



Cooperation for the Convention on Biological Diversity

CO-OP4CBD Regional Training for Central and Eastern European Countries

Programme

Date : 18-19 March 2024	Meeting Time : 18 March : 10:00 – 17:00 19 March : 10:00 – 17:00	Meeting Location : Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Jardin des Plantes, Paris
Type of Meeting:	In person	
Attendees:	Biodiversity experts and CBD National Focal Points from Central and Eastern European Countries.	
Meeting Objectives:	The aim of this training is to give NFPs and experts from Central and Eastern European Countries a better understanding on how CBD works (History, Mechanisms, Processes), to enhance their participation to CBD meetings.	
Organiser:	Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (MNHN), France	



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18th of March – CONTEXT, HISTORY and REGIONAL ISSUES of the Convention on Biological Diversity Amphithéâtre de Paléontologie, Jardin des Plantes (2 rue Buffon, 75005 Paris)	
10:00 – 10:10 Venue Opening	
10:10 – 10:20 Session Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Denis Duclos, Director, Directorate for European and International Affairs, French SBSTTA Co-NFP, CHM NFP, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (MNHN) Ms. Virginie Dumoulin, General Inspector, Member of the environmental Authority, French Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (MTECT), European Lead negotiator during COP15 for Goal A and target 1 to 8 	
10:20 – 10:50 Dr. Aleksandar Rankovic (Lecturer at Sciences Po and HEC)	When talking about CBD, what are we referring to? <i>A variety of concrete milestones in the negotiation process.</i>
10:50 – 11:00	Q&A
11:00 – 11:30 Mr. Pierre Spielwoy (Researcher and Project Officer, MNHN, CO-OP4CBD)	Issues regarding the provision of the Convention. <i>The meaning of Biodiversity and concept at stakes.</i>
11:30 – 11:40	Q&A
11:40– 12:10 Dr. Hendrik Segers (Biodiversity Team Leader of the EU Belgian Presidency, RBINS)	Insights regarding EU Coordination. <i>The main challenges of COP16, and follow-up on the implementation of the new global strategic framework</i>
12:10 – 12:20	Q&A
12:20 – 14:00 Lunch Break – Rotonde, Jardin des Plantes	
14:00 – 14:40 Dr. Angela Lozan (Biologist, Member of the COP Bureau -Representing Eastern European States)	Explaining the specific challenges for biodiversity in CEE countries. <i>Presentation of the Biodiversity of the CEECs, main trends and challenges in regard to the CBD.</i>
14:40 – 14:50	Q&A
14:50 – 15:20 Dr. Elena Buzan (Professor, Department of Biodiversity, University of Primorska,	Discussing specific encounters for eastern European scientists: Involvement and access to MEA's. <i>A variety of reflections based on practice.</i>

Faculty of Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Information Technologies) & Dr. Ancuta Fedorca (Researcher, National Research and Development Institute in Forestry, ICAS)	
15:20 – 15:30	Q&A
15:30 – 15:50 Break	
15:50 – 16:20 Roundtable: How to coordinate as a CEE region into the CBD process? <i>CEE countries in the CBD process: challenges and opportunities</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderated by Dr. Hendrik Segers (Biodiversity Team Leader of the EU Belgian Presidency, RBINS) • Ms. Eliška Rolfova (Former Team Leader for Czech Republic Presidency in 2022) • Dr. Angela Lozan (Biologist, Member of the COP Bureau - Representing Eastern European States) 	
16:20 – 16:30 Fanni Takács and Benedek Baltay (Biodiversity Coordinator – Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture)	Insights regarding the next Hungarian EU Presidency. <i>Objectives and main international biodiversity events to come.</i>
16:30 – 16:50 Open Discussion	
16:50 – 17:00 Conclusions & end of the day	
18:15 – 20:30 <i>Optional Dinner in a parisian Brasserie (contingent on number of participants))</i>	
19th of March – RULE OF PROCEDURES and SCIENCE/POLICY INTERFACE in the context of the CBD Amphithéâtre de Paléontologie, Jardin des Plantes (2 rue Buffon, 75005 Paris)	
10:00 – 10:10 Venue Opening	
10:10 – 10:40 Dr. Kari De Pryck (Lecturer and Researcher, Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Geneva)	Science/Policy interface: reflections and practices <i>Presentation of the dialogue processes between experts and negotiators, as well as their reciprocal roles and challenges.</i>
10:40 – 10:50	Q&A

10:50 – 11:20 Mr. Pierre Spielewoy (Researcher and Project Officer, MNHN, CO-OP4CBD)	Discussing how the scientific mechanisms of the CBD work. <i>Presentation of the Rule of procedures, the subsidiary bodies and the mechanisms that make up the institutional environment of the Convention.</i>
11:20 – 11:30	Q&A
11 :30 – 12 :00 Mr. Jorge-Luis Ventocilla (Science-Policy Officer, RBINS, CO-OP4CBD)	CO-OP4CBD and its role in increasing Science-Policy Interface. <i>How can we share knowledge and protect knowledge holders?</i>
12:00 – 12:10	Q&A
12:10 – 14:00 Lunch Break – Rotonde, Jardin des Plantes	
14:00 – 14:30 Mr. Jean-Baptiste d'Isidoro & Ms. Adèle Fardoux (CBD Negotiators, French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs)	A negotiator's point of view on how to mobilize science. <i>Including feedback from past CBD meetings, and experiences learned.</i>
14:30 – 14:40	Q&A
14:40 – 15:10 Dr. Roselli Pellens (Researcher, Institut de Systématique et d'Evolution – ISYEB - MNHN)	Expert feedback on participating to a MEAs meeting. <i>Feedback from past CBD meetings, and experiences learned.</i>
15:10 – 15:20	Q&A
15:20 – 15:40 Break	
15:40 – 16:20 Roundtable about science-policy Interface <i>The question of the timeline: when is it the best time to deliver knowledges?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderated by Mr. Robin Goffaux (French SBSTTA co-focal point, FRB, CO-OP4CBD) • Dr. Axel Paulsh (Chair, Institute für Biodiversität, member of the organization Team of the Vilm meeting) • Ms. Charlotte Le Delliou (Biodiversity Research Officer, French Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion (MTect), Biodiversa+) • Dr. Cristiano Vernesi (Researcher, Member of the Conservation Genetics Coalition) 	
16:20 – 16:50 Open Discussion	
16:50 – 17:00 Closing Remarks & end of the meeting	