

UN REGIONAL COMMISSION'S HIGH-LEVEL SIDE-EVENT: Key actions for interregional and regional implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Tuesday, October 29 13:20-14:40h (GMT-5)
Sumapaz-JUSCANZ meeting room
CEE, Cali, Colombia



The United Nations Regional Commissions (RegComs) with their ability in addressing cross-sectoral and transboundary issues as well as their specific mandates as catalysts for transformative actions, place them in a crucial position to play a vital role in supporting their Member States in their efforts to achieve the goals of integrated and interlinked frameworks including the 2030 Agenda, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF), the climate agenda as well as inclusive and sustainable economic transformation. Through various interventions, RegComs are deploying efforts to address the challenge of sustainable use and management of biodiversity including in key areas such as biodiversity mainstreaming, climate action, human rights, resource mobilization, sustainable management, bioeconomy, governance, collection and analysis of relevant data, and supporting participation processes, inter alia.

This high-level side event on interregional and regional implementation of the KM-GBF is a timely event that is conceived with an action-oriented perspective. It will offer a platform for the much-needed interregional dialogue on scaling concrete integrated and transboundary actions that will contribute to the advancement of a more sustainable future in peace with nature. During the event, a joint policy brief titled: "*Making Peace with Nature: Regional Actions to Mainstream and Invest in Biodiversity*", will be launched.

The event will feature dialogue on best practices and innovative approaches for accelerating biodiversity conservation and will offer a platform for leaders and experts to reflect on the challenges, share experiences, and discuss innovative approaches that accelerate biodiversity action at both global and regional levels. Distinguished panelists from diverse regions and global perspectives will share their experiences in transforming challenges into opportunities, fostering a shared vision for sustainable natural resource management. The event will also provide an opportunity to explore regional progress in the implementation of the KM-GBF and highlight the role of strategic regional engagement and action can drive collective action to address global challenges and shape a sustainable future.



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Opening (video)

- **Ms. Tatiana Molcean**, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Europe.
- **Mr. Calver Gatete**, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa.
- **Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana**, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.
- **Ms. Rola Dashti**, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Implementing a biodiversity agenda: turning challenges to opportunities

- **Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs**, ECLAC Executive Secretary and the 2024 Coordinator of the Regional Commissions will present the highlights of the joint policy brief *Making peace with nature. Regional actions to mainstream and invest in biodiversity*

Strengthened regional approach: a must for advancing biodiversity agenda

Messages and reflections from:

- **HE Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris**
UN Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights
- **HE Mr. Abdukhakimov Aziz Abdukaxarovich**
Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- **H.E. Mr. Sam Mangusho Cheptoris**
Minister of Water and Environment of Uganda
- **HE Dr. Amna bint Abdullah Al Dahak**
Minister of Climate Change and Environment of the United Arab Emirates
- **Dr. Theresa Mondita Lim**
Executive Director of the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity
- **HE Ms. Marina Silva**, Minister of Environment and Climate Change of Brazil (TBC) / **Mr. Manuel Pulgar Vidal**, CBD Action Agenda Champion for Nature and People (TBC)
- **Mr. Jérémie Pellet**, General Director of Expertise France

Closure

- **Ms. Astrid Schomaker**
Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of Convention on Biological Diversity (TBC)
- **Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs**
ECLAC Executive Secretary and the 2024 Coordinator of the Regional Commissions



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