

<b>3rd Meeting of the EMG Consultative Process on Biodiversity</b> <b>Date and time: 28 April 2020, 15.00 – 17.00</b> <b>Venue: <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/639171021">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/639171021</a></b>	<b>Distribution:</b> <b>EMG Consultative Process Focal Points</b> <b>EMG Biodiversity Network Agenda</b>
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## Provisional Agenda

1. Welcoming remarks by EMG Secretariat
2. Election of co-chairs for the Meeting
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Updates on post-2020 global biodiversity framework
  - Intergovernmental
    - *Neil Pratt, SCBD* - Post 2020 GBF along with preparations for CBD CoP15 in Kunming on 11-24 Oct 2021.
    - *Tim Christophersen, UNEP* - UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration
  - Inter-agency
    - *Cornelia Pretorius, UNEP* - UN Common Approach on biodiversity and nature-based solutions
    - *Sebastian Winkler, EMG Consultant* - Launching and operationalising the EMG Biodiversity Publication
5. Update by EMG members on major developments on biodiversity in their respective agencies and feedback on presentations
6. The Way Forward
7. Other Matters
8. Closure of the Meeting

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### Meeting documents:

1. Draft ToRs for EMG Issue Management Group on Biodiversity
2. The EMG report: Supporting the Global Biodiversity Agenda: A United Nations System Commitment for Action to assist Member States delivering on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework – prepared by EMG Consultative Process on Biodiversity
3. A common approach to integrating biodiversity and nature-based solutions for sustainable development into the UN's policy and programme planning and delivery prepared by HLCP Biodiversity Task Team



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## **Summary of relevant UN decisions on biodiversity**

25th EMG Senior Officials Meeting in September 2019 established an inter-agency consultative process composed of 51 agencies to facilitate the United Nations system contribution to the post 2020 GBF.

The EMG report on UN system wide contribution to post 2020 GBF was approved by the 26th meeting of the EMG Senior Officials in October 2020. In follow up of that, the Senior Officials have decided to extend the Consultative Process to proceed with the follow up and implementation of the recommendations of the report with the EMG Secretariat playing a coordination role.

Alongside the EMG consultative process, the Secretary-General's Executive Committee (EC) on 25 March 2020 called for the UN system to mainstream biodiversity work in key areas (e.g. food and agriculture, sustainable forest management, ecosystems, biosafety, governance and justice, etc.), engage in cross-agency collaboration (including by entities not traditionally involved in biodiversity work), and enhance UN communications and advocacy. UNEP was tasked with the implementation of the Executive Committee (EC) decision 2020/21 on biodiversity.

Subsequently, the Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) at their meeting on 14 May 2020 agreed to a stronger focus on nature across the UN system. The meeting tasked the High-Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) to develop, for the CEB's adoption, a common approach to integrating biodiversity and nature-based solutions for sustainable development into the UN's policy and programme planning and delivery (CEB/2020/1).

In response to the CEB tasking, the HLCP established a time-bound task team to collaborate on delivery of a common approach and collective action across the system to integrate biodiversity for sustainable development into the UN's policy and programme planning and delivery, building on the work of the United Nations Environment Management Group (EMG) on biodiversity and other inter-agency coordination mechanisms, including drawing on current commitments by agencies, funds and programmes.

The HLCP task team on biodiversity and nature-based solutions is co-chaired by UNEP and UNDP. HLCP members approved vision and timeline of the task team at its 40th session on 14 October 2020. The draft common approach was endorsed by HLCP at its 41st session (30 March 2021) and it will be put forward to the CEB 2021 spring meeting on 3 May.

The Secretary-General requested full engagement across the UN system at global and regional levels in the process established under the EMG to facilitate UN contributions to the development and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.