

**High-level ministerial breakfast on biodiversity and gender:
Accelerating the uptake of a gender-responsive post-2020 global biodiversity
framework - CONCEPT NOTE
15 December 2022
Banquet Hall, 710 B, 7th Floor**

Context

Parties to the fourteenth meeting of the Convention (COP 14) agreed that the process to develop the post-2020 global biodiversity framework would be gender-responsive¹, a process which is expected to lead to the development of a gender-responsive post-2020 global biodiversity framework that supports Gender Equality and Women's Rights. A draft Gender Plan of Action is also being proposed for adoption at CBD COP-15, which will enable its implementation in tandem with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

In this context, the Secretariat to the Convention on Biological Diversity is organizing a ministerial event, hosted by the Ministry of Environment of Finland, in collaboration with the CBD Friends of Gender Equality Group co-chaired by the Ministries of Canada and Malawi (TBC), to accelerate the uptake of a gender-responsive implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework at all levels of government and society, building on Target 22 and the Gender Plan of Action for the CBD. This will also be an opportunity to emphasize synergies with the SDGs agenda and the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#) (1995) which also outlined the critical roles that gender plays in society, sustainable use and environmental management, and the need for gender equality and women's rights to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

Ministers, Heads of agencies, indigenous peoples and local communities, youth and stakeholders will be invited to attend the Ministerial event. A seated breakfast will be provided to participants. Considering the available budget, a maximum of 90 participants will be invited in total.

Objectives

Scheduled during the high-level segment of COP-15, the Ministerial breakfast aims to build momentum among decision-makers, policy-makers and stakeholders towards the uptake of a gender-responsive implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, with a view to:

- i) Highlight and discuss implementation mechanisms to attain gender equality to the achievement of global biodiversity goals and a fully gender-responsive post-2020 global biodiversity framework,
- ii) Showcase the important role that women do and can play in advancing action on biodiversity,
- iii) Identify and emphasize critical actions that can be taken to advance gender-responsive approaches to achieving the three objectives of the Convention, including through the sharing of best practices and reliance on indicators, including sex-disaggregated data.

The event will also emphasize the role of youth, women and men as grassroots changemakers to support the uptake of a gender-responsive post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

¹ <https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-34-en.pdf>

Draft Agenda

- 08:00-08:05 (5')** **ARRIVAL OF REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS AND MINISTERS**
- 08:05-08:07 (2')** **WELCOMING PARTICIPANTS AND INTRODUCING EVENT**
- Moderation:** Sarah Hendriks, Director Programme, Policy & Intergovernmental Division, UN Women
- 08:07-08:20 (10')** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
- Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations, Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group
 - Ms. Tarja Haaranen, Director General, on behalf of H.E. Ms. Maria Ohisalo, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Finland
- 08:25-08:35 (10')** **CALL TO ACTION: HOW WOMEN PLAY A KEY ROLE IN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND ACTION, WHAT IS NEEDED FOR GENDER-RESPONSIVE ACTION**
- Ms. Lucy Mullenkei, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity
 - Ms. Mrinalini Rai, Director, Women4Biodiversity on behalf of CBD Women Caucus
 - Ms. Grisela Vanessa Alvarado Picado, GYBN Global South Focal Point, Costa Rica & Ms. Sara Ariana Molina Vargasto, GYBN Global South Focal Point, Bolivia
- 08:35-09:15 (40')** **MINISTERIAL PANEL: A GENDER-RESPONSIVE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK, FROM ADOPTION TO IMPLEMENTATION**
- H.E. Mr. Eisenhower Mkaka, Minister of Natural Resources and Climate Change, Malawi
 - H.E. Ms. Mirela Kumbaro Furxhi, Minister of Tourism and Environment, Albania
 - H.E. Ms. Bérangeère Couillard, Secretary of State for Ecological transition, France
 - H.E. Ms. Martha Delgado, Vice Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights at the Mexican Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Mexico
- 09:15-09:35 (20+')** **DISCUSSION: FORWARD LOOKING PROJECTION TO 2030**
- H.E. Ms. Steffi Lemke, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany
 - H.E. Mr. Mohammed Hassan Abdullahi, Minister of Environment, Federal Ministry of Environment, Nigeria
 - Dr. Monique Eloit, Director General, World Organisation for Animal Health
 - Mr. Stewart Maginnis, Deputy Director General for Programmes, IUCN
 - Mr. Stephen de Boer, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Affairs Branch of Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canada
- 09:35-09:40 (5')** **CLOSING REMARKS**

Mr. David Boyd, UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment