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## **Stakeholder Engagement and Preparations for the 2026 UN Biodiversity Conference**



**Convention on  
Biological Diversity**



Kunming-Montreal  
**GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**



Convention on  
Biological Diversity

A vision of a world living in harmony with nature  
by 2050

23 targets

Adopted under the CBD in 2022

Universal

Urgent action needed through whole-of-society  
and whole-of-government approaches

Everyone's responsibility

In the CBD preamble, Parties stress the importance of, and the need to promote, cooperation among States and intergovernmental organizations and the non-governmental sector.

Parties can not do it alone.

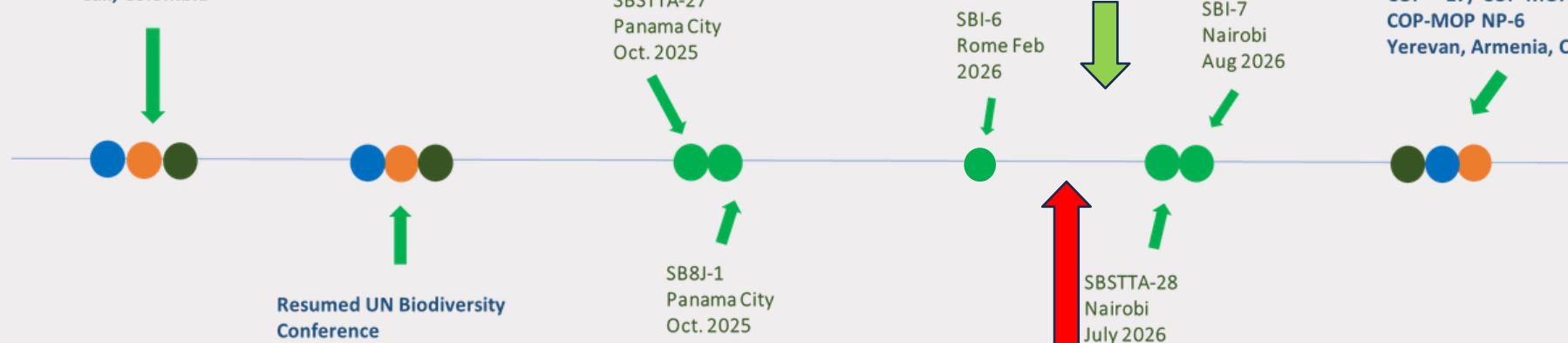
# Inter-essional work



UN Biodiversity Conference  
COP – 16/ COP-MOP CP-11/COP-MOP NP-5  
Part I – Oct. 2024  
Cali, Colombia



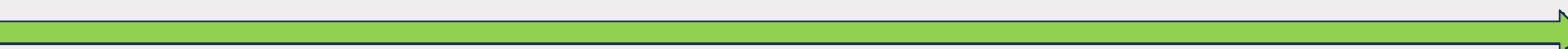
UN Biodiversity Conference  
2026  
COP – 17/ COP-MOP CP-12/  
COP-MOP NP-6  
Yerevan, Armenia, Oct 2026



Deadlines for SB meetings in July:  
-side-event application: 15 June  
-accreditation/registration: 1 July  
-registration to workshops on SBSTTA-28, GEF and Article 8J: 1 July

**Ongoing:** global review process, technical information exchanges (Rio), IAGs, IACs, AHTEGs, compliance committees, workshops, SB meetings. See notifications for opportunities to engage: [www.cbd.int/notifications](http://www.cbd.int/notifications)

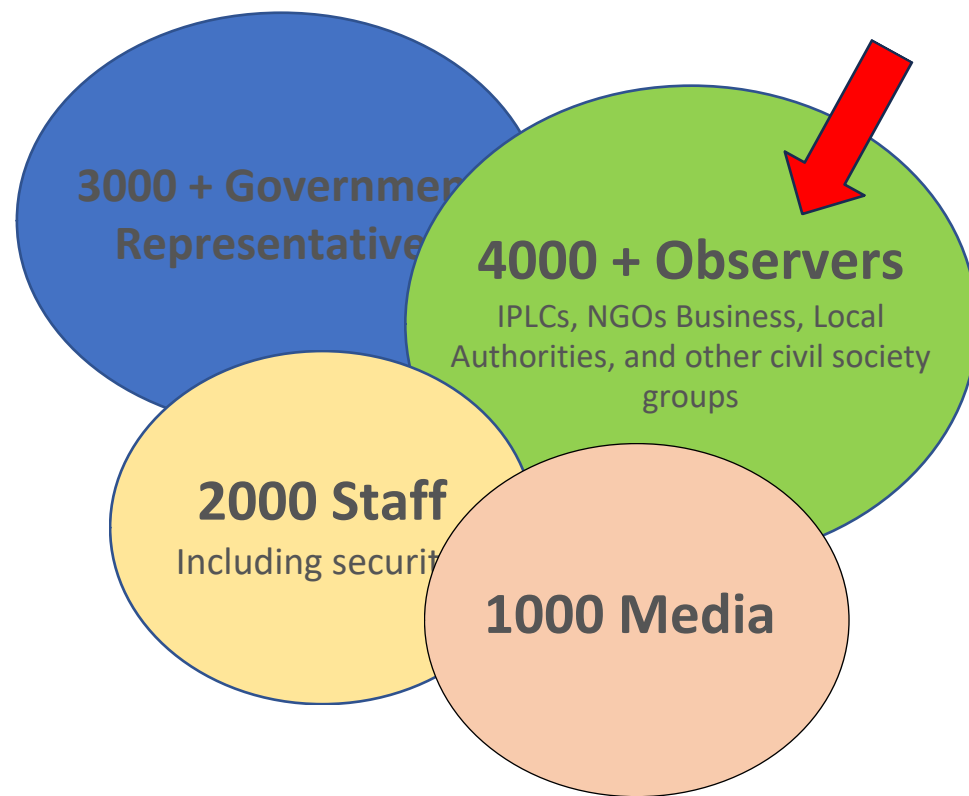
**And:** preparations for COP 17 negotiations and associated events



# UN Biodiversity Conference

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Preparing for about 10,000 participants in Yerevan, Armenia from 19 to 30 October 2026



# A United Nations meeting: some rules

Venue as the “Blue Zone” under control of the UN: Privileges and Immunities for participants in the meetings

Accreditation as per rule 7.1 of the rules of procedures. Only accredited organizations can nominate representatives to enter the blue zone as observers (not individuals)

[www.cbd.int/ngo/meetings.shtml](http://www.cbd.int/ngo/meetings.shtml).

Code of Conduct for UN System Events

Guidelines on Conduct Expected of Participants in CBD Processes



#### GUIDELINES ON CONDUCT EXPECTED OF PARTICIPANTS IN CBD PROCESSES

4. Guidelines for the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations at meetings of the bodies of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Protocols

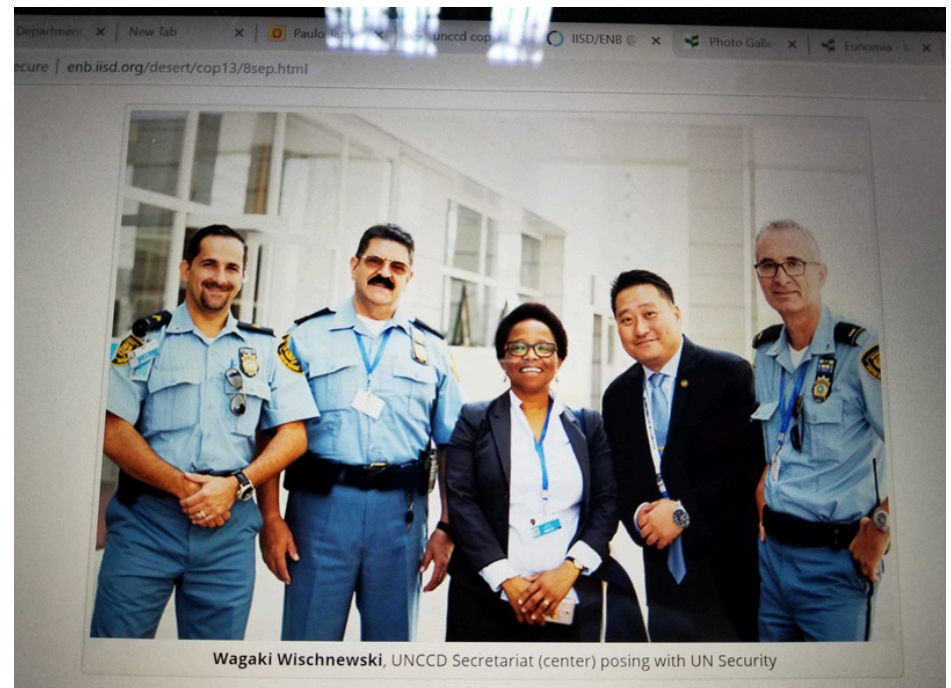
1. Members of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and its subsidiary bodies, including meetings of the Conference of the Parties, are invited to the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol and are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct. These guidelines are intended to provide a common framework for the conduct of participants at all meetings of the Convention, the Protocols, the Subsidiary Bodies and the Nagoya Protocol, and to provide a guide of reference for all.

2. These guidelines are not exhaustive. They provide information on the expected conduct of participants at meetings of the Convention, the Protocols, the Subsidiary Bodies and the Nagoya Protocol, and to provide a guide of reference for all.

3. Only bodies or agencies that have been duly accredited to the Convention or otherwise authorized to participate in the Convention are eligible to participate in the Convention processes.

A. Access

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# UN Biodiversity Conference

## One conference, many meetings

Official intergovernmental meetings:

-17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-17)

-12<sup>th</sup> meeting of Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

-Sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization

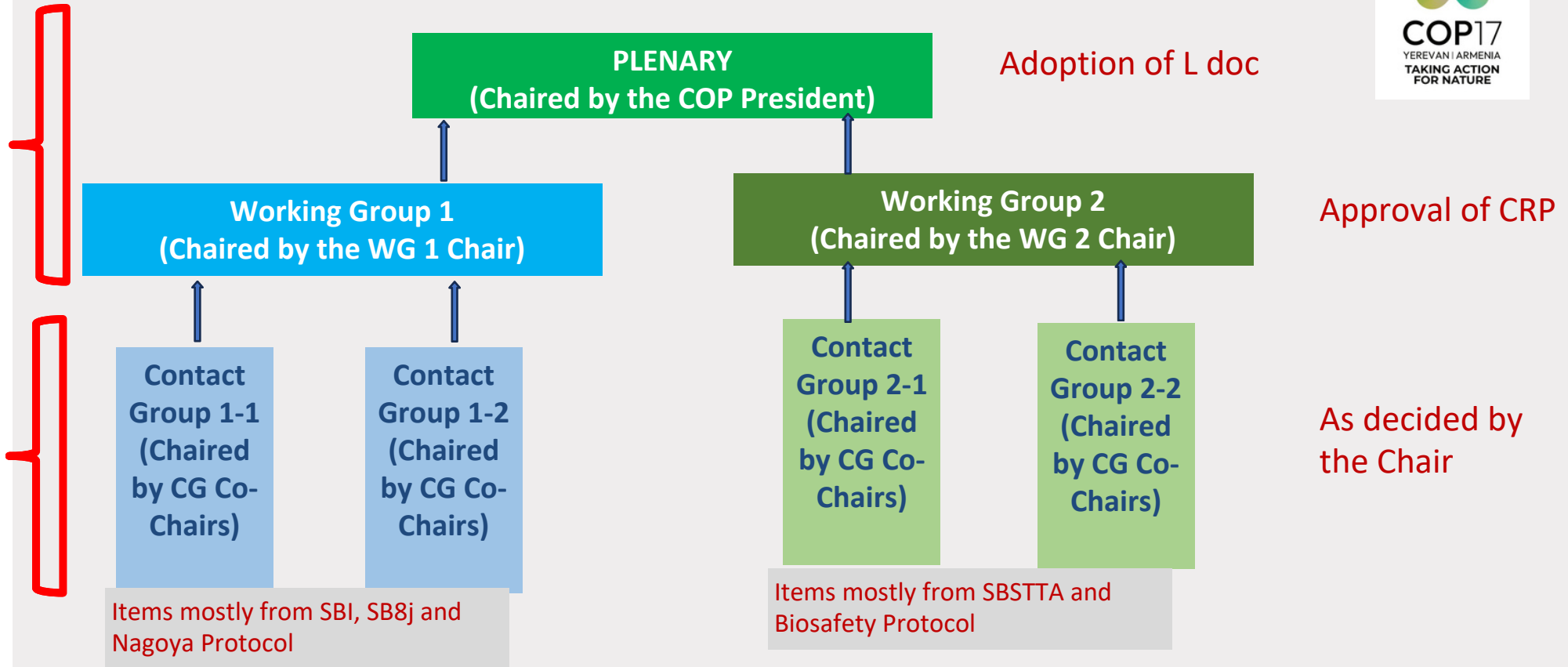
to be hosted by Armenia (on invitation only):

Leaders' Summit, 16 October 2026

High-level Segment, 27-28 October 2026



# Overview of formal negotiations



# I. Plenary and Working Groups

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- COP-17, CP/MOP-12 and NP/MOP-6 meet jointly
- All Parties and observers together in a formal setting
- Statements:
  - Chair determines allocation of microphones and duration of statements
  - Priority to Parties and regional group
  - Joint statements by indigenous peoples and local communities, major stakeholder groups and other coalitions of observers (statements should be submitted before delivery)
  - Individual organizations can make a request for the floor and speak, at the discretion of the Chair
  - The most organized major stakeholder groups: women, youth, subnational and local authorities, NGO coalitions
  - Nameplates and coordination meeting rooms are provided to organized groups, when possible



## II. Contact groups

- Smaller groups for Parties to advance negotiations
- Held at the margins of plenaries and WGs
- No interpretation, no media, no photos, no recordings
- Observers may attend at the discretion of the co-chairs and Parties. May be invited to speak to provide/clarify information.

= Coordinate statements

= Submit statements early - when possible



# Associated activities and events

## I. Exhibition and Pavilions

- Pavilions and booths for countries and organizations
- Biodiversity Technology and Innovation Expo
- Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Pavilion and its thematic days





## II. Side events and workshops



### III. Action Zone (Place Quebec)

- From 19 to 29 October
- Joint space for networking, training and sharing information
- Hubs for groups to plan and organize their own programmes of activities
- May include stakeholder days



Ex. of entities that coordinated hubs at COP 15 and 16:

- International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)
- Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN)
- CBD Women's Caucus
- CBD Alliance
- Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity (ICLEI and Regions4)
- Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity
- Faith-based organizations (FutureFaith, Soka Gakkai international and others)



# IV. Parallel Events

*Dates are subject to change*

Global Youth Summit for Biodiversity (pre-COP, green zone)

Capacity-Building and Development Forum (17 Oct)

Nature and Culture Summit (24 Oct)

Summit for Subnational Governments and Cities (24 Oct)

Science-Policy Forum for Biodiversity (24 Oct)

Business and Biodiversity Forum (25 Oct)

Finance and Biodiversity Forum (26 Oct)

Gender Forum (27 Oct)





**United Nations**  
Convention to Combat  
Desertification



**Convention on  
Biological Diversity**



**United Nations**  
Framework Convention on  
Climate Change

## Beyond CBD COP 17: a triple COP year for Rio Conventions

UNCCD COP 17: 17-28 August 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

UNFCCC COP 31 : 9-20 November 2026, Antalya, Türkiye

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Several cooperation activities. For information:

-Joint website of the [rioconventions.org](http://rioconventions.org)

-Outcomes of CBD technical information exchanges (February, April, May, June): [www.cbd.int/climate/activities.shtml](http://www.cbd.int/climate/activities.shtml)

-Other sources like London Climate Action Week (June)

-COP 17 negotiations on

-Climate Change and Biodiversity (SBSTTA-27)

-Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations (SBI-6)

Other MEA processes:

IWC70 from 28 September to 3 October 2026, Australia

Several SB and SC meetings (calendars on Infornea, IISD/ENB)

# Stay informed, connect and coordinate

Coordinate with and/or check information and opportunities provided by:

## Self-organized networks

- International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)
- Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN)
- CBD Women's Caucus
- Networks coordinated through CBD Secretariat
- Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity (ICLEI and Regions 4)
- Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity

NGOs like CBD Alliance, WWF, CI, Birdlife International, TSZ, and other global organizations and initiatives

*Note for IP&LCs: For information on the VB Trust Fund for indigenous peoples and local communities, check related notification and info on:*

[www.cbd.int/traditional/fund.shtml](http://www.cbd.int/traditional/fund.shtml)



# Aide-memoire

- IDB 22 May (each year)
- CBD SBSTTA-28 and SBI-7 deadlines
  - Registration – new organizations: 15 June
  - Registration –accredited organizations: 1 July
  - Side-event application: 15 June (only if accredited!)
  - Registration for workshops on SBSTTA item (25 July), GEF (2 August), and 8J (13-14 August): before 1 July
  - CSO preparatory meetings (GYBN, CBD Women’s Caucus, IP&LCs, CBD Alliance): 26 July and 3 August
  - Procedure for early submission of statements: information should be available in May
- Towards CBD COP 17 (dates are not official and subject to change)
- Accreditation and registration
  - Will open in early May
  - Registration –new organizations: End of August
  - Registration –accredited organizations and Parties: Early September
  - Registration Parties and IP&LCs eligible for funding: July
- Application for spaces/events
  - Will open early May for commercial booths/pavilions: expressions of interest to be received mid/end May
  - Side-events: application to be received end of June (only if organizations are accredited)
  - KMGBF pavilion: under development
  - Associated/parallel events and hubs in the Action Zone: through organizers
- Coordinate and apply early, particularly if organization is not accredited
- Book accommodations early. Address of the venue: Meridian Expo and Event Centre, 1 Voskerichneri Street, Yerevan 0015, Armenia. Web: [www.meridianexpo.am/home](http://www.meridianexpo.am/home)
- Keep an eye open for the procedure for early submission of statements

Also good to remember:

- CBD notifications on processes, meetings and and deadlines, etc.
- Online viewing of plenary negotiations on UN Web TV, various options for events
- CBD rules of procedures, Code of Conduct for UN System Events, Guidelines on Conduct Expected of Participants in CBD Processes
- Sustainability: use public transportation, reduce waste, eat sustainably produced food





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**Thank you!**

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