



Cooperation for the Convention on Biological Diversity

CO-OP4CBD Training session on Traditional Ecological Knowledge in the context of the CBD

11-12 June 2025, Trondheim, Norway

Programme

Date: 11-12 June 2025	Meeting Time: 11 June: 09:00 – 17:00 12 June: 09:00 – 17:00	Meeting Location: NINA House, Amfi Høgskoleringen 9, Trondheim
Type of Meeting:	In person	
Attendees:	Traditional ecological knowledge holders, European CBD delegates and experts seeking training on issues related to traditional knowledge (particularly Article 8(j) National Focal Points)	
Meeting Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Learn about the role of traditional ecological knowledge holders in CBD governance and processes.-Explore CBD governance structures, including the newly established permanent Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j), as well as the role of the new Centres for Technical and Scientific Cooperation.-Acquire practical guidance on strengthening the involvement of Indigenous Peoples and Local Community (IPLC) representatives, Indigenous/local community experts, civil society and academia in CBD processes.	
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Wednesday, 11 June 2025 Introduction to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) processes and mechanisms and traditional knowledge mobilization NINA House - Amfi, Høgskoleringen 9, Trondheim	
08:40 – 09:00 Venue Opening	
09:00 – 09:10 Welcome words Kristin Evensen Mathiesen , <i>Research Director, NINA Lillehammer</i> Pierre Spielewoy , <i>Researcher and Project Manager, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle</i>	
09:10 – 09:20 CO-OP4CBD Team	Introduction of the day and Ice Breaker
MORNING SESSION: CBD history, processes and mechanisms Facilitator: Maja Vasiljević , <i>Senior Advisor, NINA, CO-OP4CBD</i>	
09:20 – 09:40 Bernd Siebenhüner , <i>Professor of Ecological Economics, Carl Von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg</i>	The Convention on Biological Diversity: Humankind's promise for sustainability and biodiversity. An introduction to the CBD
09:40 – 10:00 Olivier Rukundo , <i>Head of Peoples and Biodiversity Unit, CBD Secretariat</i>	CBD and Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLC): history, context, background of IPLCs involvement, main issues of discussion and main definitions (Article 8(j), etc.)
10:00 – 10:10	Q&A
10:10 – 10:40 Break	
10:40 – 11:00 Claudia Ituarte-Lima , <i>Senior Researcher, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law</i>	CBD and importance of public participation for achieving the Global Biodiversity Plan
11:00 – 11:20 Jorge L. Ventocilla , <i>Science-Policy Officer, RBINS, CO-OP4CBD</i>	Technical and Scientific Cooperation and capacity building mechanisms: building on previous experiences to ensure stakeholders' involvement in the context of the CBD
11:20 – 11:30	Q&A
11:30 – 13:00 Group Photo and Lunch in NINA Kantina	
AFTERNOON SESSION: The importance of traditional knowledge and ways to engage as an IPLC representative/scientist/expert Facilitator: Pierre Spielewoy , <i>Researcher & Project Manager, MNHN, CO-OP4CBD</i>	
13:00 – 13:10 CO-OP4CBD Team	Wrap-up of the morning session and introduction of the afternoon session
13:10 – 13:40 PANEL	What is traditional knowledge and why is it important for biodiversity policies: examples of Joint work programme on the

<p>Facilitator: Brooke Wilkerson, <i>Senior Researcher, Alternet/NORCE, CO-OP4CBD</i></p> <p>Nigel Crawhall, <i>Chief of Section, UNESCO Local and Indigenous Knowledge Systems Programme</i></p> <p>Joji Cariño, <i>Senior Policy Advisor, Forest Peoples Programme</i></p> <p>Yolanda López-Maldonado, <i>Senior Environmental Specialist, Indigenous Science</i></p>	links between cultural and biological diversity (UNESCO), IPBES work programme and other initiatives
13:40 – 13:50	Q&A
13:50 – 14:10 Break	
<p>14:10 – 14:30</p> <p>Kinga Öllerer, <i>Senior Researcher, HUN-REN CER, TEK Research Group, CO-OP4CBD</i></p>	Biodiversity benefits of traditional knowledge and the customary use of land: a global assessment of CBD national reports
14:30 – 14:40	Q&A
<p>14:40 – 14:55</p> <p>Grégoire Dubois, <i>Senior Expert, Lead of the EC Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity, European Commission (ONLINE)</i></p>	The Technical and Scientific Cooperation Centres and the EU Science Service for Biodiversity: addressing traditional knowledge, IPLCs' knowledge and expertise in Europe
<p>14:55 – 15:10</p> <p>Jiska van Dijk, <i>Senior Researcher, NINA, BioAgora</i></p>	
15:10 – 15:20	Q&A
15:20 – 15:40 Break	
<p>15:40 – 16:00</p> <p>Nadja Steinfert, <i>International Relations Officer, DG ENV, European Commission and EU Article 8(j) European Focal Point</i></p>	The Role of Article 8(j) National Focal Points and how to engage with them: exchange of views.
16:00 – 16:10	Q&A
<p>16:10 – 16:40</p> <p>PANEL</p> <p>Facilitator: Constance Laureau, <i>Project Coordinator, FRB, CO-OP4CBD</i></p>	Ways to engage as an IPLC representative/TEK expert in the CBD context and beyond (i.e., IPBES): some concrete perspectives from "the field"

<p>Polina Shulbaeva, <i>Member of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and Consultant on the International Human Rights Mechanisms, “Cultural Survival” Organization (ONLINE)</i></p> <p>Joji Cariño, <i>Senior Policy Advisor, Forest Peoples Programme</i></p> <p>Yolanda López-Maldonado, <i>Senior Environmental Specialist, Indigenous Science</i></p> <p>Asami B. Segundo, <i>Regional Coordinator (Southeast Asia), ICCA Consortium</i></p>	
16:40 – 16:50	Q&A
16:50 – 17:00 CO-OP4CBD Team	Wrap-up and final conclusions
17:15 – 18:45 City Tour (per registration)	
19:00 – 21:00 Joint Dinner (per registration) AiSuma Restaurant - Kjøpmannsgata 57	
Thursday, 12 June 2025 CBD COP16 outputs and concrete effects on IPLCs and CBD process NINA House - Amfi, Høgskoleringen 9, Trondheim	
08:40 – 09:00 Venue opening	
09:00 – 09:10 CO-OP4CBD Team	Introduction and objectives of the day
MORNING SESSION: Presentation of the main CBD COP16 decisions involving IPLCs and the ways to be involved Facilitator: Jorge L. Ventocilla , <i>Science-Policy Officer, RBINS, CO-OP4CBD</i>	
09:10 – 09:40 Anna Sándor-Rousset , <i>EU+MS coordinator for Article 8(j) at COP16; Biodiversa+ Operational Manager</i> Lennart Kümper-Schlake , <i>Senior Knowledge-Policy Officer, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, EU+MS negotiator for Article 8(j) at COP16</i>	CBD COP16 outputs for IPLCs and a way forward: perspectives from the negotiators
09:40 – 09:50	Q&A

09:50 – 10:00 Jelle Behagel , <i>Associate Professor, Forest and Nature Conservation Policy Group (FNP), Wageningen University (ONLINE)</i> Bas Verschuuren , <i>Assistant Professor, Forest and Nature Conservation Policy Group (FNP), Wageningen University (ONLINE)</i>	Including Indigenous and Traditional Territories in the 30 by 30 target of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: Exploring the capacity of IPLC to resist drivers of biodiversity loss.
10:00 – 10:10	Q&A
10:10 – 10:40 Break	
10:40 – 11:10 PANEL Facilitator: Kinga Öllerer , <i>Senior Researcher, HUN-REN CER, TEK Research Group, CO-OP4CBD</i> Olivier Rukundo , <i>Head of Peoples and Biodiversity Unit, CBD Secretariat</i> Pernilla Malmer , <i>Senior Advisor, SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University</i> Joji Cariño , <i>Senior Policy Advisor, Forest Peoples Programme</i>	The new Programme of work, new permanent Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and next steps: perspectives and a way forward
11:10 – 11:20	Q&A
11:20 – 11:40 Robin Goffaux , <i>SBSTTA National Focal Point, FRB, CO-OP4CBD</i>	Preparing the next CBD meetings: concrete process, advice from the field
11:40 – 11:50	Q&A
11:50 – 12:00 CO-OP4CBD Team	Wrap-up of the morning session
12:00 – 13:30 Lunch in NINA Kantina	
AFTERNOON SESSION: Involvement in CBD processes – practical exercises Facilitators: CO-OP4CBD Team	
13:30 – 13:45 Pierre Spielwoy , <i>Researcher and Project Manager, MNHN, CO-OP4CBD</i>	Presentation of a CBD meeting: how a meeting is organized, how Parties and other organizations can participate and vote, rules of procedure
13:45 – 13:50	Q&A

13:50 – 14:00 Facilitators: CO-OP4CBD Jorge L. Ventocilla, Brooke Wilkerson, Constance Laureau	Presentation of the exercise Presentation of the items that will be discussed (<i>and distribution of the documents</i>) Division into groups
14:00 – 14:40 Facilitators: CO-OP4CBD Jorge L. Ventocilla, Brooke Wilkerson, Constance Laureau	Three sessions in parallel: Developing a technical paper on: -Recommendations on the future Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) role -Proposing ways to improve the participation of traditional knowledge holders in the CBD process -Thinking about indicators for IPLCs linked with GBF objectives
14:40 – 15:00 Facilitators: CO-OP4CBD Jorge L. Ventocilla, Brooke Wilkerson, Constance Laureau	Presentation of the group discussion results
15:00 – 15:30 Break	
15:30 – 16:10 Facilitators: CO-OP4CBD Robin Goffaux, Kinga Öllerer	Plenary discussion / improvement of the work
16:10 – 16:30 Break	
16:30 – 16 :50 Pierre Spielewoy, Maja Vasilijević	Wrap up, Training assessment and feedback from the participants
16 :50 – 17 :00 Nirmala Séon-Massin, Director of Expertise, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (ONLINE)	Session conclusion
18:30 – 20:30 Dinner (per registration) Olivia Solsiden Restaurant - Beddingen 16	