



# Assessment and prospects of multilateral negotiations and their impact on multilateral meetings

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# 1. Looking Back

- UNCCD: CRIC-23 held in Panama (Dec 2025) to prepare the COP17 (Ulaanbaatar, 17-28 August)
- INC on Plastic Pollution: resumed session in February 2026 allowed for the election of a new Chair
- First Plenary of the International Science Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution (ISP-CWP) (February 2026)
- BBNJ Third Preparatory Commission (March 2026) Minister Verlinden presentation of BE bid to host its Secretariat
- Santa Marta Conference (April 2026)
- Antarcticaverdrag (Mei 2026)
- GEF Assembly (June 2026)



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## 2. Looking Forward: augustus - oktober

- ● HLPF 6 tot 16 juli
- ● 13-31 juli, International Seabed Authority in Kingston
- ● 27 juil–1 août | Nairobi : SBSTTA 28 (UNCBD) – préparation de COP17
- ● 4–12 août | Nairobi : SBI 7 – mise en œuvre biodiversité
- ● 17–28 août | Oulan Bator : [COP17 UNCCD](#) – Désertification, dégradation des terres & sécheresse
- ● 8-22 September UN High Level week
- ● 19–30 oct. | Yerevan : COP17 Biodiversité + Protocoles



## 2. Looking forward: November - december

- ● 2–6 nov. | Kigali : MOP38 (Montréal) – ozone
- ● 9–20 nov. | Antalya : COP31 climat – négociations globales
- ● 16–20 nov. | Genève : IC-1 Chemicals – cadre mondial (GCF)
- ● 8-10 dec. | EAU : Conférence ONU sur l'eau



# High Level Political Forum

- Ministerial Declaration
- Dialogen rond:

- 1) SDG 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- 2) SDG 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- 3) SDG 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation
- 4) SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- 5) SDG 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development



# UNCCD (UN Convention to combat Desertification, Land Degradation & Drought)

**COP 17, 17-28 august, Ulaanbaatar: Restoring Land, Restoring Hope**

[UNCCD 17th session of the Conference of the Parties | UNCCD](#)

## **Major items on agenda:**

- COP: Future Strategic Framework, Budget, Drought, Gender (a.o.)
- CRIC: Finance: Relationship with GEF, Report of the Global Mechanism (GM)
- CST: Agriculture Lands, Priority guidelines to Science Policy Interface

## **Belgian priorities:**

- Resource mobilization strategies, Policy coherence, Harmful subsidies
- Synergies between the Conventions / Collab. with GEF and GM.
- Nature-based solutions, Agroecology, Agroforestry



# UNCBD

- 3-8 februari IPBES meeting in Manchester
- 16-19 februari, SBI in Rome
- 27 juli-1 augustus SBSTTA28 in Nairobi
- 4-12 augustus SBI7 in Nairobi
- Voorbereiding COP17 in oktober in Yerevan Armenië:
  - Grote *deliverable*: Global review of collective progress in the implementation of the KMGBF
- Agenda:
  - Resource mobilization & financial mechanism
  - Planning, monitoring and review
  - Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation
  - Functional review of the secretariat



# Klimaatonderhandelingen (UNFCCC en Akkoord van Parijs)

- Unieke samenwerkingsformule tussen Turkije, Australië en Pacific
- COP31 wordt implementatie COP:
- PreCOP events (oktober) FIJI en Tuvalu met drie prioriteiten: I) 1.5° C binnen bereik houden; ii) toegang tot financiering voor SIDS en LDCs vereenvoudigen; iii) oceaan en klimaat (lead FIJI en BE voor dit thema)
- IPCC moet beslissing nemen over coherentie van tijdslijn IPCC rapporten en tweede Global Stocktake



# Ocean

- 17 januari: entry into force van het verdrag!
- Kandidatuur BE met als concurrenten China en Chili
- Risico op geopolitieke instrumentalisering met BE nadruk op:
  - I) onmiddellijke operationaliteit Secretariaat;
  - ii) inbedding in ecosysteem internationale instellingen; wetenschap en stakeholders;
  - iii) credentials multilateralisme en BE als neutrale bruggenbouwer
- COP1 in januari 2027 beslist over toewijzing Secretariaat maar ook over institutioneel functioneren BBNJ Verdrag zodat implementatie kan beginnen (op vlak van mariene beschermde gebieden, milieueffectrapportage, en benefit sharing genetic resources)



# Water

- SDG6 'Water & Sanitation' under review at HLPF 2026
- UN Water Conference has been rescheduled to 8-10 December 2026 (Abu Dhabi)
- Discussions will be structured around the following Leadership dialogues:
  - *A - Water for People* – co-chaired by Ghana & Switzerland
  - *B - Water for Prosperity* – China & Spain
  - *C - Water for Planet* – Egypt & Japan
  - *D - Water for Cooperation* – Finland & Zambia
  - *E - Water in Multilateral Processes* – Germany & Mexico
  - *F - Investments for Water* – France & South Africa
- Ongoing push for further institutionalization of the global water governance



# Plastic pollution & ISP-CWP

- Informal Heads-of-delegation meeting (29 June – 3 July)
  - Textual document expected to be circulated afterwards
- Informal negotiators' meeting (Bangkok, 27-30 September) back-to-back with informal ISP-CWP meeting
- Next formal sessions: INC 5.4 and ISP-CWP – Plenary 1.2 scheduled in March 2027



**Thank you!** **Thank you!**



