

**Briefing on the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
to Permanent Missions to the United Nations**

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Organizers

The briefing is organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Secretariat of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of the People’s Republic of China and the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations

Purpose of the briefing

The briefing aims at:

- introducing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and related decisions of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations
- facilitating a better understanding of the relationship between the GBF and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- engaging all Missions so that they can promote and assist with the implementation of the Framework

Background

The second part of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15) and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing were held in December 2022.

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) adopted by COP 15 represents the most ambitious global agreement on biodiversity in the history of environmental governance and will serve as the world’s framework for actions taken at all levels to safeguard and restore biodiversity under 23 targets to be achieved by 2030 and towards four long-term goals for 2050.

The implementation of the GBF will be supported by an agreed monitoring framework; mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review; resource mobilization; capacity building and technical and scientific cooperation; and benefit-sharing from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources.

Agreements reached on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations, a communications strategy, a gender plan of action, a plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, and on enhanced implementation of the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, will also contribute to the implementation of the GBF.

The adoption of this ambitious and robust framework represents a remarkable demonstration

of multilateralism and international cooperation and an important first milestone of a long process that aims to halt biodiversity loss. The implementation journey has just started and, for the Framework to be successful, there is a need for Governments to take urgent action at all levels.

As CBD COP 15 President, the People's Republic of China would like to join efforts with the international community to take action and ensure that the implementation journey begins as soon as possible in order to achieve the targets and goals set out in the GBF.

Draft Agenda

Welcome remarks by Ms. Ligia Noronha, Assistant Secretary-General and Head of UNEP New York Office

Video by the President of COP 15, H. E. Huang Runqiu, Minister of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China

Remarks by the representative of the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the UN

Remarks by the representative of the Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN

Presentation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by Mr. David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary, UN Convention on Biological Diversity

Interventions from the floor

Closing
