

BE EU PRESIDENCY WPIEI BIODIVERSITY CBD - CMS



CCIM Exchanges Multi, 18/9/2023, Ines Verleye, FPS VVVL, BioGov



- adopted in Rio during UNCED in 1992, 196 Parties (*not US!*)
- 3 objectives reflect 3 pillars of Sustainable Development
 - **conservation** of biodiversity
 - **sustainable use** of its components
 - **access to + fair & equitable sharing of benefits of genetic resources (ABS)**
- Covers all biodiversity on 3 levels: genes - species - ecosystems
- 2 Protocols: Cartagena (on biosafety - 2000), Nagoya (on ABS - 2010)
- Concurrent biannual governing body meetings of the 3 treaties:
 - CBD Conference of the Parties (COP)
 - Cartagena Protocol Meeting of the Parties serviced by the COP (CP COP/MOP)
 - Nagoya Protocol Meeting of the Parties serviced by the COP (NP COP/MOP)
- Several subsidiary meetings to prepare COP
 - 6 in current biennium: SBSTTA(25-26), SBI(4-5), OEWG DSI (1-2), OEWGArt8j



Convention on
Biological Diversity

BE EU Presidency 2024

➤ **SBSTTA26**

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26th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA26), **13 - 17 May 2024**

➤ **SBI4**

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4th session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI4),
25 - 31 May 2024

Further timeline 2024:

- *2nd OEWG Digital Sequence Information (DSI2), 12-17 August 2024*
 - *SBI5, 16-18 October 2024 (tentative)*
- => COP16 21 October - 1 November 2024 (tentative)*



SUBSIDIARY BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION

SBI4
25-31 MAY
2024

What?

Subsidiary Body to the CBD - preparation of COP16 draft decisions
Servicing the CBD + its 2 daughter protocols (Nagoya & Cartagena)

Where?

Possibly Nairobi, Kenya - UN HQ Gigiri

How?

Formal sessions: Plenary + Working Groups

Informal sessions: Contact Groups, Friends of Chairs, side-events, etc.

Main substantive items - SBI recommendations (political/strategic)

- Review of Implementation: Progress National Targets & updating of NBSAPs
- Planning, monitoring, reporting and review
- Means of implementation (e.g. Resource Mobilization, CB, CHM, Synergies)
- Review of effectiveness of Convention and Protocols
- Programmes of work on thematic/strategic issues (e.g. mainstreaming)

SBI4 EU TEAM



WPIEI Biodiversity - Chair: Ines Verleye (FPS - CCIM CBD Pilote)

WPIEI Biodiversity - alternate: Kelly Hertenweg (FPS)

BE Presidency Team: 15 experts + 2-3 BELT (if in Nairobi!)

Established, well-functioning BE CBD Team (COP15)

Thematic experts from FPS/KBIN, Dept. Omgeving/ANB/INBO, SPW, Development Cooperation, etc.

EU preparations and participation?

Highly political meeting: strong EU coordination

- One voice: Interventions behind EU/BE flag but always EU microphone
- EU position papers
- daily EU coordination
- Agree on EU spokespersons

SBI4

ROLE OF THE BE PRESIDENCY



➤ **Coordination**

- Ensure one voice of the EU through EU PP
- Establish EU Teams with leads from selected MS/COM experts
- Provide timely EU coordination & EU expert groups
- Ensure document flow and review before and during meeting
- Identify key BE Belgian lead negotiator on selected AI

➤ **Negotiation**

- Presidency (BE/MS) or COM Lead negotiator
- BE or MS Lead negotiator ALWAYS part of Presidency Team
- When MS/COM Lead negotiator: always work in pair with BE expert

➤ **Representation - Outreach**

- engage in formal/informal bilaterals, Friends of Chair, etc. or ensure adequate expert participation by COM/other Lead negotiator

➤ **Functioning - provide both content and logistic support**

- Logistics: rooms, catering, support to MS, other
- Communication (Whatsapp, mails, etc.)

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- Synthetic biology
- Risk assessment and risk management - living modified organisms
- Detection and identification of living modified organisms
- Biodiversity and health
- Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal GBF
- Marine and coastal biodiversity
- Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the K-M GBF, including implications for the CBD Programmes of Work

SBSTTA26

BE/MS/COM PARTICIPATION



WPIEI Biodiversity - Chair: Ines Verleye (FPS - CCIM CBD Pilote)

WPIEI Biodiversity - alternate: Hendrik Segers (KBIN - NFP CBD)

WPIEI Biosafety - Chair: Jens Warrie (FPS - CCIM CP Pilote)

BE Presidency Team: 10-15 experts + 2-3 BELT (if in Nairobi!)

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Thematic experts from FPS/KBIN, Dept. Omgeving/ANB/INBO, SPW, Sciensano, etc.

EU preparations and participation?

- Considered a 'scientific/technical' meeting so MS prerogative
- Still need for consistent policy lines as preparation of COP16
- No EU position papers but EU Orientation Lines (EU OL)
- Not EU coordination but EU 'consultation'
- Individual MS and COM can intervene from behind their own flag
- Agree on choreography for optimal impact (who takes floor first)

SBSTTA26 ROLE OF THE BE PRESIDENCY



Role more limited - still pivotal in preparation towards COP16

➤ **Ensure cohesion of the EU**

- Draft EU OL with selected MS/COM experts
- EU expert groups

➤ **Ensure EU representation (courtesy)**

- Belgian negotiator on each Agenda Item
- Presidency make interventions as BELGIUM, supported by MS/COM
- engage in FoC, small discussions or ensure adequate expert participation from other MS/COM

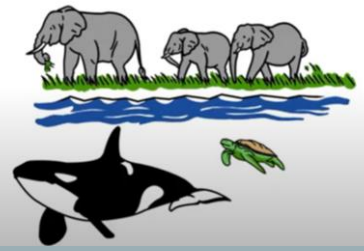
➤ **Ensure functioning**

- logistics, rooms, support to MS, review documents

CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals



- ‘Bonn Convention’ - adopted in 1980 - entered into force in 1983
- 133 Parties - including EU+MS
- Conservation of migratory species worldwide, throughout their range
 - **Appendix I: endangered**, requiring strict protection/restoration of both animals as places where they live
 - **Appendix II: unfavourable conservation status**, requiring international agreements and significantly benefit from international co-operation
- 3 yearly Conference of the Parties (COP)
- Often locally/nationally socio-economic important species.
- A framework Convention
 - 7 agreements, 19 MoU’s, 4 Special Species Initiatives
 - ‘The CMS Family’ CMS + all Agreements/MoUs, etc.
 - separate, international legally-binding instruments and other agreements



Atlantic Turtles



Bukhara Deer



Middle-European Great Bustard



Siberian Crane



EUROBATS



Dugong



Gorilla Agreement



West African Elephants



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What?

Highest decision-making body to the CMS, Uzbekistan 12-17 February 2024

How?

Formal sessions: Plenary + Committee of the Whole + Working Groups

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38 Agenda Items - over 100 documents/decisions/resolutions

- Strategic and Institutional Matters (eg Strategic Plan, link GBF, synergies)
- Scientific Assessments/reports (eg. review species conservation status)
- Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention (bulk of the work) (eg. National Reports, species-related conservation issues, deep-sea mining, poisoning, pollution, cross-cutting issues, connectivity, climate, livelihoods, bush meat, concerted actions, joint initiatives, etc.)

CMS COP14 EU TEAM



WPIEI Biodiversity - Chair: Ines Verleye

WPIEI Biodiversity - alternates: Hilde Eggermont - Catherine Debruyne

BE Presidency Team: ideally 15 experts + 4 BELT

Team to be assembled - currently very rudimentary

Thematic experts from FPS/KBIN, Dept. Omgeving/ANB/INBO, SPW, etc.

Need for experienced negotiators as well as highly knowledgeable experts

EU preparations and participation?

Highly political meeting (ratified treaty)

Strong EU coordination

- EU Council Decision - ensure coherence with internal EU legislation
- EU position papers
- EU Team approach: EU Lead negotiators
- EU high number MS leads + COM+ BE
- Daily EU coordination
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