

GLOBAL YOUTH BIODIVERSITY NETWORK (GYBN)



WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO



DECISION



Acknowledging the importance of youth participation in decision-making process at all levels,

YOUTH

1. Encourages Parties and other governments to **include youth fully in all relevant processes**, and specifically in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as activities under the United Nations Decade for Biodiversity; and
2. Invites Parties to **continue to provide support for youth initiatives** and other networks that support the three objectives of the Convention, such as the Global Youth Biodiversity Network



About GYBN



The **Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN)** is a global coalition of young people and youth organizations that have joined forces to lead, support and accelerate a just and equitable transition to a society that lives in harmony with nature.

GYBN is officially recognized as the **international coordination platform for youth participation in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).**

gybn.org

[@GYBN_CBD](https://twitter.com/GYBN_CBD)

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GLOBAL COMMUNITY

As of February 2022,
GYBN brings together:

642 youth organizations

172 countries

representing a total of
1,25 million youth

GYBN also has
60+ national chapters

4 regional chapters

550 member organisations

50+ ground projects

210 scholarships for youth delegates



1.25 million
members

172
countries



12.8 million
people reached



+3 million
views

<https://www.gybn.org/join-the-community>

• YOU ENGAGE AND COP 16

■ PRE COP

- Capacity building sessions
- Informative sessions about COP17
- Preparing negotiations

■ DURING COP

- Youth Summit
- Influencing negotiations
- Youth Pavillion
- Youth- led side events (Green Zone & Blue zone)



YOUTH DELEGATION



YOUTH SUMMIT



PLENARY

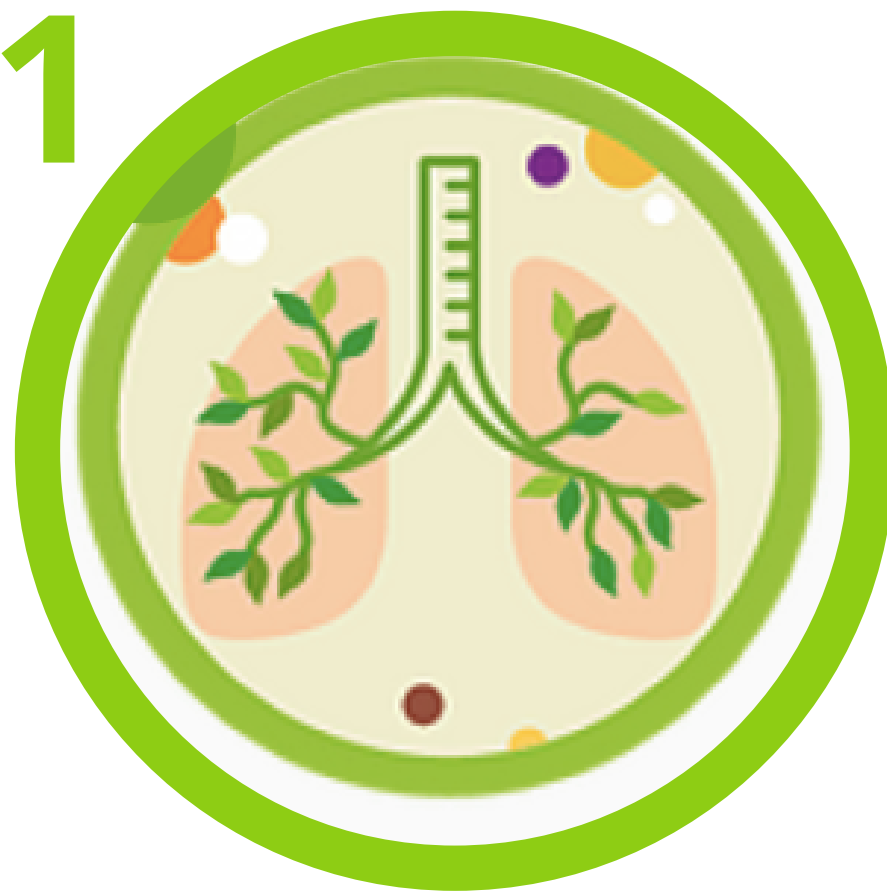


MEETINGS



VISION FOR BIODIVERSITY

1



**Integrity of Our Life
Support System**

2



**Society Living
Sustainably**

3



**Equity for
Nature & People**

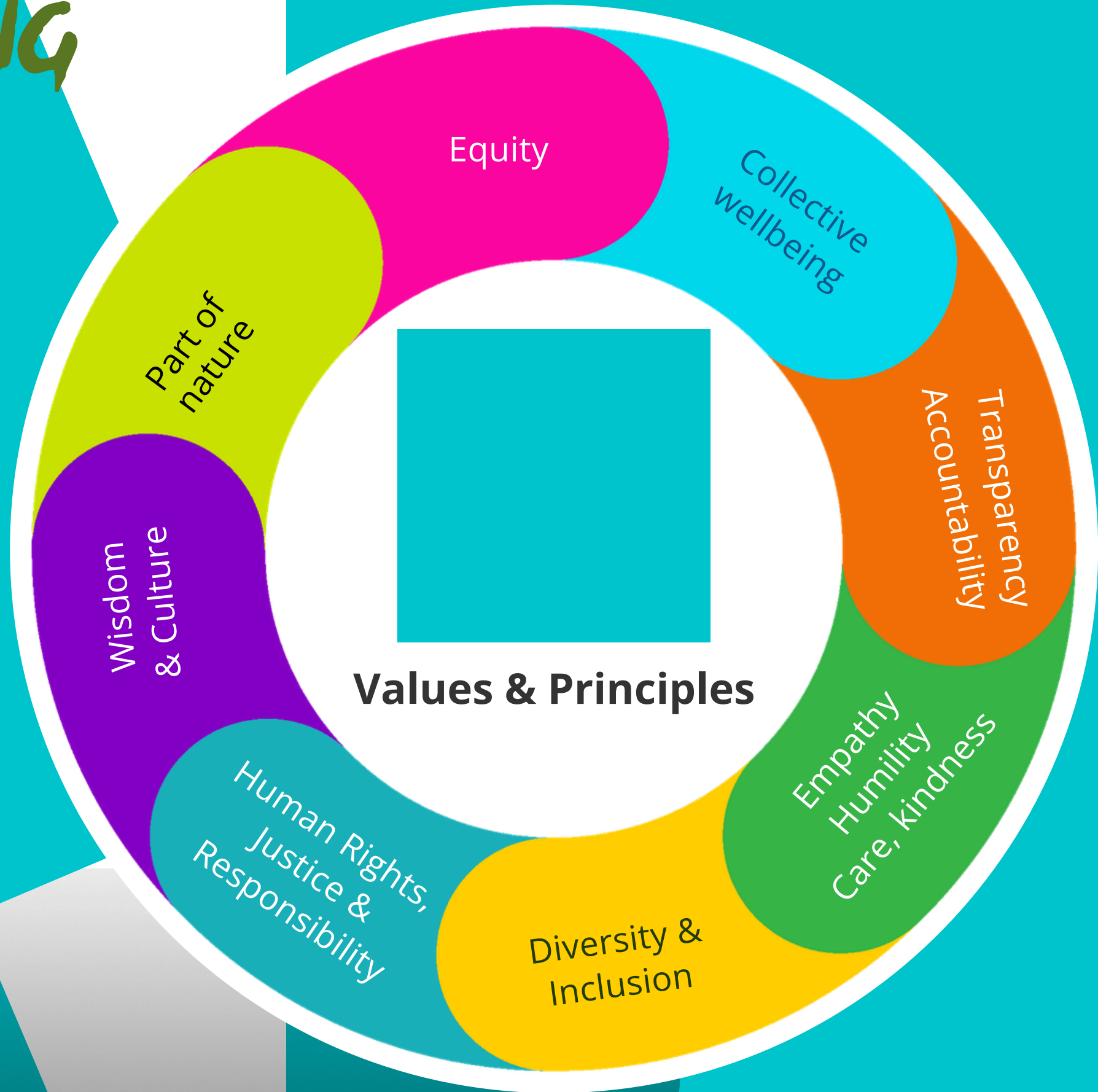


POSITION BUILDING

THE WORLD WE WANT

Collective Youth Vision

Just and equitable society living in harmony with nature





GYBN EUROPE

GYBN E national / subregional chapters



Chapters

Austria

France

Italy

UK

Nordics

Western

Balkans



<https://gybnweb.wixsite.com/europe/get-involved>

<https://www.instagram.com/gybneurope/>

WHAT WE DO



**Empowerment &
Capacity Building**

**Advocacy &
Campaigning**

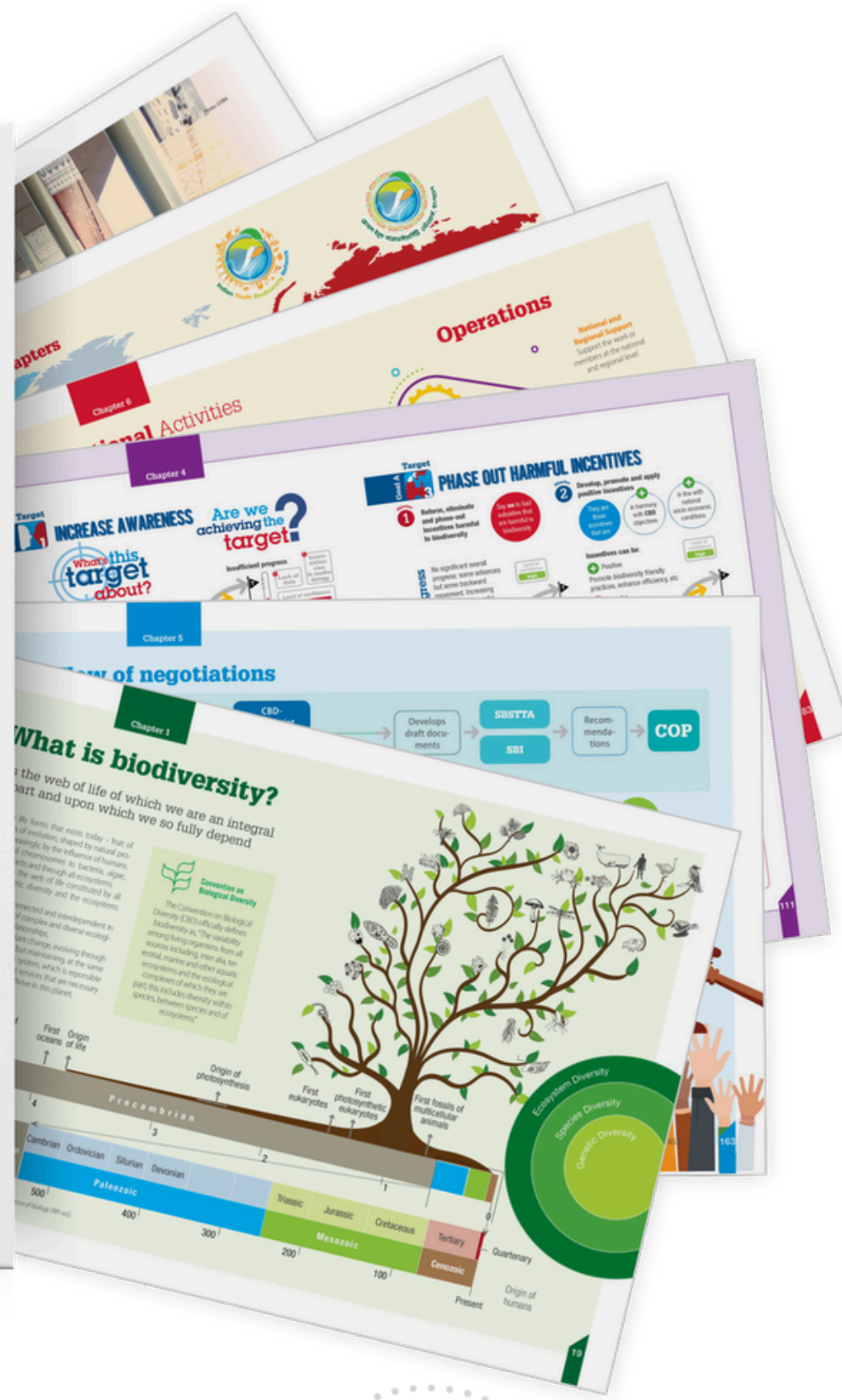
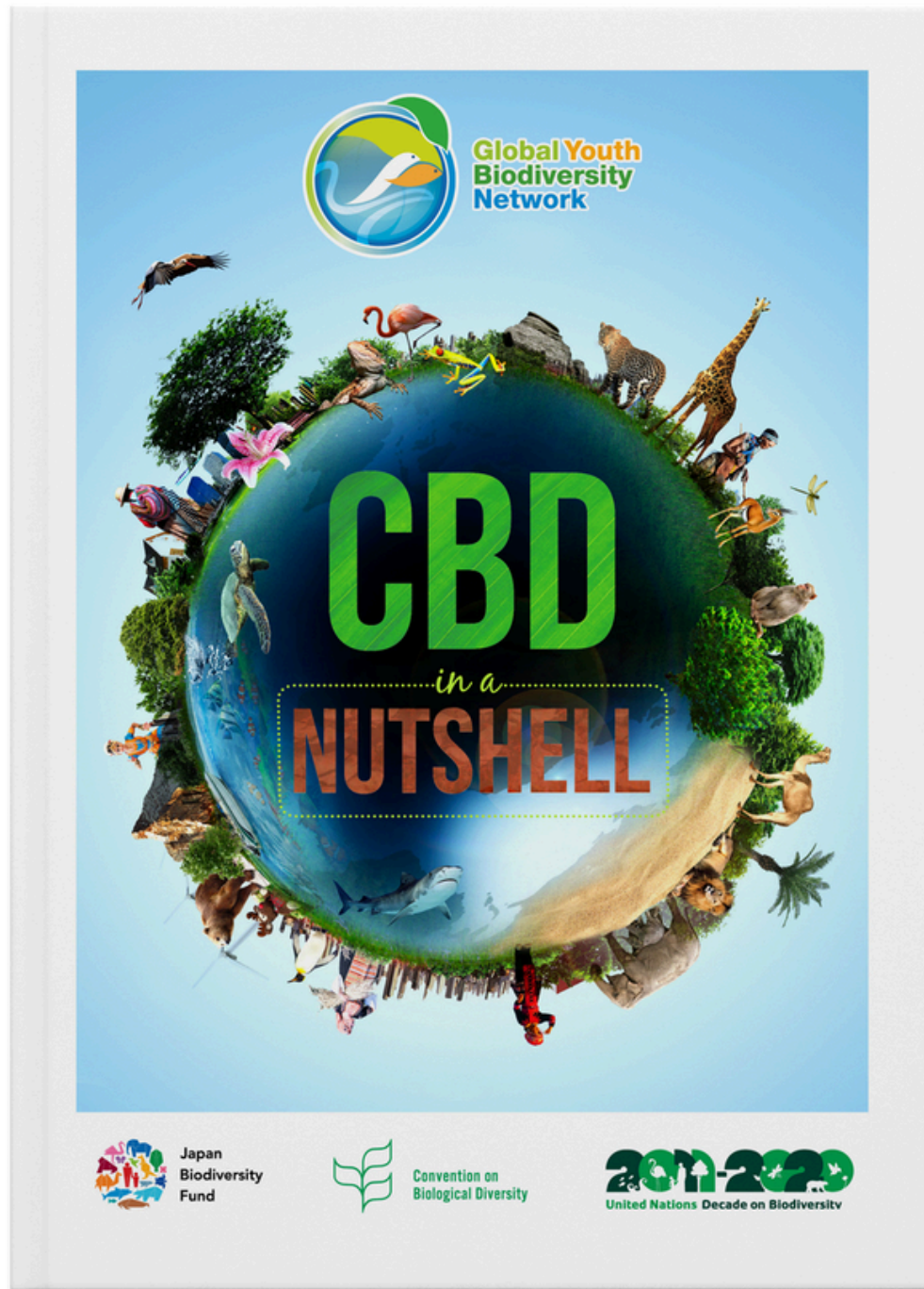
**Mobilization &
Actions**



CAPACITY BUILDING UNTIL COPT7

ONLINE & IN PERSON
RESOURCES





CBD in a Nutshell

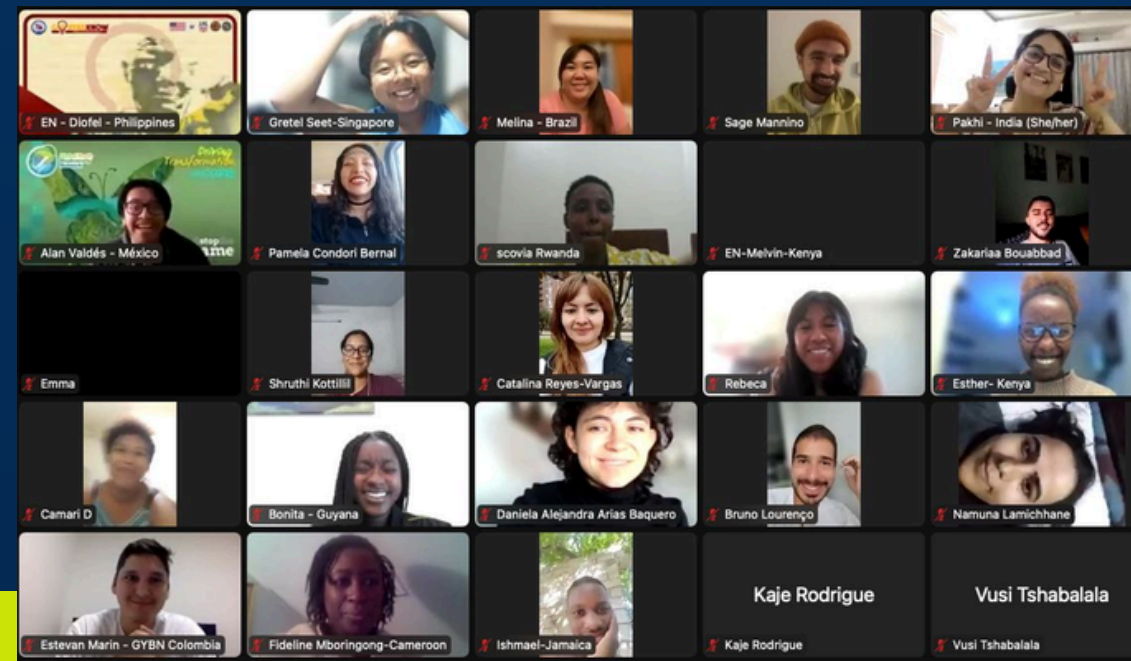
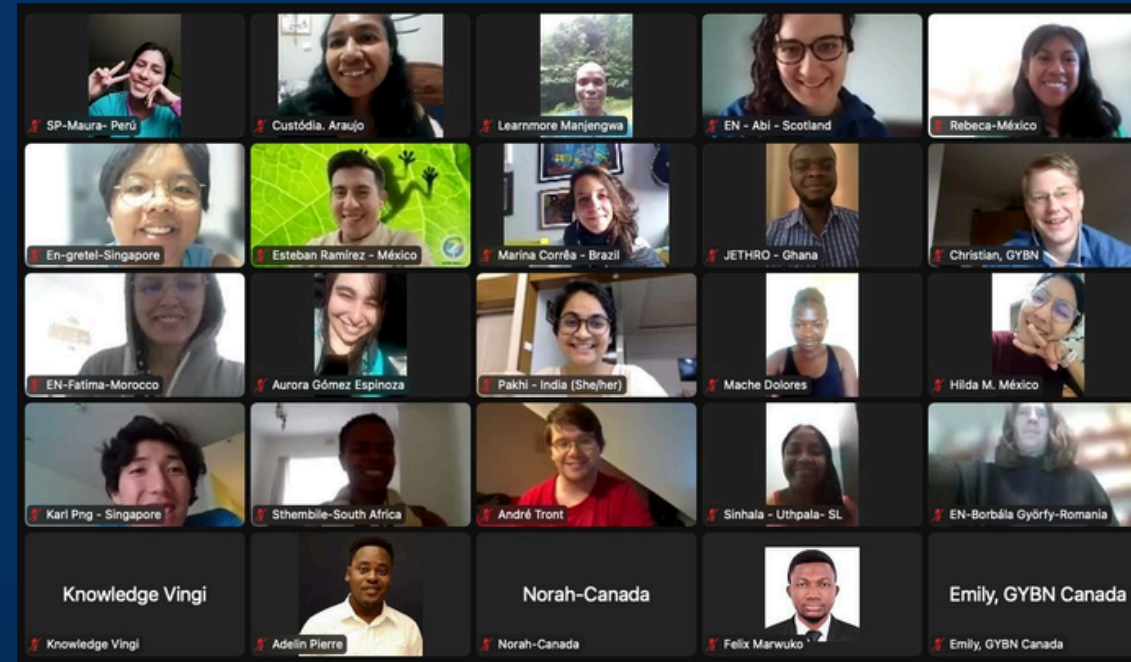
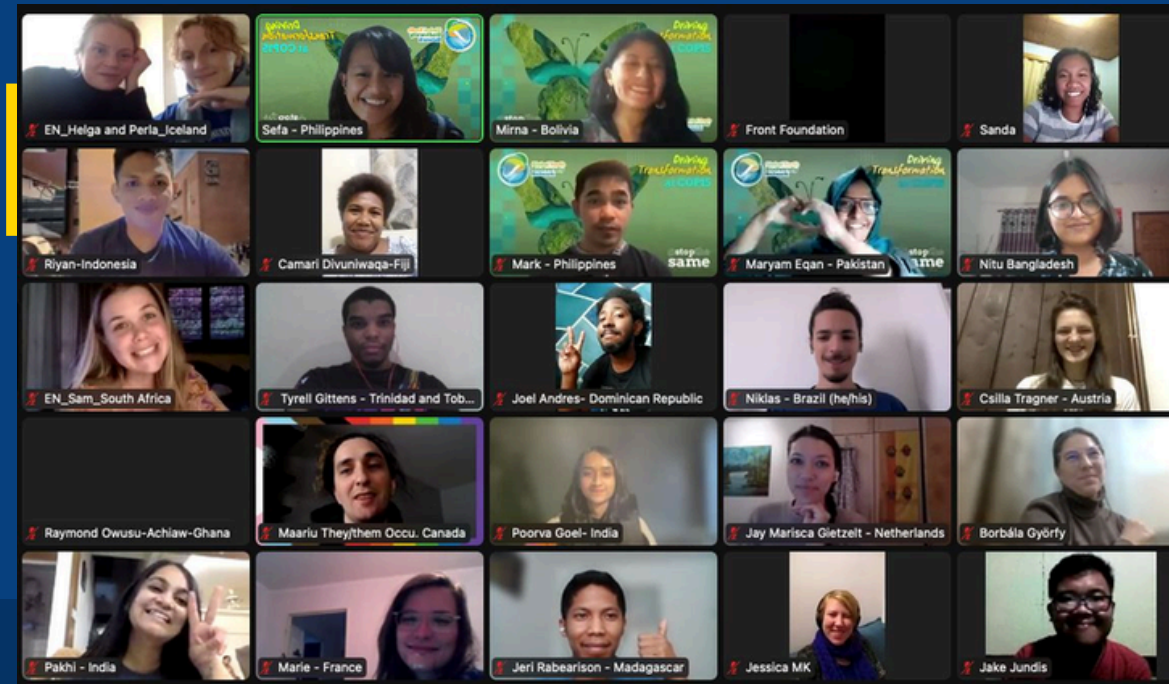
Guidebook to the CBD Process

Available at:
gybn.org/publications

YOUTH CAPACITY-

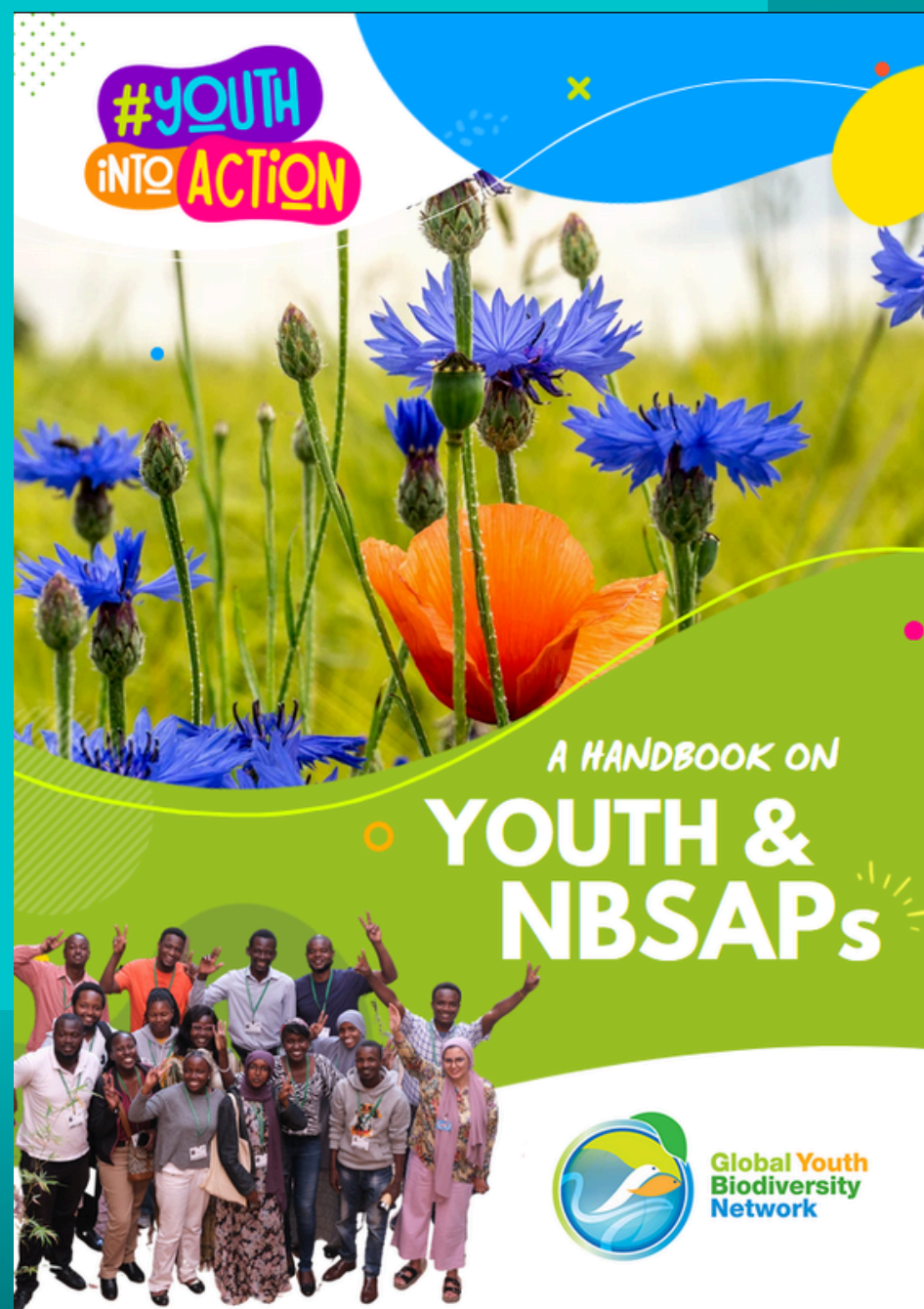
Planned:

- Youth training sessions to prepare for CBD COP17
- Preparations are targeting in English, Spanish and French.
- Develop communication channels, to engage and prepare for youth participation at COP17

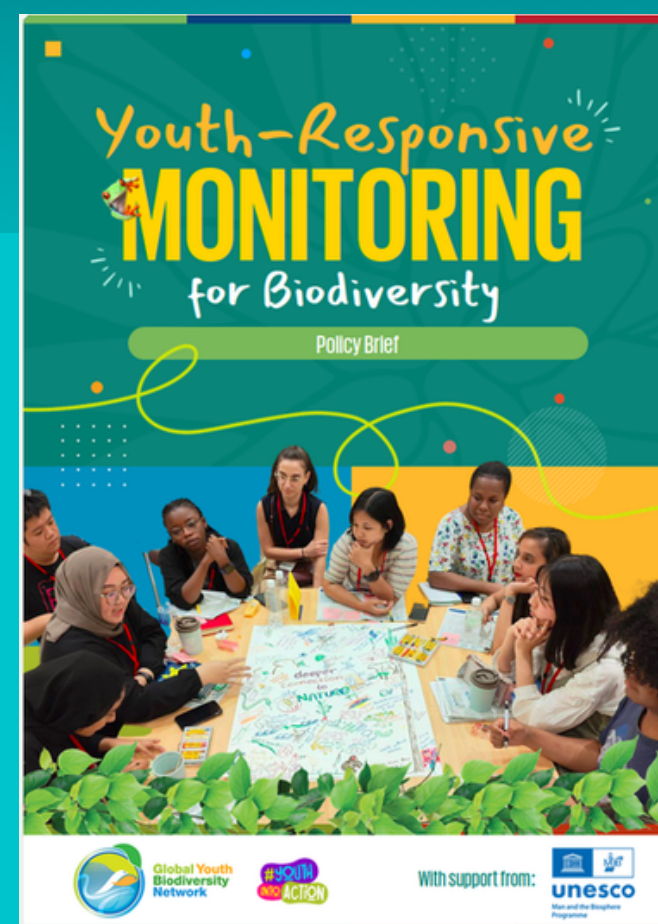


GUIDING MATERIAL

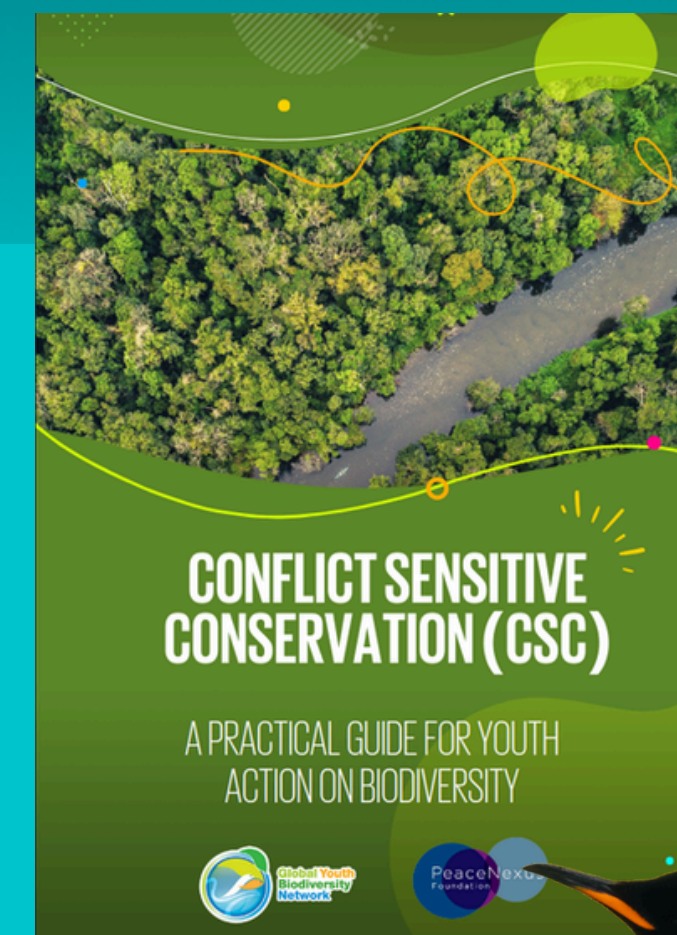
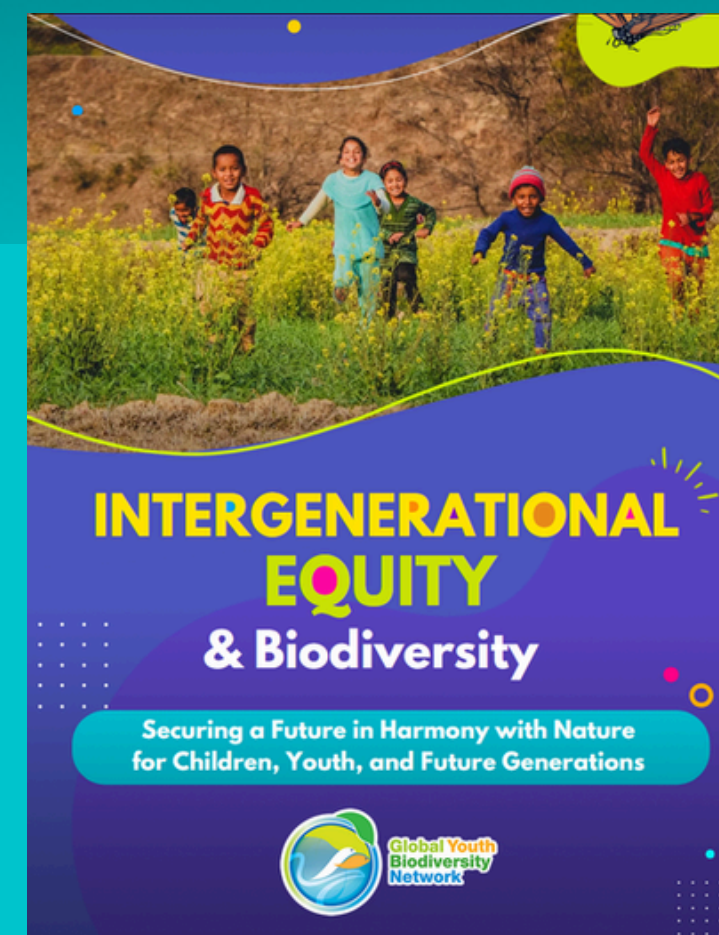
NBSAP Guidance



Toolkits



Guidance



<https://www.gybn.org/indicators>

<https://www.gybn.org/toolkits-publications>





GYBN @ CBD PROCESSES

before & during
COP



Global Youth
Biodiversity
Network Europe



WORKSHOP

How to survive a CBD COP?



CBD EVENTS

OEWG3



SBI16

COP16





CLIMATE COP28 EXPERIENCE

INSIDE A COP: STRUCTURE AND DYNAMICS

- PLENARY SESSIONS
- NEGOTIATION ROOMS
- SIDE EVENTS
- INFORMAL NETWORKING SPACES

Plenary

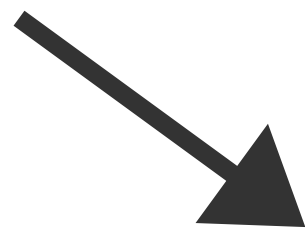
Contact Groups (CG)



1st reading



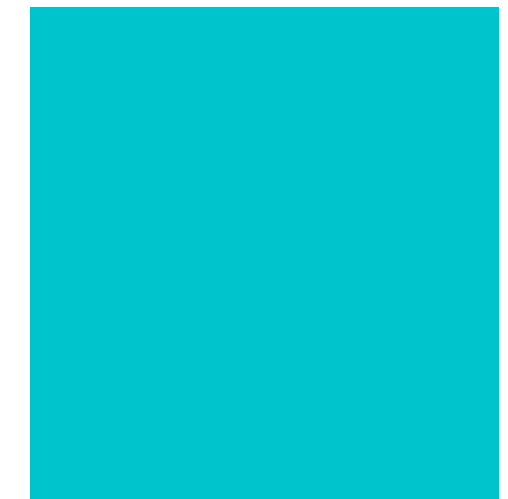
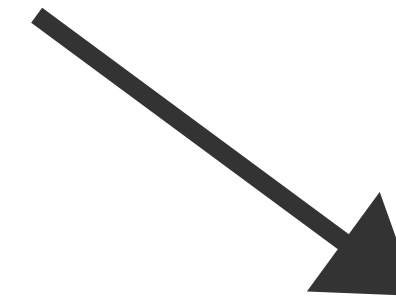
Review & Approval
of Report



Report /
Outcomes



updated text



Negotiations; Resolving
text with differing views



Potential COP Overview

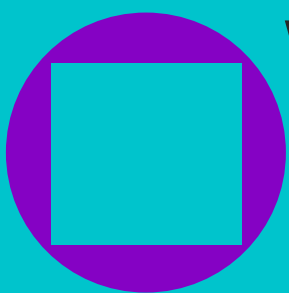
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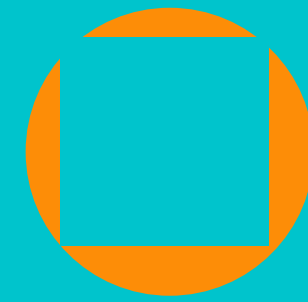
EXAMPLE: COP16 AGENDA



Item 8. Review of implementation



Item 13. Cooperation w/ other conventions and international organizations



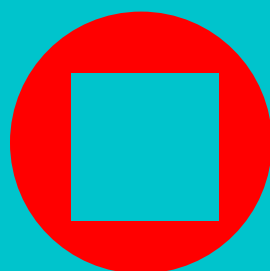
Item 18. Diverse values of biodiversity



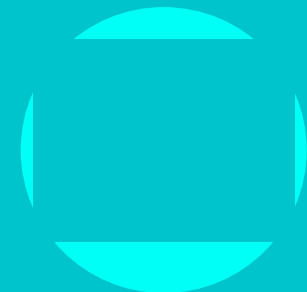
Item 23. Plant conservation



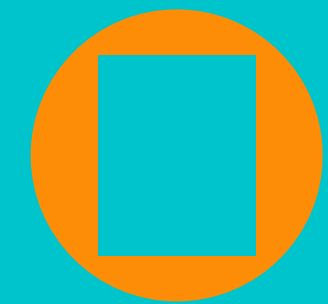
Item 9. Digital sequence information on genetic resources



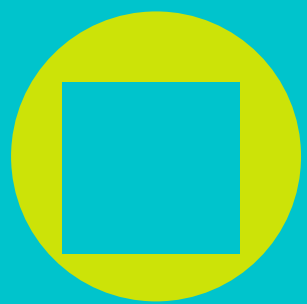
Item 14. Implementation of Article 8j



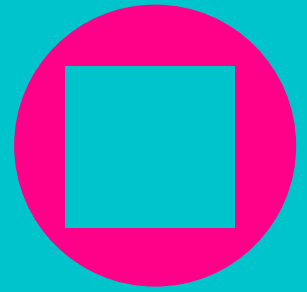
Item 19. Sustainable wildlife management



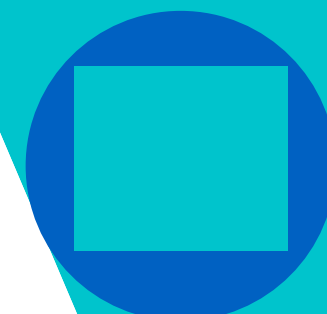
Item 24. Synthetic Biology



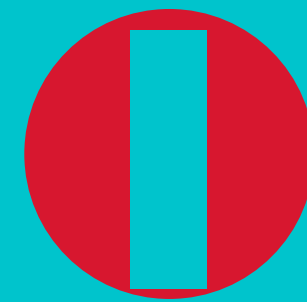
Item 10. Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting & review



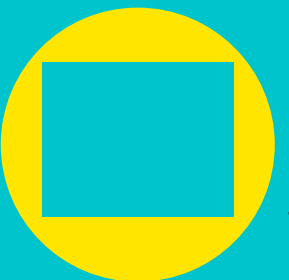
Item 15. Communications, education and public awareness (CEPA)



Item 20. Marine & coastal BD and island BD



Item 25. BD and Climate Change



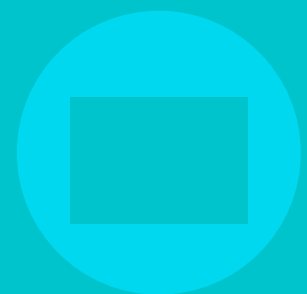
Item 11. Resource mobilization and financial mechanism



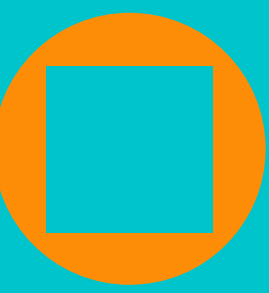
Item 16. Scientific & Technical Needs



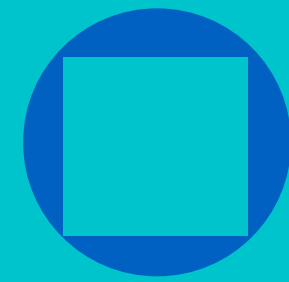
Item 21. Invasive Alien Species



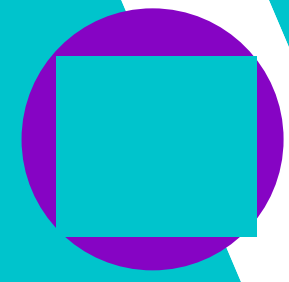
Item 27. Review of the effectiveness of the processes



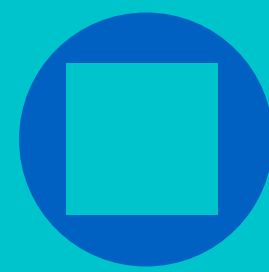
Item 12. Cap-building & development, tech and scientific coop., CHM and knowledge management



Item 17. Mainstreaming of BD within and across sectors



Item 22. Biodiversity and health



Item 28. Multi-year programme of work of the COP

GREEN ZONE

- "MOBILIZATION ZONE"
- SPACE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY, WORKSHOPS, PANELS
- ACCREDITATION VIA COP PRESIDENCY



BLUE ZONE

- "OFFICIAL VENUE"
- NEGOTIATIONS
- SIDE EVENTS
- ACCREDITATION VIA CBD SECRETARIAT



SPORT/CONCERT
COMPLEX AFTER KAREN
DEMIRTCHIAN



MERIDIAN EXPO &
EVENT CENTER



SURVIVAL TOOLKIT

- MANY PARALLEL EVENTS
- LIMITED TIME
- HIGH INFORMATION FLOW





- MANAGE YOUR ENERGY
- READ THE AGENDA AND DEFINE YOUR PRIORITIES
- CHOOSE STRATEGICALLY BETWEEN PARALLEL EVENTS
- PLAN YOUR TIME AND MOVEMENT BETWEEN ZONES
- USE NETWORKING
- STAY FLEXIBLE AND ADAPT TO CHANGES
- MANAGE INFORMATION FLOW
- TAKE BREAKS!
- DON'T FORGET TO EAT AND DRINK
- BUILD SUPPORT GROUPS WITH OTHER YOUTH





**SURVIVING A COP IS NOT ABOUT
DOING EVERYTHING.**

**IT'S ABOUT USING YOUR TIME,
ENERGY, AND CONNECTION
STRATEGICALLY TO CREATE**

SURVIVING ONE DAY AT COP

GROUP WORK

- FORM GROUPS OF 2-3 PARTICIPANTS
- CAREFULLY REVIEW THE AGENDA

- PAY ATTENTION TO:
 1. LOCATION (BLUE ZONE / GREEN ZONE)
 2. TIMING OF THE EVENTS
 3. TYPE OF EVENT (NEGOTIATION, SIDE EVENT, NETWORKING)



ONGOING BLUE ZONE EVENTS

Youth Pavilion / Women Pavilion / IIFB Pavilion / ... Pavilion

09:30–10:30 — Financing Biodiversity: New Approaches

10:00–11:00 — Indigenous Knowledge in Biodiversity Governance

10:00–11:00 — Human rights based approaches

10:30–11:30 — Conservation Tools and Monitoring Systems

11:30–12:30 — Nature Markets and Private Sector Engagement

12:00–13:00 — Digital Sequence Information: Emerging Debates

14:00–15:00 — Climate–Biodiversity Nexus in Practice

15:00–16:00 — Marine Biodiversity and Protection Strategies

16:30–17:30 — Mainstreaming Biodiversity Across Sectors

ONGOING GREEN ZONE EVENTS

10:00–11:30 — Youth Voices for Biodiversity Action

11:30–13:00 — Nature-Based Solutions in Practice

13:00–14:30 — Civil Society Forum on Biodiversity Justice

15:30–16:30 — Media Engagement Space

17:30–18:30 — Launch: Global Youth Call for Biodiversity Action

18:30–20:00 — Voices of Nature: Cultural Showcase



WORKSHOP

Awareness raising before
and during a CBD COP



IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION

- *TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY*
- *BUILDING PUBLIC PRESSURE*
- *SIMPLIFYING THE COMPLEX*
- *GLOBAL DESIRE FOR CHANGE*

CONNECT
FOR GLOBAL
CHANGE



WHO ARE WE COMMUNICATING TO

- HOME
- GLOBAL PUBLIC
- OTHER YOUTH / WOMEN / NGOS
- MEDIA
- OTHER DELEGATES



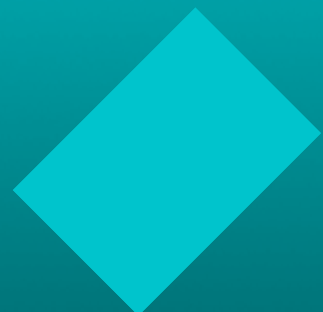
OUR ROLE AS PARTICIPANTS IN COP

- TRANSLATOR
- WITNESS
- ADVOCATE
- NETWORKER



WHY HIGHLIGHT BIODIVERSITY

- CLIMATE-NATURE
- ECOSYSTEM SERVICES
- FACE OF THE CRISIS
- URGENCY



ABOUT WHAT RAISING AWARENESS AND WHY ?



WHAT

Mobilizing public opinion

Influencing the will of decision-makers

WHY

Promote the participatory process

To publicize and understand the commitments of public authorities

To encourage political and social change

[SDG](#)



RAISING AWARENESS During COP

- Staying informed



EARTH NEGOTIATION BULLETIN

IISD
Earth Negotiations Bulletin

Archives Topics Negotiations Participants Articles

6th Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD SBI 6)

16–19 February 2026 | Rome, Italy

Convention on Biological Diversity – CBD

< Negotiations < Convention on Biological Diversity – CBD

MEETING WEBPAGE

CBD // CONFERENCES // ROME-2026

SBI 6 Virtual tables Media

Sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-6)

<https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2026>

During COP

Example from past CBD events

- SBSTTA
- SBI
- Forums jeunes
- Réunion régionales
- Réunion informelles



RAISING AWARENESS DURING COP

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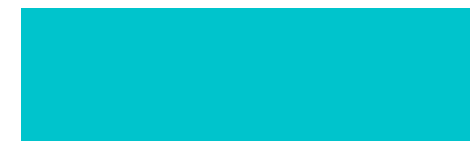
RAISING AWARENESS AFTER THE COP

○ ACCOUNTABILITY

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IPBES Site
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IISD Site
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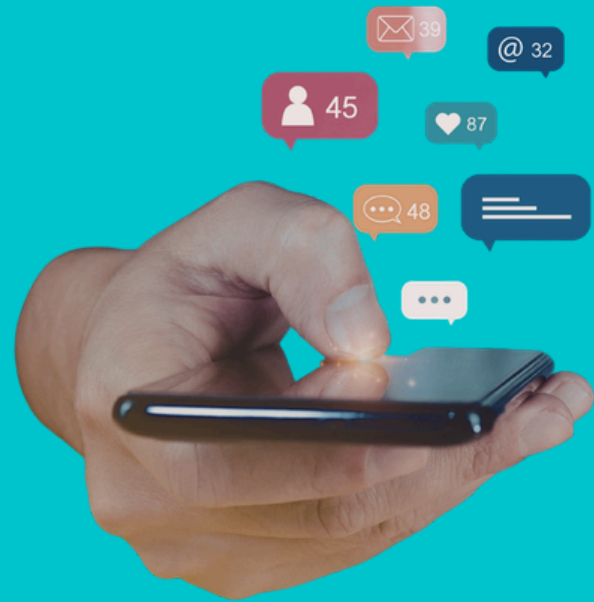


Vulgarisation

MONITORING



COMMUNICATION TOOLKIT



**Social
Media**



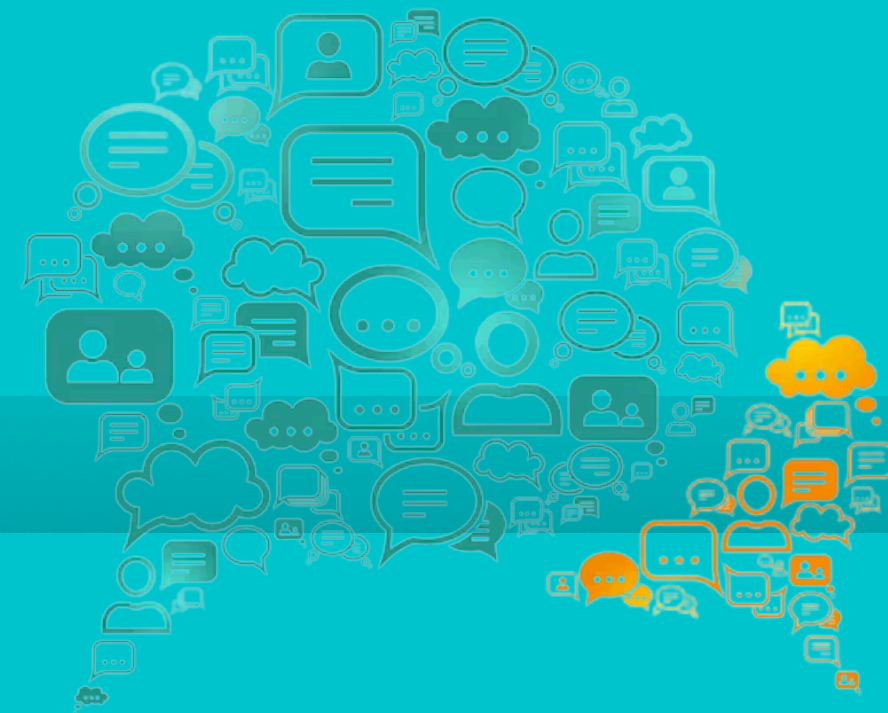
**Side
events**



**Visual
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**PRESS
BRIEFINGS**



ACTIVITIES

- **Communication about biodiversity**



Key
message
A short communication
format
One action they could organize after
COP

**20
min**

ACTIVITIES

● Debriefing

CLEAR AND IMPACTFUL MESSAGE

- eas
- Clea
- Concret
e
- Suitable for the public
- Visua
- Emotio
n

MESSAGE DEPENDING ON PUBLIC

youngs →



general public → concrete examples

decision-makers →

TRANSFORM PARTICIPATION IN COP TO REAL IMPACT

Sensibilisation

**Locals
projects**

**Public
policies**

**Ongoing
communication**

ACTIVITIES

Nom: _____
Classe: CM1

Gestion de crise Inondation

Quelle est la différence entre une crue et une inondation ?
crue: débordement du cours d'eau de la Vézère vers le Champsaur
inondation: l'eau qui envahit les activités humaines

Le programme de l'Aléa de Prévention des Inondations (PAPI) a pour objectif de partager la population, d'améliorer son savoir, de surveiller et prévenir les crues, de sensibiliser la population. Ses missions et ses objectifs sont résumés dans le schéma ci-dessous.

Les objectifs du PAPI
 Que signifie PAPI pour les inondations ?
 Programme de l'Aléa de Prévention des Inondations

À quoi sert le PAPI ?
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S'informer et Alerter
 Comment s'informer du risque inondation ?
 Où appeler en cas d'urgence ?
 112 ou 18

Conduite à tenir
 Enrouler les éléments du kit de survie à prévoir en cas d'inondation

Conduite à tenir
 Cocher les cases des recommandations à prendre à partir de l'alerte orange.

Les types d'inondation sur le territoire IN méditerranéen

Milieu urbain
 - Pluies ponctuelles
 - Inondations dues aux égouts
 - Pluies prolongées et fortes
 - Débordements de cours d'eau
 - Ruissellement urbain important

Milieu rural
 - Pluies ponctuelles
 - Inondations dues aux égouts
 - Pluies prolongées et fortes
 - Débordements de cours d'eau
 - Ruissellement urbain important

Le climat méditerranéen
 - Précipitations en hiver, surtout d'origine méditerranéenne
 - Été très sec
 - Événements extrêmes (forte pluie, sécheresse, vents de mistral)
 - Risque d'incendie de forêt
 - Changement climatique (sécheresse, incendies, précipitations extrêmes)

Qu'est-ce qui augmente le risque inondation ?

Aléa
Les plaines d'Alsace sont le lieu où les inondations sont les plus fréquentes.

Enjeu
Les zones d'habitat sont les zones où les inondations ont le plus de conséquences humaines et matérielles.





YOUTH ACTIVITIES UNTIL COP17



Global Youth
Biodiversity
Network Europe

What we do

Short terms outcomes

Longterm outcomes

Impacts

In-person training bringing together 30+ youth from across Europe

Webinar series on CBD processes, GBF targets and how to engage locally and nationally

Data collection on youth activities for biodiversity

1-pager or report highlighting (1) the ways that youth have contributed to global biodiversity actions and (2) the challenges youth face when trying to contribute

Social media campaign highlighting different ways the youth have contributed to global biodiversity actions

Guide on how to travel to COP17 overland, with transport options, contacts and nature spots along the route

Young people are inspired to contribute to the global movement to take actions on biodiversity loss as they see that everyone can do something and even small actions can contribute to regional and global processes

Governments and policy-makers see that *youth are implementers* and should see young people as important allies.

Governments and policy-makers are aware of the barriers to young people contributing

Young people are inspired and feel they can contribute

Reduction of Co2 emissions

Peer-to-peer learning across European youth related to biodiversity topics is strengthened.

Increased knowledge about the CBD and its processes and how to engage with them.

The barriers to young people contributing to action on biodiversity are reduced.

Young people fully and meaningfully participate in governments processes

More European youth travel to COP17 overland, reducing carbon emissions and connecting with local organisations and biodiversity projects along the route.

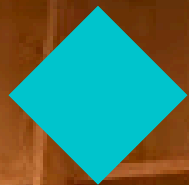
European youth have the skills, knowledge and confidence to engage with local, national and international decision-makers on biodiversity.

Decision-makers recognise youth as implementers and change-makers, enabling more ambitious and effective biodiversity policy.

More young people contribute to action on biodiversity across Europe.

Stronger pan-European network of youth and organisations committed to biodiversity action.





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