



Accelerating actions towards SDGs through the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Side Event: 11th Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development

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Organizer(s)

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC)

Co-organizer(s)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Registration

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Background

At the 15th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), held in Montreal, Canada in December 2022, the Parties to the Convention adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) along with other important decisions. The GBF sets out an ambitious plan to implement broad-based action to bring about a transformation in our societies' relationship with biodiversity by 2030, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals, and ensure that, by 2050, the shared vision of living in harmony with nature is fulfilled.

This side event will focus on highlighting successful examples of Asia-Pacific countries' efforts for accelerating their efforts towards SDGs (e.g. climate change, poverty alleviation and partnerships) through applying an integrated approach in implementing the GBF.



Key Questions and Outcomes

This side event will examine the following key guiding questions:

1. Question 1: What are examples or highlights of specific initiatives and practical tools/approaches being implemented to contribute to the GBF Goals and Targets which are also contributing to achieving specific SDGs??
2. Question 2: What are key remaining challenges, needs and priorities in terms of aligning GBF implementation and achieving the SDGs?
3. Question 3: What do you require in terms of collective support from UN and other partners and opportunities for regional collaboration?

Bringing together a diverse panel, this side event aims to draw attention to the importance of the linkage between the implementation of the GBF and achieving the SDGs. The expected outcome of the side event is enhanced knowledge of participants on initiatives, practical tools and approaches that can be used in ensuring that the GBF is implemented in an integrated manner, which contributes towards the achievements of SDGs.

Programme

Moderator: Marie-yon Struecker, UNEP ROAP	Briefing on the session	4 min 11:45-11:49
Opening Session	Ms. Marlene Nilsson, Regional Director a.i., UNEP Asia and the Pacific Office	3 mins 11:49-11:52
	Ms. Akiko Yamamoto, Regional Team Leader, Environment Team, UNDP Regional Hub for Asia and the Pacific	3 mins 11:52-11:55
Keynote Presentations		
Moderator: Marie-yon Struecker, UNEP ROAP		
CBD Secretariat (speaker to be confirmed)	Introduction on GBF and key decisions	10 mins 11:55-12:05
Mr. Doley Tshering, Principal Technical Advisor – Biodiversity, UNDP Regional Hub for Asia and the Pacific	Implementation of GBF in the context of SDGs	10 mins 12:05-12:15
Panel Session		
Moderator: Han Meng, UNEP-WCMC		

Mr. Jaap van Hierden, Resident Coordinator, UN Multi-Country Office in Micronesia, covering Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Kiribati	Experience sharing from UN system in Micronesia, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Kiribati, on behalf of Pacific	6 min 12:15-12:21
Ms. Valerie Julliard UN Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Indonesia	Experience sharing from UN system's collective support on GBF in Indonesia	6 min 12:21-12:27
A government representative, China (TBC)	Experience sharing from China, COP 15 Presidency	6 min 12:27-12:33
A Pacific country (TBC)	Experience sharing	6 min 12:33-12:39
Ms. Margarita Victoria Caballa Programme Associate, The Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) secretariat	A role of COBSEA/Regional Seas Programme in supporting countries in implementing SDGs and GBF	6 min 12:39-12:45
Dr. Shunsuke Managi, Professor of Technology and Policy & Director of Urban Institute, Kyushu University (an author of IPBES & IPCC report on biodiversity-climate change nexus)	Biodiversity-climate change nexus and the contribution of such synergies for contributing to the SDGs	6 min 12:45-12:51
Q&A		6 mins 12:51-12:57
Closing		
Ms. Melissa de Kock, Deputy Director, UNEP-WCMC	Closing remarks	5 min 12:57-13:00

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