

Side event COP15
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Title: Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support - GEF Project Inception Meeting

Time and location: Sunday 11 December 2022 (10 am - 12pm), Room 511BE (African Group Room).

Description

Time is running out for the global community to create the transformative change needed to address our planetary crises. The implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (GBF) is of vital importance to our response. To that end, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in partnership with the CBD Secretariat, and with generous funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), are implementing the Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support (GBF-EAS) Project. The main project objective is to fast-track readiness and early actions to implement the post-2020 GBF by providing financial and technical support to 138 countries.

CBD Parties will be mobilized through this project to take early action on the post-2020 GBF with a focus on four components: 1) rapid review of NBSAPs for alignment with the post-2020 GBF; 2) assessment of monitoring systems; 3) policy and institutional alignment and review of policies for coherence with the GBF; and 4) biodiversity finance activities. Financial and technical support is being provided through two pathways: first, grants from the GEF to eligible Parties; and second, a globally coordinated technical support service.

Representatives from eligible countries are invited to a global inception workshop. The event will begin with UNDP and UNEP introducing the GBF-EAS project and the associated tools and guidelines. The supporting agencies will provide an overview of the project components, and the timeline and implementation modality. Time will be allocated for questions in English, French and Spanish. Through interactive presentations and dynamic discussions, this side event will inform and foster collaboration among the participating countries, providing the foundation needed to successfully take early action on the GBF. This event is highly aligned with the COP 15 objectives and will be complemented by a Help Desk throughout the duration of the conference.

Pastries and coffee will be provided. To join this event virtually, please click [here](#).

Hosts

Global Environment Fund (GEF) Secretariat, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat

Part One: Early Action on the GBF: High Level Segment	
<i>5 minutes</i>	GEF support to enabling conditions for implementation of the post-2020 GBF Mark Zimsky, Biodiversity Coordinator, Senior Biodiversity Specialist, Global Environmental Facility
<i>5 minutes</i>	Fast tracking readiness and early actions to implement the GBF Neil Pratt, Implementation and Support Division, CBD Secretariat
<i>10 minutes</i>	Scope, objectives, and timeline of the Early Action Support (EAS) project Midori Paxton, Head of Ecosystems and Biodiversity, UNDP Doreen Robinson, Head of Biodiversity and Land Branch, Ecosystems Division, UNEP
Part Two: Early Action on the GBF: Technical Segment	
<i>20 minutes</i>	<p>Component 1: Aligning national biodiversity commitments with the GBF <i>Presentation of component, deliverables, indicators, technical support – UNDP (3 min)</i> <i>Moderated panel of ministers and experts (12 min)</i></p> <p>Proposed Panel: Countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lourdes Coya, Environment Policy Specialist, Ministry of Science, Technology, and Environment, Cuba • Gwendalyn Sisor, CBD Secondary NFP, SBSTTA Bureau Member, CHM NFP, SBSTTA NFP, Protected Areas NFP, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment, Palau <p>Technical Experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jillian Campbell, Head of Monitoring, Review and Reporting at UN Convention on Biological Diversity • Corli Pretorius, Deputy Director, UNEP-WCMC <p>Ideas for draft panel questions for panel to refine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopting the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will trigger new efforts by CBD Parties to rapidly align their existing national biodiversity targets? What are the most important early actions to prioritize? • When the Convention references ‘using a whole of government approach’ what is implied, and how does this type of consensus building process make NBSAP targets more impactful? • What kind of technical support is available through this project to support Parties to align national biodiversity targets are aligned with post-2020 GBF and relevant SDG targets?
<i>20 minutes</i>	<p>Component 2: Monitoring progress to achieve the GBF <i>Presentation of component, deliverables, indicators, technical support – UNEP (3 min)</i> <i>Moderated panel of ministers and experts (12 min)</i></p> <p>Proposed Panel: Countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mukondi Matshusa, Director Biodiversity Conservation, Department of Forestry Fisheries and Environment), South Africa • Diego Ochoa, Deputy Director of Special Project, Humboldt Institute, Colombia

	<p>Technical Experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annie Virnig, Strategic Advisory on Science and Policy, UNDP • Natasha Ali, Senior Programme Officer, UNEP-WCMC <p>Ideas for draft panel questions for panel to refine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policymakers urgently need transformative approaches to reconcile competing development and conservation priorities. How can monitoring systems play a transformative role in guiding data-driven decision-making? • What kind of technical support is available through this project to support Parties to enhance and improve monitoring, reporting systems and transparency frameworks? • Despite our best efforts, nations around the world collectively failed to fully meet a single global target to protect nature in the past decade. How can closing gaps in the existing data and knowledge systems improve this trend?
<p>20 minutes</p>	<p>Component 3: Aligning national policy frameworks with the GBF <i>Presentation of component, deliverables, indicators, technical support – UNEP (3 min)</i> <i>Moderated panel of ministers and experts (12 min)</i></p> <p>Proposed Panel: Countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rigobert Ntep, Cartagena Protocol Primary National Focal Point, Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development, Cameroon • Fred Onyai, Monitoring and Evaluation Manager, National Environmental Management Authority, Uganda <p>Technical Experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamison Ervin, Manager, Nature for Development, UNDP • Diane Klaimi, DaRT Team Leader, Environmental Treaties Programme - MEAs Cooperation & Synergies, UNEP <p>Ideas for draft panel questions for panel to refine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can exercises to align national nature, climate, and sustainable development policies help to trigger early action on the GBF? • What are the benefits of using a whole-of-government nature-positive approach to mainstreaming the GBF into national planning processes? • What kind of technical support is available through this project to support Parties to identify actions for policy alignment and coherence on nature-related sectors?
<p>20 minutes</p>	<p>Component 4: Opportunities for resource mobilization <i>Presentation of component, deliverables, indicators, technical support – UNDP (3 min)</i> <i>Moderated panel of ministers and experts (12 min)</i></p> <p>Proposed Panel: Countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ana Lucia Orozco, BIOFIN Initiative Coordinator, Costa Rica • Alonso Martinez, National Coordination of the BIOFIN initiative, Mexico

	<p>Technical Experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariana Bellot, Senior Technical Advisor, The Biodiversity Finance Initiative, UNDP • Jessica Smith, Head of Nature team, UNEP Finance Initiative <p>Ideas for draft panel questions for panel to refine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some steps that CBD Parties can take to close the gap between the necessary and available financial resources to achieve the GBF? • What kind of technical support is available through this project to support Parties to define biodiversity finance gaps and identify opportunities for resource mobilization? • What is the UNDP Biodiversity Finance (BIOFIN) methodology, and how did it help your country to develop a financial action plan to mobilize resources?
Part Three: Early Action on the GBF: Next Steps	
<i>5 minutes</i>	<p>Global Technical Support Unit: Presentation of support modalities, and help desk promotion for specific questions</p> <p>Christina Supples, Programme Manager Advisor, UNDP Antony Kamau, Programme Management Officer, UNEP</p>
<i>5 minutes</i>	<p>Implementation Modalities and Management Structure: Next steps towards project implementation</p> <p>Santiago Carrizosa, Senior Technical Advisor, UNDP Alex Owusu-Biney, Portfolio Manager (Biosafety), GEF Coordination, Ecosystems Division, UNEP</p>
<i>10 minutes</i>	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p>Alex Owusu-Biney, Portfolio Manager (Biosafety), GEF Coordination, Ecosystems Division, UNEP</p>