



Programme Outline per 14 March 2019

Tuesday 2 July 2019	
Session 1: Welcome and orientation	
09:00-10:30	The intention of this session is to set the overall 'tone' for the meeting, identifying key issues and setting out how those issues will be addressed during the conference. The session is expected to include high-level addresses from Ministers from Norway, Egypt and China and the Executive Director of UN Environment, as well as keynote presentations from the executive secretaries of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 2(a): Setting the stage – understanding where we are heading and what this implies	
11:00-13:00	This session will focus on the key findings from recent global, regional and thematic assessments, focusing in particular on the implications of the findings for development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. In other words, the focus will not be on what is happening, but on what the challenges are and what needs to change in order to respond to key drivers of biodiversity loss and achieve the 2050 vision. The aim of the session is to help build a common understanding amongst participants of these assessment findings and their implications for development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It is planned that a number of presentations will be made on recent IPBES and IPCC assessments and reports (11:00-12:00), followed by a moderated question and answer session on assessments and their findings (12:00-13:00), which will also include representatives of other assessments and assessment processes.
13:00-14:15	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 2(b): Setting the stage – further developing the vision of where we need to be	
14:15-15:30	This session focuses on the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity of "Living in harmony with nature", and on encouraging participants to consider the future that they want to see, and what changes might be necessary in current behaviours in order to achieve this. In doing so the session will draw on scenario and transformative change discussions that have already taken place in the context of the Convention, in addition to building on discussion in the previous session with respect to the implications of assessment findings and the options for change. There will be presentations (14:15-15:00) and associated Q&A concerning issues of social and planetary boundaries, and bending the curve of biodiversity loss. This will be followed by an introduction to the "visioning exercise" that will follow the coffee break.
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>

16:00-18:00	Following the coffee break there will be an interactive exercise on “visioning the future”, where participants will be encouraged to consider future aspirations with each other in round table discussions. This will allow exploration of participants’ views on the implications of different potential futures and the possible pathways for achieving them, all in the context of the 2050 vision for biodiversity. It is hoped that this session may lead to a broader understanding of a ‘theory of change’ for achieving the 2050 vision.
<i>Evening</i>	<i>Social event at the conference venue, continuing engagement amongst participants</i>

Wednesday 3 July 2019	
Session 3(a): Achieving change - moving away from business as usual	
09:00-11:00	The purpose of this session is to consider what we are already doing - and what more can be done – to move away from ‘business as usual,’ which has not been sufficiently successful in delivering on the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Such considerations will help us identify what more needs to be done in developing and implementing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in order to make success more achievable. This session will include presentations and associated question and answer sessions on issues such as understanding transformational and systemic change, and using mainstreaming and restoration (recognising the upcoming UN Decade on Restoration) as key strategies for achieving change, and will also get a private sector perspective. The session will also consider examples of substantive change in other sectors, and how these were achieved.
<i>11:00-11:30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 3(b): Achieving change - biodiversity as part of the solution	
11:30-13:00	This session, which will take the form of a moderated panel discussion, aims to increase focus on biodiversity and ecosystem services as an interconnected asset for sustainability in other sectors, and to leverage a broader understanding of the multiple values of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The panel will comprise people with experience in the following sectors and issues: climate change and its impacts; food security and sustainable agriculture; human health and well-being; water availability and sustainable management; and human settlement. As with the previous session, it is intended that this session will build background for participant input into the afternoon discussion sessions.
<i>13:00-14:00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 3(c): Achieving change - building on good practice	
14:00-16:00	The purpose of this session is to allow time for substantive discussion by conference participants, drawing on the previous two sessions and discussion on the previous day. It is anticipated that conference participants will contribute their own experiences and perceptions relating to achieving change. These experiences could be drawn from the sixth national reports to the Convention and other relevant national reports, but participants will also be encouraged to go beyond this in thinking about moving beyond “business as usual”, and thinking about nature as essential for sustainability. Participants who are not from governments will also have experiences that they will want to contribute. Discussion will be in small groups, directed by a professional facilitator, and with appropriate ‘kick start’ presentations and periodic summaries.
<i>16:00-16:30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30-18:00	Continuation of interactive exercise, with further facilitation and ‘kick start’ presentations as necessary.
<i>Evening</i>	<i>Social event with excursion and dinner, continuing engagement amongst participants</i>

Thursday 4 July 2019	
Session 4(a): Developing the global biodiversity framework – building on the Convention’s experience	
09:00-10:30	The sessions on Thursday build on the work of the previous two days, but in this case are more focused on how to address these issues in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. These sessions will give more consideration to what we are trying to achieve through the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and therefore what the framework might look like, and what sorts of goals, targets and milestones might be included. Session 4(a) looks at discussions so far in the context of the Convention, and the experience from previous strategic plans and targets established by the Convention, specifically looking at: feedback on goals, targets and milestones from the ongoing post-2020 consultation process; review of lessons learnt from efforts to implementation the Aichi Biodiversity Targets; importance of identifying baselines, indicators and monitoring tools as targets are developed; and possible gender elements in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 4(b): Developing the global biodiversity framework – responding to society needs	
11:00-13:00	The aim of this session is to consider the needs and interests of relevant processes and sectors, with the intention of identifying how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework might support a holistic framing of biodiversity-relevant targets, including those under other processes and organizations, and further respond to broader economic and societal needs as reflected in the SDGs. Presentations and associated question and answer opportunities would address issues such as: meeting the multiple needs and challenges of the biodiversity-related conventions; meeting the interlinked challenges of climate change, land degradation and biodiversity; relating to strategies and strategy processes in other sectors; meeting private sector needs and addressing global risks; and approaches for facilitating the identification and uptake of existing solutions that are already addressing societal needs.
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 4(c): Developing the global biodiversity framework – identifying what we need to achieve the 2050 vision	
14:00-16:00	This session allows time for interactive and substantive discussion by conference participants, drawing not only on the previous two sessions, but also on discussions on the previous two days. Increasing understanding of what we are trying to achieve and how this might be addressed will assist participants in preparing for future discussion on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and any targets or milestones established within it. Discussion will be in small groups, directed by a professional facilitator, and with appropriate ‘kick start’ presentations and periodic summaries. Discussion before the coffee break is likely to focus on setting targets supported by baselines, indicators and monitoring tools, and lessons learnt for the future.
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30-18:00	Continuation of the interactive session, with further facilitation, ‘kick start’ presentations and questions as necessary. Discussion following the coffee break is likely to focus on means for using the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to promote and facilitate making nature part of the solution.
<i>Evening</i>	<i>Social event (tentative), continuing engagement amongst participants</i>

Friday 5 July 2019	
Session 5: Promoting and facilitating action	
09:00-10:30	When the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is adopted in 2020, Parties will be considering communication, outreach and the roles of stakeholder groups, so as to help ensure uptake. This session gives conference participants the opportunity to consider this issue, and whether this has implications for the way in which the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is developed and subsequently communicated. Initial presentations will address: understanding and effectively communicating the multiple values of biodiversity and ecosystem services in order to achieve change; and the role of NGOs in communicating the importance of biodiversity and ecosystem services, and encouraging increased ambition. Following this there will be presentations on the importance of engaging all parts of society in developing and implementing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, with perspectives from the private sector (business), indigenous peoples and local communities, and youth.
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 6: Closing session	
11:00-13:00	The primary aim of this final session is to consider conference outputs and how they will be used, including getting feedback from participants on the co-chairs summary. As part of this, participants will be encouraged to themselves follow up on the meeting, and to use the knowledge that they have gained during the work of the CBD open-ended working group on post-2020. The meeting will be closed by a representative of the Government of Norway.
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>