

WOMEN4BIODIVERSITY



In this issue, we highlight the UNCBD Women's Caucus preparatory sessions for [COP 15](#) in [Montreal, Canada](#).

We hope that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will roll out a blueprint for biodiversity conservation, sustainable use and access to benefits sharing of genetic resources that will be truly transformative. A framework that will ensure a human rights-based approach, paving the path for gender equality and women's rights and recognise the vital role that women play in the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and their full participation at all levels of policy making and implementation for biological diversity conservation. To support and to amplify the roles of women and to celebrate their contributions to the environment, we have launched the [#SheShapesBiodiversity](#) photo contest.

In addition, we also launched our pilot sites webpage to showcase the restoration work of our five pilot sites in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Visit the page to learn about our partners, their work and to follow their updates.

Meanwhile, to honour the contributions and the traditional knowledge of indigenous women to their communities and to recognize them as agents of change, we organized a webinar to commemorate the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on 9 August.

Through these efforts, we recognize the vital relationship between women and the environment and building momentum towards a gender just outcome at CBD COP15.

ROAD TO CBD COP 15

UNCBD Women's Caucus virtual workshop series

With Women4Biodiversity's facilitation, the UNCBD Women's Caucus has been holding a series of workshops with its members, from 24 August to 26 October. These are in preparation for the [Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD COP 15\)](#) in Montreal, Canada this December.

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Read highlights of:

⇒ [1st Session](#): Informative webinar on CBD COP15, NP MOP4 and CP COP10

⇒ [2nd Session](#): Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

⇒ [3rd Session](#): Resource Mobilization, Marine and Coastal Biodiversity, the Post-2020 Gender Plan of Action and Monitoring and Reporting Frameworks

⇒ [Register for the next session](#)



Webpage for Women's Caucus for COP15



⇒ [Visit the CBD COP 15 webpage](#)

She Shapes Biodiversity Photo Contest



She Shapes Biodiversity photo contest is a competition to recognize women and their contributions to the environment. It is also part of Women4Biodiversity's campaigns [#AdoptTarget22](#) this 2022 and [#GenderIsABiodiversityIssue](#) for building momentum and awareness on the need for a gender-responsive post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

The best 15 photos will be exhibited at CBD COP 15 in Montreal, Canada, and the photographers of the best five photos will receive a prize of €200 each. Deadline to enter the contest is 24 October 2022, 5 pm UTC.

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SUPPORTING GENDER-RESPONSIVE RESTORATION INITIATIVES

Initial Introductory learning Workshop



Women4Biodiversity launched a dedicated webpage featuring partner pilot sites on the restoration project "Building resilience and weaving gender-responsive approaches to biodiversity governance". The launch was preceded by a two-day virtual introductory workshop that brought together the five pilot sites to share their aspirations and vision of the project with each other.

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⇒ [Go to Pilot Sites Restoration Webpage](#)

BLOG: CoopeSoliDar RL holds free, prior and informed consent meeting with Chomes community in Costa Rica



What happens when free, prior and informed consent is properly secured among indigenous peoples and local communities? Women4Biodiversity partner pilot site CoopeSoliDar RL and the Chomes community of mollusk-gathering women in Costa Rica show the possibilities for conservation and capacity enhancement of women in biodiversity policy in their meeting for early this year.

⇒ [Read the original in Spanish](#)

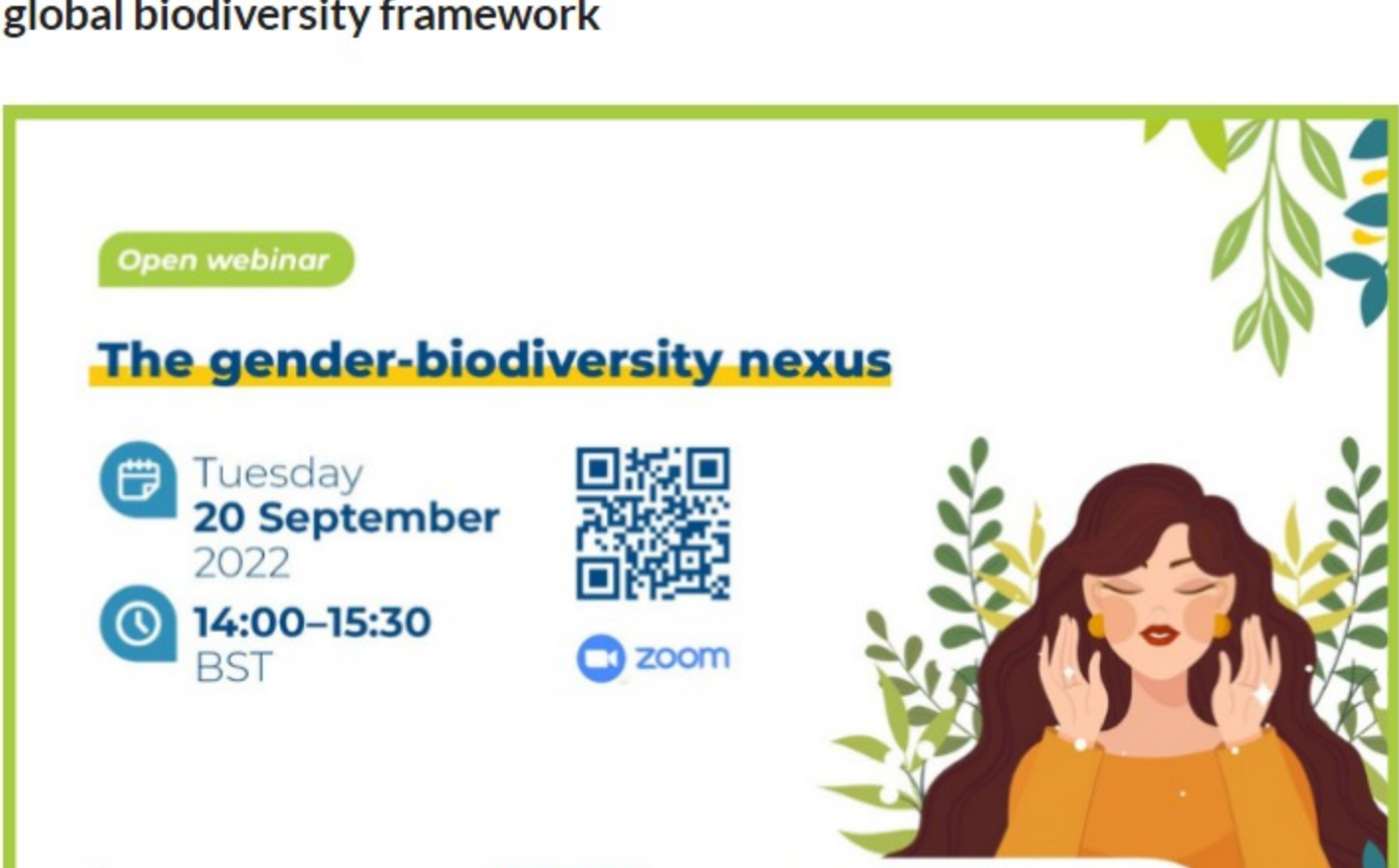
⇒ [Read the English translation](#)

VIDEO: Hageulu village women in Solomon Islands in conservation and biodiversity



VOICES OF WOMEN IN ADVOCACY

The Gender-Biodiversity Nexus: Gender equality in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework



There is a need for gender-responsive biodiversity financing, and mainstreaming of gender in the national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) of Parties to the CBD, among others, for real gender equality in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

This is what Women4Biodiversity Director Mrinalini Rai emphasized during her keynote presentation at the open webinar "[The Gender-Biodiversity Nexus: Strengthening the integration of gender in the production and application of knowledge for biodiversity conservation](#)" held last 20 September by the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network (BES-Net).

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CAMPAIGNS FOR INTERNATIONAL DAYS

9 August, International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples: Reclaiming Her Space celebrates indigenous women and their traditional knowledge



In celebration of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, Women4Biodiversity held a virtual event, "[Reclaiming Her Space: Indigenous Women and their Traditional Knowledge](#)" last 9 August. The event is in line with the Indigenous Peoples Day theme this year, "The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge."

Women panelists across different regions came to share their experiences and observations on women's contributions in preservation of traditional knowledge on the ground.

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RESOURCES & PUBLICATIONS

⇒ [Online launch of CCA South Asia web portal](#)

Kalpavriksh, Seva Mandir and Metastriving Foundation have developed a web portal on Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) to recognize and support contributions of communities across India - and will be expanding to South Asia - to biodiversity and sustainability goals.

⇒ [COVID-19, land, natural resources, gender issues & Indigenous Peoples' rights in Asia](#)

This brief discusses how COVID-19 is impacting Indigenous Peoples' rights, especially women, and elaborates on how challenges could be overcome, leaving no one behind.

⇒ [States must ensure leadership roles for indigenous women: UN experts](#)

On the eve of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, UN experts on indigenous peoples' rights issued a statement on the crucial role of women in sustainable use of natural resources and protection of biodiversity.

⇒ [Last line of defence - Global Witness](#)

Since 2012, Global Witness has been gathering data on killings of land and environmental defenders. These lethal attacks are taking place in the context of a wider range of threats against defenders including intimidation, surveillance, sexual violence, and criminalization.

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