



Enhancing the role of knowledge holders in the UN CBD: Pioneering capacity-building initiatives across the world

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PROGRAMME

Day & time	Agenda item	Facilitator(s) / Speaker(s)
12:15-13:15	Lunch (vegan) - provided by Biodiversa+	N/A
13:15-13:20	Welcoming words	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Asad Naqvi (Director of Implementation Support Division; UN CBD Secretariat)
13:20-13:25	Introduction: Filling the UN CBD knowledge gaps, the role of scientists and knowledge holders in UN CBD meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Carlos Hernández (Humboldt Institute / Consortium of Scientific Partners)
13:25-13:35	Introduction: Perspective of knowledge mobilisation and capacity-building from a developing country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Aram Meymaryan (Deputy Minister of the Environment of the Republic of Armenia)
13:35-14:05	Presentation of capacity building-initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> mobilising indigenous knowledge holders capacity-building for environmental change, a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Pierre Spielwoy (MNHN / CO-OP4CBD) Ms. Asami Segundo (ICCA Consortium)



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	<p>transnational and transdisciplinary project approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> concrete tools to help the involvement of scientists and knowledge holders in IPBES and UN CBD processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Joji Cariño (Forest Peoples Programme) Ms. Nicole Arbour (Executive Director; Belmont Forum) Mr. Axel Paulsch (Institute for Biodiversity Network / RESPIN) Ms. Charlotte Le Delliou (French Ministry of Ecological Transition / Biodiversa+) Ms. Isabella Livertout (MNHN / CO-OP4CBD)
14:05 – 14:20	Catalysing capacity-building initiatives: Perspectives from the Regional TSC Centers (panel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Axel Paulsch (Institute for Biodiversity Network / RESPIN) Mr. Carlos Hernández (Humboldt Institute) Mr. Jorge. L. Ventocilla (RBINS / CO-OP4CBD) Ms. Ntakadzeni Tshidada (SANBI) Ms. Nur Gauch (ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity)
14:20-14:40	Open discussion with the room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Camille Guibal (FRB; CO-OP4CBD)
14:40-14:45	Concluding remarks: Coordinating our initiatives to fill the UN CBD knowledge gaps and improve the science-policy interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Charlotte Le Delliou (French Ministry of Ecological Transition / Biodiversa+) Mr. Pierre Spielwoy (MNHN / CO-OP4CBD)