urgent agrifood systems transformation as a critical solution to biodiversity loss and as a precondition for socio-environmental justice.
- The importance of national target setting/NBSAPS in agrifood systems transformation.

### AGENDA

Moderator: Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Director, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO

Item	Speakers	Duration
Welcome and introduction	Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Director of the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO	5 min
Opening statement	H.E. María Susana Muhamad González, Ministra de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible, Colombia	5 min
Opening statement	H.E. Juan Fernando Cristo, Ministerio del Interior, Colombia	5 min
Opening statement	H.E. Martha Viviana Carvajalino Villegas, Ministra de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural, Colombia	5 min
Opening statement	Mr. Godfrey Magwenzi, Director of Cabinet, FAO	5 min
Opening statement	Ms. Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary, CBD	5 min

Interpretation will be provided in English, Spanish and French.

Coffee and snacks provided





## FOOD DAY - SESSION 2. Empowering farmers and Indigenous People as stewards of biodiversity for food and agriculture

28 October at 10:00-11:30 in the KMGBF Pavilion

**Leads: World Farmers' Organisation (WFO); International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB); Université Laval**

### DESCRIPTION

The event aims to:

- Understand the perspectives and commitments of campesinos, farmers, Indigenous Peoples and local communities to work with Parties and other stakeholders on KMGBF implementation, starting from the respective advocacy.
- Hear practical examples to include agricultural issues in the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs).
- Present the Declaration from the Peasants' Summit towards COP16 (August 2024).
- Present the experience and the main output (Technical Roadmap) of the International Symposium "Agriculture, Biodiversity and Food Security: From Commitments to Actions," (April/May 2024).

### AGENDA

Moderator: Jean Lemire, Envoy for Climate Change and Nordic and Arctic Affairs, Quebec Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie (MRIF)

Item	Description	Speakers	Duration
Introduction	Introduction of the critical role of farmers and Indigenous People in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food and agriculture	Mr. Jean Lemire, Envoy for Climate Change and Nordic and Arctic Affairs, Quebec Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie (MRIF)	5 min
Opening statement	Statement	Mr. Polivio Leandro Rosales, Vice-minister of Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Colombia	7 min
Presentation	Declaration from the Peasants' Summit towards COP 16	Ms. Nelly Antonia Velandia Avendaño, Convención Nacional Campesina Mr. David Melo, Líder Campesino, Convención Nacional Campesina	6 min
Presentation	International Symposium on "Agriculture, Biodiversity and Food Security: From Commitments to Actions"	Mr. Pierre Lampron, Farmer and Second Vice President, Canadian Federation of Agriculture	6 min
First Panel	Global Debate: presenting perspectives on CBD discussions and implementing the KMGBF among their communities Followed by Q&A/Discussion	Panelists: Ms. Joji Cariño, Senior Policy Adviser, Forest Peoples Programme Ms. Karen Post Bache, Nature Policy Manager, Danish Agriculture and Food Council (DAFC)	15 min
Second Panel	National Implementation: presenting concrete examples of mainstreaming biodiversity in the agricultural sector and identifying opportunities to work with national governments to include agriculture in NBSAPs Followed by Q&A/Discussion	Panelists: Ms. Eloisa Frederking, Farmer and Board Member (Latin America), WFO/ Sociedad Rural Argentina (SRA) Mr. James Thianine Imwonyo, Senior Policy Advisor, Kenya National Farmers' Federation (KENAFF) Ms. Esther Penunia, Secretary General, Asian Farmers' Association (AFA) and the World Rural Forum (WRF)	20 min
Conclusion	Conclusion by the Moderator	Wrap-up of the session	5 min

Interpretation will be provided in English, Spanish and French.

## FOOD DAY - SESSION 3. Creating an enabling environment for sustainable agrifood systems

28 October at 11:30-13:00 in the KMGBF Pavilion

**Leads: FAO; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)**

### DESCRIPTION

The event aims to bring together actors across agrifood systems - crop and livestock production, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture - to discuss needs and options to strengthen the enabling environment for large-scale sustainable food system transformation. This session will notably:

- Identify the main factors that can enable producers and value chain actors to drive sustainable food system transformations on the ground.
- Showcase technical solutions from producers and the support from multistakeholder platforms and mechanisms to ensure that best practices are implemented in the field.
- Hear from producers on their priority needs and initiatives to build and strengthen capacity to develop and implement sustainable farming practices.
- Showcase initiatives of public development banks and the private sector to finance, incentivize, and scale up sustainable food systems.
- Explore how to ensure cooperation among stakeholders across the agrifood sectors.

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Item	Description	Speakers	Duration
Opening	Welcome and introduction Why we need an enabling environment for more sustainable agrifood systems	Mr. Frederic Castell, Senior Natural Resources Officer, FAO	10 min
First Panel led by UNDP	Role of inclusive, multi stakeholder governance mechanisms for enabling food systems policy design and implementation  Followed by Q&A/Discussion	Moderator: Andrew Bovarnick, Global Head, Food and Agricultural Commodities Systems, Nature Hub, UNDP Panelists: Ms. Karina David, Rede Ecovida/ Instituto Brasil Organico and INOFO Mr. Emmanuel T. Olatunji, IPBES/ University of Liberia Mr. John Maina, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Kenya	25 min
Second Panel led by IFAD	Increasing public and private finance to enable smallholder farmer engagement in sustainable food systems transformation  Followed by Q&A/Discussion	Moderator: Oliver Page, Lead climate and environment specialist for Latin America and Caribbean, IFAD Panelists: Ms. Esther Penunia, Secretary General, Asian Farmer Association Ms. Odette Campos, Coordinator of Environment Division, Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES) Ms. Susanne Kat, Senior Manager for Multilateral Partnerships and Strategic Projects, WBCSD	25 min
Wrap up	Importance to ensure cooperation from the agrifood sectors	Ms. Monica Kobayashi, Programme Management Officer, CBD Secretariat	5 min

Interpretation will be provided in English, Spanish and French.

Lunch provided.

## FOOD DAY - SESSION 4. Biodiversity for food and nutrition

28 October at 14:30-16:00 in the KMGBF Pavilion

**Leads: Alliance of Bioversity International and the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT); World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF); International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)**

### DESCRIPTION

The event will focus on:

- **Sharing evidence on biodiversity for nutrition:** showcasing the latest evidence on the key role that agrifood systems and biodiversity play in healthy diets, food security and nutrition, spotlighting neglected and underutilized crops and seeds.
- **Partnerships and local network governance:** a look at partnerships as a means of co-creating innovation and fostering knowledge sharing – especially by engaging farmers – to support local food production, and engaging a variety of food-systems actors, including consumers, chefs and food influencers, to raise awareness on the need to increase the food diversity on our plates.
- **Scaling and impact:** a discussion of how to accelerate implementation and scale up delivery models (including the Global Partnership for the Vision for Adapted Crops and Soils [VACS]), and an exploration of how food and nutrition can be integrated into new and updated NBSAPs as well as into climate-related and land-related global commitments.
- **CBD Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition:** a reflection on past achievements, outputs and challenges in the implementation of the initiative, and a discussion of the opportunities that reviving it would provide to accelerate the implementation of the KMGBF.

### AGENDA

Moderator: Mr. John de la Parra, Rockefeller Foundation

Item	Description	Speakers	Duration
Opening	Welcome and introduction	Mr. John de la Parra, Rockefeller Foundation	3 min
Keynote statement	Challenges and opportunities for biodiversity and nutrition	Ms. Lynnette Neufeld, Director, ESN, Food and Nutrition Division, FAO	7 min
Stage setting	Setting the scene	Mr. Alvaro Toledo, Deputy Secretary, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)	5 min
First Panel	Scaling up conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for food and nutrition Followed by Q&A/Discussion	Panelists: Ms. Sandra Valenzuela, WWF Colombia Mr. Juan Lucas Restrepo, Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT	25 min
Second Panel	Involving food actors in safeguarding and using biodiversity Followed by Q&A/Discussion	Panelists: Chef Mr. Mauro Calogreco, UNESCO Sustainable Food Ambassador Yurany Lopez, Bogotá Earth Market Chef Catalina Vélez	25 min
Wrap up	Closing remarks	Mr. Alvaro Toledo, Deputy Secretary, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)	5 min

Interpretation will be provided in English, Spanish and French.

## FOOD DAY - SESSION 5. NBSAPs and agrifood systems transformation: agrifood solutions to bend the curve of biodiversity loss and live in harmony with nature

28 October at 16:00-17:30 in the KMGBF Pavilion

**Leads: Ministry of Environment of Colombia; Ministry of Agriculture of Colombia; FAO; CBD Secretariat**

### DESCRIPTION

The event aims to:

- Explain the importance of integrating agrifood systems into NBSAPs, including target setting and implementation.
- Present a summary of findings from the regional/subregional NBSAP dialogues, with particular attention to agrifood-related targets.
- Showcase country examples, followed by a question-and-answer session.
- Present the Agri-NBSAPs Support Initiative.

### AGENDA

Moderator: Ms. Bine Liem and Ms. Ida Simonsen,, UN Youth Representative for Biodiversity and Food

Item	Description	Speakers	Duration
Opening	Welcome and introduction	Ms. Bine Liem and Ms. Ida Simonsen, UN Youth Representatives for Biodiversity and Food	6 min
Keynote	Importance of whole-of-government approach	Ms. Geidy Xiomara Ortega, Vice-minister of Agricultural Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Colombia	7 min
Presentation	FAO presentation on integration of agriculture and food systems into the NBSAPs	Ms. Julie Belanger, Natural Resources Officer, FAO	6 min
Presentation	SCBD presentation on summary of findings from the regional or sub-regional NBSAP dialogues	Ms. Jillian Campbell, Head of Monitoring, Review and Reporting, CBD Secretariat	6 min
Round table	Showcase countries examples: successes and opportunities  Followed by Q&A/Discussion	Panelists: Mr. Soukvilay Vilavong, Deputy Director, Environmental Policy Division, Department of Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr. Onismus Chipfunde, Head of the Genetic Resources and Biotechnology Institute, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Zimbabwe Mme. Fanjaniaina Miharisoa RAHARINOMENA, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Madagascar Mr. Mark Vurobaravo, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture, Vanuatu	30 min
Presentation	Presentation of the Agri-NBSAPs Support Initiative and wrap-up	Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, OCB Director, FAO	10 min

Interpretation will be provided in English, Spanish and French.



## FOOD DAY - SESSION 6. Closing: Key messages of Food Day

28 October at 17:30-18:00 in the KMGBF Pavilion

**Leads: FAO, SCBD**

### DESCRIPTION

The event aims to provide a brief summary of the day's sessions.

### AGENDA

Moderator: Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Director of the Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO

Item	Speakers	Duration
Closing remarks	H.E. María Susana Muhamad González, Ministerio de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible, Colombia	10 min
Closing remarks	H.E. Martha Viviana Carvajalino Villegas, Ministra de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural, Colombia	10 min
Closing remarks	Mr. Donné Slangen, Vice Minister for Nature and Fisheries, Kingdom of the Netherlands	5 min
Closing remarks	Mr. Godfrey Magwenzi, Director of Cabinet, FAO	5 min
Closing remarks	Mr. David Cooper, Deputy Executive Secretary, CBD	5 min

Interpretation will be provided in English, Spanish and French.

