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# ANNEX 2. KEY EVENTS OF THE CBD SECRETARIAT, CONSULTATIVE PROCESS AND CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES

## Events and deadlines of the CBD post-2020 process – Draft 6 December 2019

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| **Date** | **Title** | **Location** | **Relevance and potential inputs** |
| **January 2020** |
| 13 | Publication of OEWG Zero Draft | N/A |  |
| **February 2020** |
| Feb 24-29 | 2nd meeting of the OEWG | Kunming, China |  Meeting details are pending but it is expected that a draft outline for the framework will be presented. An updated compilation of UN system views and inputs should be provided, to be prepared at the 2nd Consultative Process meeting.  |
| **May 2020** |
| May 18-24 | 24th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-24) | Montreal, Canada | Discussing options for accelerating progress after the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan. The draft of the post-2020 framework will be considered, with a view to providing advice on targets to SBI-3. Entities could provide input on their perceptions of the Aichi Targets’ failures, and suggested implementation mechanisms. There should also be an input on how to avoid delays to implementation. |
| May 25-29 | 3rd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-3) | Montreal, Canada | The post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be considered, with a view to developing a recommendation for COP-15. Inputs on implementation mechanisms may be welcome, in addition to views on avoiding delays. |
| **July 2020** |
| Jul 17-16 | High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development | New York, USA | This event should be used to raise the profile of the post-2020 framework and to elicit ideas regarding mainstreaming and entities’ possible voluntary commitments. Cross-entity implementation should also be raised to improve joint implementation. |
| Jul 27-31 | 3rd meeting of the OEWG | Bogota, Colombia | The Consultative Process will compile further UN system inputs for this meeting. |
| **September 2020** |
| September 15-30 | UNGA 75 | New York, USA | This is an opportunity to raise the political profile of the post-2020 process and to discuss cross-entity implementation. Voluntary commitments could be discussed. |
| TBC | One-day Biodiversity Summit in the margins of UNGA 75 | New York, USA | An event for raising awareness about the links between biodiversity and all policy and societal sectors.  |
| **October 2020** |
| TBC | CBD COP15 | Kunming, China | UN entities could provide voluntary commitments to the post-2020 framework as well as potential contributions to resource mobilization. |

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| **Date** | **Title** | **Location** | **Relevance and potential inputs** |
| **December 2019** |
| 15 | Deadline for reception of comments on Minutes of First meeting |  |  |
| **January 2020** |
| 13 | Deadline for reception of additional inputs from UN entities |  |  |
| **February 2020** |
| 15 | Circulation of documents in advance of the second meeting: new version of the Post-2020-Compilation; table of contents of SWFS Biodiversity; ZeroDraft of cross-mapping exercise |  |  |
| 23 (TBC) | Second meeting of the Consultative Process | China, TBC | Consideration will be made of updates by UN agencies on their efforts to promote the post 2020 Framework, additional inputs by the UN system agencies on the development of the Strategic Framework, awareness raising efforts and a response to possible expectations from the OEWG. Preparation for Human Rights Council in June, IUCN World Conservation Congress in June and the High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development in July. Discussion of the table of contents of the SFWS report on Biodiversity |
| **March 2020** |
| 5 | Deadline for approval of minutes of 2nd meeting and for inputs to SWFS Zero Draft  |  |  |
| 20 | Circulation of a ZeroDraft SWFS (outline) based on discussions during the 2nd CP meeting |  |  |
| 31 | First drafting workshop of SWFS | Bern or Geneva, Switzerland | Based on discussions during the 2nd CP meeting; could take place at the margins of the Bern 2 meeting |
| **April 2020** |
| 30 | Circulation of a FirstDraft SWFS out of the workshop |   |  |
| **May 2020** |
| 24 TBC | Third meeting of the Consultative Process | Montreal, Canada | Consider final inputs for preparation of the post2020 global biodiversity framework to the 3rd OEWG. Preparations for a contribution to the one-day Biodiversity Summit in the margins of the UNGA in September will also begin. Review draft SWFS, including thorough discussion on implementation / commitments |
| May 25-29 | 3rd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-3) | Montreal, Canada | The post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be considered, with a view to developing a recommendation for COP-15. Inputs on implementation mechanisms may be welcome, in addition to views on avoiding delays. |
| **June 2020** |
| 15 TBC – at margins of IUCN Congress | Second drafting workshop of SWFS | Marseille, France | Based on discussions during the 3rd CP meeting |
| **July 2020** |
| Around 20 (at the margins of HLPF or 3rd OEWG | Fourth meeting of the Consultative Process | New York, USA, or Bogota, Colombia | This meeting will present the agreed UN system contribution on the structure and content of the Strategic Framework as well as a follow up arrangement of the Framework by the UN system as well as reaching agreement on the agenda of a Heads of Agencies meeting in the margins of the CBD COP15. It will also produce contributions to the one-day Biodiversity Summit in the margins of the UNGA 75 and finalize timing for the launch of SWFS report. |
| **September 2020** |
| TBC | EMG 26th Senior Officials Meeting in the margins of the UNGA75 | New York, USA | This meeting will likely result in approval of an EMG contribution to CBD COP15, focused on implementation of the post-2020 framework. EMG members could present possible voluntary commitments or possibilities for collaboration on implementation. |
| **October 2020** |
| TBC | Heads of UN agencies and MEAs meeting in the margins of CBD COP15 | Kunming, China | This meeting will present the UN system contribution, political commitment and a follow up approach to the Strategic Framework. There is a mandated Consultative Process input for this meeting on the implementation process. |
| **December 2020** |
| TBC | Fourth meeting of the Consultative Process |  TBC | This meeting will follow up on the implementation of the new Strategic Framework, including sharing of roles as custodians of the agreed indicators and a monitoring and review approach on the implementation of the indicators. UN entities should come with suggestions for their own custodianship and how they can contribute to implementation. |

## *The following events are arranged based on policy sector, presented in order from least represented in submissions to most.*

## Events of the Primary Production policy sector (FAO)

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| **Date** | **Title** | **Location** | **Relevance and Potential inputs [[1]](#footnote-1)** |
| **February 2020** |
| Feb 17-20 | FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific | Thimpu, Bhutan | For example: A forum to raise the issue of biodiversity and integration of it into productive areas and the integration of food production, consumption and disposal to Ministries of Agriculture. Capacity-building and financial needs for post-2020 framework implementation could be discussed, as could potential sectoral voluntary commitments, and so inputs could potentially be made in line with these topics. |
| **March 2020** |
| Mar 1-5 | FAO Regional Conference for the Near East | Muscat, Oman | TBC |
| Mar 10-12 | FAO Global Symposium on Soil Biodiversity | Rome, Italy | Soil biodiversity is relevant to food security and nutrition and should be a focus in the post-2020 framework. UN entities could participate to learn how their mandates, projects, etc. could contribute to soil biodiversity. |
| Mar 23-27 | FAO Regional Conference for Africa | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe | TBC |
| **April 2020** |
| Apr 27-29 | FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean  | Managua, Nicaragua | TBC |
| May 18-22 | FAO 179th Finance Committee meeting | Rome, Italy | A forum to potentially introduce discussion of resource mobilisation for implementation of GBF aspects related to soil diversity and biodiversity for food security. |
| May 26-28 | FAO Biodiversity Mainstreaming Platforms contribution to GBF | Rome, Italy |  Entities could provide inputs about possible collaboration with FAO or FAO objectives. |
| **June 2020** |
| Jun 3-5 | FAO Global Soil Partnership Plenary Assembly | Rome, Italy |  A forum to discuss collaboration for soil diversity. Entities could come with examples of projects that could also be used to reinforce soil biodiversity. |
| Jun 8-12 | FAO 164th Council session | Rome, Italy | A forum to discuss mainstreaming biodiversity into agriculture. Could discuss possible sectoral or entity voluntary commitments. Could also discuss FAO ownership or custodianship of aspects of the post-2020 framework. Entities could provide input on possible collaborations. |
| Jun 22-26 | FAO Committee on Forestry | Rome, Italy | A forum to discuss sustainable forestry management and use, potentially in relation to sustainable livelihoods, ecosystem services, and climate change resilience. |
| **July 2020** |
| Jul 13-17 | FAO Committee on Fisheries | Rome, Italy | A platform to discuss sustainable management and use of fisheries, including moving away from destructive methods and gear. |
| **September 2020** |
| Sep 28-Oct 2 | FAO Committee on Agriculture | Rome, Italy | A platform to discuss incorporating biodiversity concerns into agriculture, and perhaps for identifying voluntary sectoral and entity commitments to the post-2020 framework. |
| **October 2020** |
| Oct 12-16 | FAO Committee on World Food Security | Rome, Italy | A platform for discussing the links between biodiversity and food security, with the aim to mainstream biodiversity in agriculture and encourage engagement with the post-2020 framework.  |

## Events of the Production & Services policy sector

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| **Date** | **Title** | **Location** | **Relevance and potential inputs** |
| **February 2020** |
| Feb 24-27 | 6th Session of the Africa Forum on Sustainable Development, UNECA | Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe | This could be a platform for discussing the need to address biodiversity as underlying the SDGs. Biodiversity-conscious environmental solutions could be raised, as could the link between sustainable use and sustainable livelihoods.  |
| **March 2020** |
| Mar 19-20 | Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE region | Geneva | This could be a platform for discussing the need to address biodiversity as underlying the SDGs. Biodiversity-conscious environmental solutions could be raised, as could the link between sustainable use and sustainable livelihoods. |
| **September 2020** |
| Sep 7-11 | Rotterdam Convention Chemical Review Committee | Rome, Italy |  A forum to raise the issue of biodiversity in relation to chemicals. |

## Events of the Social Services policy sector

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| **Date** | **Title** | **Location** | **Relevance and potential inputs** |
| **January 2020** |
| TBC | Workshop on science-based targets, UNESCO | Paris, France | UNESCO would like to lead a workshop for the UN system to, based on the directions and advice by SBSTTA, consider a submission on the use of science-based targets in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework |
| **May 2020** |
| May 17-23 | World Health Assembly, WHO |  Geneva, Switzerland | This could be a platform to discuss the impacts of biodiversity loss on health, the reasons for and potential ways to mainstream biodiversity in health policy, and potential biodiversity-conscious environmental solutions to health concerns. |
| **June 2020** |
| Jun 3-5 | Circular Economy in a Sustainable Society, UNU | Dresden, Germany | This could be a platform to discuss closing resource loops in relation to their impact on biodiversity. The need for sustainable use and conservation to be brought into the circular economy should be raised. |

## Events of the Finance & Trade policy sector

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| **Date** | **Title** | **Location** | **Relevance and potential inputs** |
| **February 2020** |
| Feb 5-7 | UNCTAD Trade and Development Board | Geneva, Switzerland | A platform to discuss the link between sustainable trade, sustainable use of biodiversity, and development. |
| Feb 13-14 | Joint OECD/UNECE Seminar on the Implementation of SEEA |  Geneva, Switzerland | A platform to discuss natural capital accounting and potentially also indicators, as SEEA can be used to develop indicators. |
| **March 2020** |
| Mar 2-4 | World Bank Fragility Forum | Washington DC | This Forum is looking to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of development approaches to achieving lasting impact, focusing on implementation. It could therefore bring in a biodiversity lens/ecosystem approach to development, and include discussions of natural capital accounting and biodiversity-conscious environmental solutions. |
| Mar 16-20 | UNCTAD Commission on Science and Technology for Development | Geneva, Switzerland | This could be a forum to discuss capacity-building and technological transfer. |
| Mar 18-24 | 53rd session of the Economic Commission for Africa | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia | This could potentially be a platform to raise the need to discuss biodiversity considerations in planning and national economic policies. The link between conservation, sustainable use and sustainable livelihoods should also be raised. |
| **April 2020** |
| Apr 20-22 | 129th IFAD Executive Board session |  TBC | Potentially a forum to discuss the possibility of IFAD aiding with resource mobilization for the post-2020 framework. Also a forum to discuss mainstreaming biodiversity in agriculture and development sectors. |
| Apr 20-24 | UNECE Resource Management Week: the role of resource management in attaining the SDGs, including the 11th session of the Expert Group on Resource Management | Geneva, Switzerland | This week could be leveraged to raise awareness and buy-in for the post-2020 framework. Sustainable use and management should also be discussed in the Expert Group meeting on Resource Management. |
| **May 2020** |
| May 11-12 | UNECE Workshop on Climate Change | Geneva, Switzerland | mainstreaming biodiversity and nature-based solutions into climate change adaptation and resilience |
| May 18-22 | 76th Session of UNESCAP: focus on oceans for sustainable development | Bangkok, Thailand | This could be a platform to discuss sustainable use of ocean resources. Destructive methods and gear should also be discussed with a view to phasing them out. |
| May 18-19 | UNECE 11th Implementation Committee under the Water Convention | Geneva, Switzerland | This Convention was mentioned at SOMEMG SOM25. It can be used as a model for transboundary cooperation. |
| **September 2020** |
| Sep 8-10 | 130th IFAD Executive Board session |  TBC |  Potentially a forum to discuss the possibility of IFAD aiding with resource mobilization for the post-2020 framework. Also a forum to discuss mainstreaming biodiversity in agriculture and development sectors. |

## Events of the Humanitarian Affairs policy sector

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| **Date** | **Title** | **Location** | **Relevance and potential inputs** |
| **January 2020** |
| Jan 27-31 | UNECLAC 14th Regional Conference on Women in LAC | Vitacura, Chile | This could be a platform to discuss gendered access to biodiversity and its benefits, gender issues regarding control, and gender-based violence around biodiversity conservation. |
| **February 2020** |
| Feb 24-Apr 20 | 43rd session of the Human Rights Council | Geneva, Switzerland | This will be useful for linking the biodiversity sector and the human rights sector by raising the profile of the nexus between the two, and the need to protect activists and workers in both sectors. |
| **March 2020** |
| Mar 16-20 | Land and Poverty Conference 2020: Institutions for Equity and Resilience, World Bank | Washington DC, USA | This could be a platform to discuss and share policies and good practice on land governance. It could be a platform for discussion on the protection of IPLC land rights and the nexus with conservation. |
| **May 2020** |
| May 19-22 | Mont Tremblant Summit: International and indigenous perspectives for land governance, national surveyor's conference | Mont Tremblant, Canada | A forum to discuss the IPLC land rights and conservation nexus. As a national surveyor’s conference, it could also be a platform to discuss monitoring. Given the IPLC focus it could address community-based monitoring. |
| **June 2020** |
| Jun 6-Jul 3 | 44th session HRC | Geneva | This will be useful for linking the biodiversity sector and the human rights sector by raising the profile of the nexus between the two, and the need to protect activists and workers in both sectors. |
| Jun 20th | World Refugee Day (coinciding with Organisation of African Unity's Africa Refugee Day) | N/A | This could be used to raise awareness about the link between forced migration and ecosystem/biodiversity degradation, including climate-related conflict. There is potential for collaboration with IOM. |
| **September 2020** |
| Sep 14-Oct 2 | 45th session HRC | Geneva | This will be useful for linking the biodiversity sector and the human rights sector by raising the profile of the nexus between the two, and the need to protect activists and workers in both sectors. |

## Events of the Environment policy sector

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| **Date** | **Title**  | **Location** | **Relevance and potential inputs** |
| **January 2020** |
| 14-16 | Thematic workshop on resource mobilisation | Berlin, Germany | An expert panel will meet to prepare analyses and reports for the OEWG. It is expected this meeting will produce concrete proposals for resource mobilisation. Possible inputs include entities’ own possible financial contribution, innovative finance mechanisms, partnerships that could be leveraged for resource mobilization, and suggestions for engagement with the private sector on this issue. |
| **February 2020** |
| Feb 15-22 | CMS COP13 | Gandhinagar, India | This could produce outputs for the GBF in relation to targets and actions. The meeting provides an opportunity to consider how the post-2020 framework and the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023 can be mutually supportive. |
| February, 18-13 | 10th Session of the World Urban Forum, UN-Habitat | Abu Dhabi, UAE | This forum represents an opportunity to engage in discussions on the linkages between cities and biodiversity. Biodiversity-conscious environmental solutions should be raised, in addition to the need for proper spatial planning and an ecosystem lens for infrastructure. |
| Feb 21-22 | Thematic workshop on transparent implementation, monitoring, reporting and review | Kunming, China | It is envisaged this consultation will produce concrete and constructive inputs of a review mechanism. Entities could provide detailed outlines of possible review mechanisms. These could draw on existing review mechanisms to reduce duplication. |
| February 23-28 | World Biodiversity Forum, University of Zurich and bioDISCOVERY | Davos, Switzerland | This meeting aims to contribute to the post-2020 framework, and in turn the 2050 vision of the CBD, through an Earth system approach. |
| **March 2020** |
| Mar 1-2 | Thematic consultation on capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation  | Kunming, China | Entities with ideas regarding a capacity-building strategy should provide inputs. These can include the identification of other relevant capacity-building processes that are ongoing or commencing soon and which could be leveraged for the post-2020 framework.  |
| Mar 16-20 | Ramsar Convention 23rd meeting of the Technical Review Panel | Geneva, Switzerland | This could be a forum to explore review mechanisms for the post-2020 framework. |
| Mar 17-20 | Ad Hoc technical group on digital sequence information on genetic resources | Montreal, Canada | The OEWG will consider the outcomes of the extended Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group and make recommendations on how to address digital sequence information on genetic resources. Entities could provide their views on this topic and should highlight any work of theirs relevant to the topic. |
| Mar 23rd | International Day of Forests |  N/A | This will be a useful awareness raising day, in particular in relation to the ecosystem services provided by forests and the link between sustainable forest use and management and sustainable livelihoods. |
| 23-27 | Bern 2- meeting on synergies between MEAs and other international agreements | Bern | This meeting will look at possible synergies between MEAs and other international agreements, for example on chemicals. This is of relevance due to the need for the GBF to mobilise and enhance synergies, and because MEAs could be activated as operating arms for the framework. A workshop for the SWFS report will likely be held in the margins of this event. |
| Mar 30-Apr 3 | UNFCCC NAP Expo |  TBC |  This event is intended to share experiences and foster partnerships. This can be a platform to raise the need to address biodiversity and climate change equally and to ensure that climate change responses not undermine biodiversity. Biodiversity-conscious environmental solutions should be discussed in relation to climate change adaptation and resilience.  |
| **April 2020** |
| Apr 7-9 | British Ornithologist's Union conference on Restoring Bird Populations: Scaling from Species to Ecosystems | Nottingham, UK | This could be a platform to discuss ecosystem lenses and approaches to species conservation. |
| Apr 21-23 | 3rd meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing | Montreal, Canada |  This could be used to raise discussions of incorporation of the Protocol into the framework.  |
| **May 2020** |
| May 6th | World Environment Day | N/A | The day provides an opportunity for driving the momentum and public awareness of nature, a key aspect in the lead up to COP-15. |
| May 22nd | International Day for Biological Diversity | N/A | This day is relevant to raising awareness and building momentum in the lead up to COP-15. |
| **June 2020** |
| June 1-10 | Bonn Climate Change Conference, UNFCCC (SBSTA-52/SBI-52 | Bonn, Germany | This will produce commitments for achieving Paris goals. The outcomes of this will conference likely impact on post2-2- framework content and so the need to address climate change equally with biodiversity must be raised, in addition to the potential for biodiversity-conscious environmental solutions for climate change adaptation and resilience. |
| June 2-6 | UN Ocean Conference | Lisbon, Portugal | This conference aims to support implementation of SDG14. Progress made to date and commitments to upscale action towards achieving SDG 14 will influence marine aspects of the post-2020 agenda as biodiversity goals aim to align with the SDGs. Biodiversity in marine ecosystems should be on the agenda, as should the need to address destructive fishing methods and gears. |
| June 8th | World Oceans Day | N/A | The day provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the problems facing our ocean in relation to biodiversity. |
| June 11-19 | IUCN World Conservation Congress | Marseille, France | It is expected that the different outcomes from Congress will provide recommendations for the CBD's COP15, and aim to support the wider implementation of the Convention, its objectives, and the international sustainable development agenda. There is a Consultative Process input mandated for this event. |
| Jun 22-26 | 58th Ramsar Convention meeting of the Standing Committee | Geneva | This could be an opportunity to discuss coherence between biodiversity conventions. |
| **September 2020** |
| September 2020- UNGA 75 (15-30 Sep.) | A one-day Biodiversity Summit in the margins of the UNGA | New York, USA | This Summit will act as an important awareness-raising event for the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework, and for mainstreaming biodiversity more generally. This Summit will also be an occasion for the launch of the SWFS Biodiversity report. |
| **November 2020** |
| November 9-19 | UNFCCC COP26 | TBD | The meeting provides an opportunity to consider how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the implementation of the Paris agreement can be mutually supportive. Biodiversity-conscious environmental solutions must be discussed. |

1. The relevance and potential inputs to be discussed by the Consultative Process [↑](#footnote-ref-1)