



NOTIFICATION

Concept Note and Provisional Agenda of the High-Level Segment of the UN Biodiversity Conference 2024 in Cali, Colombia

Dear Sir or Madam,

Reference is made to notification [2024-047](#) informing Parties that Her Excellency Ms. María Susana Muhamad González, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, had issued invitations to Ministers in charge of the Convention's portfolio to attend the High-Level Segment of the UN Biodiversity Conference 2024 that will take place in Cali, Colombia on 29 and 30 October 2024.

In order to facilitate preparations for the Ministers, and on behalf of the incoming COP 16 Presidency, I am pleased to share a brief concept note and a preliminary agenda for the High-Level Segment, enclosed with this notification. Additional background documents will be shared with confirmed delegations and made available on the Conference website at: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2024> in due course.

I take this opportunity to thank Governments who have confirmed the in-person participation of their respective Ministers in the High-Level Segment and to strongly encourage those who have not yet done so, to confirm their Ministers' participation at their earliest possible convenience by e-mail to: internacionales@minambiente.gov.co with copy to cop16hls@cbd.int.

Please accept, Sir, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD national focal points, ABS focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points

Annex 1

UN Biodiversity Conference 2024 “Peace with Nature” High-Level Segment Cali, Colombia, 29-30 October 2024

CONCEPT NOTE

Purpose

Engage Heads of State or Government, Ministers and relevant stakeholders to accelerate momentum for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) through national statements, and to support negotiations on key issues of the COP and participate in high-level events and multi stakeholder discussions.

Date and Venue

29-30 October 2024, Centro de Eventos Valle del Pacífico (same location as COP 16)

Ministers are invited to stay an additional 2 days (31 October and 1 November) to assist with the final negotiations of COP 16.

Theme of the High-Level Segment

The overall theme of the Conference of the Parties and the High-Level Segment (HLS) is *Paz con la Naturaleza – Peace with Nature*. Within this broad theme, the HLS will encompass the launch of Colombia’s Initiative, “World Coalition for Peace with Nature: A Call for Life”, and discussions on a selection of topics (described below) aimed to strengthen and support implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework.

The “World Coalition for Peace with Nature: A Call for Life” is a call to action to address environmental challenges and encourage further strengthening strategies and policies to preserve the planet and its biodiversity. Joining the Coalition is voluntary, it does not constitute a joint negotiation group, nor does it entail legally binding obligations.

The Coalition will invite governments, organizations, environmental leaders, communities and peoples to reinforce international efforts towards greater sustainability and the protection and preservation of nature. It will recognize the crosscutting approach of peace with nature for the sustainability of the planet, promote awareness and strengthen efforts at the local, national, regional and global levels in matters of human rights, peace among peoples, sustainability and socio-environmental justice, bioculturality and international cooperation. These efforts are pillars that require collaboration and permanent action.

The four main topics for the discussions during the HLS will be:

Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: The international community will shift from agreement to action at COP 16. Discussions under this topic will be an important opportunity to demonstrate progress in alignment and rapid implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Financing: Resource mobilization from all sources, and re-alignment of all financial flows with the goals of the KMGBF will be key for the successful implementation of the Framework. For discussions under this topic, the participation of Ministers of Finance, as well as Ministers of Environment, is welcome.

Biodiversity and Climate Change: Addressing climate change and biodiversity loss are inseparable challenges. Discussions under this topic will focus on linking the political agendas of climate and biodiversity from CBD COP 16 to UNFCCC COP 29 and COP 30.

Peace with Nature: Drawing upon the overall theme of COP 16 and recalling the appeal made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to end humanity's war on nature, the discussions around this topic will underline that sustainable development can only be truly achieved with peace among people, peace between people and nature, and respect for human rights.

Format and timetable

Is it envisaged that the HLS would consist of:

- a.) Formal plenary sessions including an opening and closing segment.
- b.) Launch of Colombia's Initiative "World Coalition for Peace with Nature: A Call for Life" in the opening plenary.
- c.) Plenary sessions for national statements with parallel ministerial dialogues on the four thematic issues.
- d.) Breakfast, lunch and reception events offered by the Host Government and by partner organizations.

In addition to the above, Ministers are welcome to attend and participate in other high-level side-events taking place in the blue zone.

Output

- A report of the COP President drawing on the outcomes of the four thematic discussions and national statements.

Participants

The number of delegates to the High-Level Segment is expected to be 400-500, including Heads of State or Government, ministerial representatives (Minister or Head of delegation) from Parties and relevant stakeholders, UN Principals, and high-level representatives from the major stakeholder groups of the Convention.

Agenda

Please refer to Annex 2

Annex 2

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

High-Level Segment
United Nations Biodiversity Conference 2024
“Peace with Nature”

Session and time (GMT-5)	Event	
Tuesday 29 October 2024		
BREAKFAST EVENT 8:00AM-9:30AM	High Level Breakfast Event (details to follow) - (by invitation)	
HoSG FAMILY PHOTO 9:30AM- 10:00AM	Heads of State or Government Photo	
OPENING PLENARY 10:00AM-1:00PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Gustavo Petro Urrego, President of the Republic of Colombia - H.E. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations - Launch of the “World Coalition for Peace with Nature: A Call for Life”, by H.E. Luis Gilberto Murillo Urrutia, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, with the possible participation of Heads of State or Government - Statements by Heads of State or Government and civil society leaders - Cultural Presentation <p>* Session chaired by H.E. María Susana Muhamad González, COP 16 President</p>	
LUNCH BREAK 1:00PM-2:30PM	Lunch Break	
AFTERNOON SESSION (Plenary + Ministerial Dialogues) 2:30PM-7:30PM	Plenary Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of Statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministers and other Government representatives - Heads of Organizations 	3:00pm-4:30pm: Thematic Ministerial Dialogue: Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (1.5hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross sectoral panel • Open discussion among Ministers 4:45pm-6:15pm: Thematic Ministerial Dialogue: Financing (1.5hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross sectoral panel • Open discussion among Ministers of finance and environment
SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION 7:30PM-8:00PM	Transfer of invited guests to the High-Level dinner hosted by the Government of Colombia (shuttles at various times)	

DINNER RECEPTION 8:00PM onwards	“ <i>Gran Cena de la Biodiversidad</i> ” Dinner hosted by the Government of Colombia (by invitation 1+1)	
Wednesday 30 October 2024		
BREAKFAST EVENT 8:00AM-9:30AM	“Ministerial Breakfast on the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution”, hosted by Secretariat for the INC on Plastic Pollution (by invitation)	
FAMILY PHOTO 9:30AM-10:00AM	Ministerial Family Photo	
MORNING SESSION 10:00AM-1:15PM	Plenary Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Delivery of Statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministers and other Government representatives - Heads of Organizations 	10:00am-11:30am: Thematic Ministerial Dialogue: Biodiversity and Climate Change (1.5hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cross sectoral panel ● Open discussion among Ministers 11:45am-1:15pm: Thematic Ministerial Dialogue: Peace with Nature (1.5hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cross sectoral panel ● Open discussion among Ministers
LUNCH EVENT 1:15PM-2:45PM	“Ministerial Luncheon: Engaging Agrifood Sectors in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework”, hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (by invitation)	
CLOSING PLENARY 3:00PM-6:00PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summary of the HLS and report back on negotiations by H.E. María Susana Muhamad González, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia ● Report to HLS Plenary on the outcomes of the thematic events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nature and Culture Summit - Cities and Subnational Summit - Business and Biodiversity Forum - Finance Day - Science Forum - Capacity Building Forum - Women Forum - International Afro descendant Forum ● Report on the events in the Green Zone ● Announcement of the winners of the MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity and the Lovejoy Prize ● Keynote speech: Youth Representative ● Closing remarks by Minister Muhamad and CBD Executive Secretary 	
EVENING EVENT 6:30PM-8:30PM	Evening Reception: “Accelerating biodiversity action: enhancing global collaboration to live in harmony with nature” hosted by the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership	