

A presentation for Adaptation Forum 2024 on Outcomes of the Bern Conference relevant to adaptation and experiences to implement the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

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**Bern III Conference on
Cooperation among the
Biodiversity-related
Conventions for the
implementation of the
Kunming-Montreal GBF**

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What is the Bern Process?

CBD COP decision 15/13 on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations:

“Invites the United Nations Environment Programme to build on the Bern Process and continue to strengthen cooperation and collaboration among biodiversity-related conventions, contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework **by facilitating a process for cooperation among Parties to the relevant biodiversity-related** conventions;”

(Paragraph 13)

(emphasis added)



Ramsar COP resolution XIV/26 on enhancing the Convention’s visibility and synergies with other MEAs and international institutions:

“Invites UNEP to build on the Bern Process and **continue to strengthen cooperation and coordination among biodiversity-related Conventions contributing to effective and efficient implementation** of the post-2020 Bern III Conference, 23-25 January 2024 December 18, 2023 Global Biodiversity Framework, when adopted, by facilitating the... (emphasis added)

ITPGRFA GB resolution 13/2022 on cooperation with the CBD:

(International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture)

“Invites the United Nations Environment Programme to build on the Bern Process and continue to strengthen cooperation and coordination among biodiversity-related conventions contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the Post-2020 GBF, when adopted, **by facilitating the process for cooperation among Parties to the relevant biodiversity-related conventions;**” (Paragraph 19)

(emphasis added)

Minamata Convention COP decision MC-5/17 on Mercury and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

“Welcomes the “Bern meetings” initiated by Switzerland to support synergies between relevant Multilateral environmental agreements, including the Minamata Convention;” (Paragraph 3) (emphasis added)



Bern III Conference

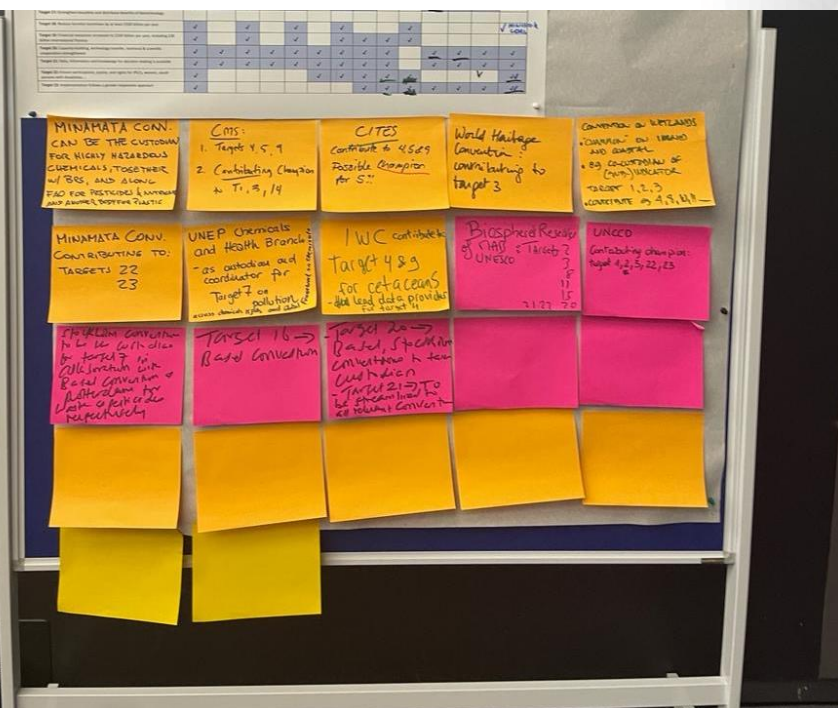
Conference aims:

- Identify opportunities & make recommendations to strengthen collaboration among Parties to implement the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** at all levels
- Share practical experience of cooperation and collaboration among MEAs in addressing biodiversity and other environmental challenges
- Foster a community of “synergy champions” committed to working across conventions to solve environmental issues holistically

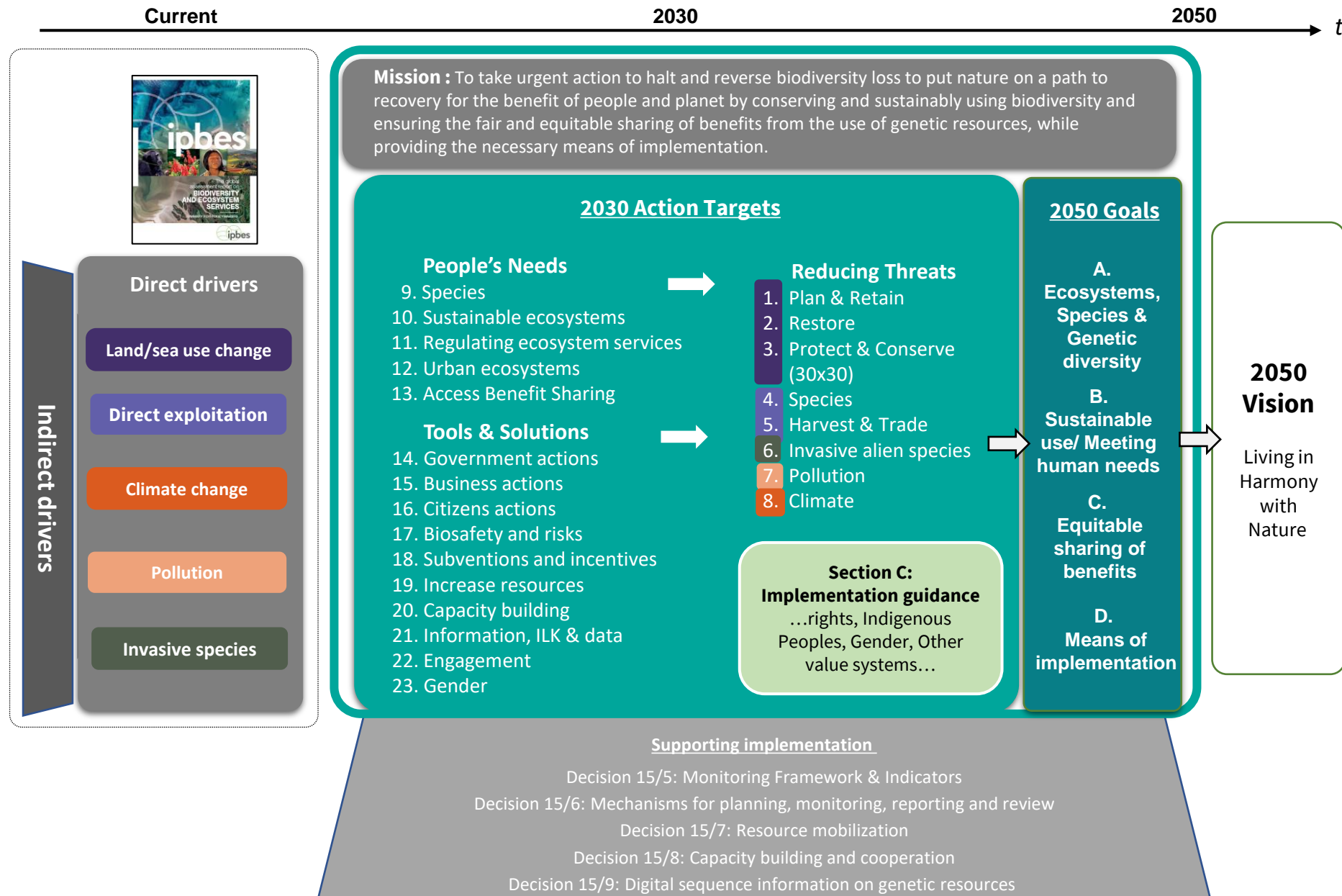


Who?

- Parties and Secretariats from 16 MEAs
 - including biodiv. and chemicals conventions, UNCCD, UNFCCC



Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework - Vision, Mission, Goals and Targets



Some of the key recommendations/ What next?

- Encourage Bern process 'equivalent' at national level
- Formalise "coalitions", "custodians" or "champions" among MEAs for individual targets
- Use the 'golden opportunity' of the Rio convention COPs in 2024 to recommit to collaboration & joint activities, re-activation of JLG
- Increase reporting alignment, integrated monitoring & assessment
- Keep Bern III dynamic, spirit, and network alive
- Processes – UNEA-6, Global Adaptation Forum

Monitoring Framework for the GBF

CBD Parties must report progress in implementing the GBF using mandatory indicators

- GBF T8 : *Minimize the impact of climate change and ocean acidification on biodiversity and increase its resilience through mitigation, **adaptation**, and **disaster risk reduction actions, including through nature-based solution and/or ecosystem-based approaches**, while minimizing negative and fostering positive impacts of climate action on biodiversity*
- GBF T11 : *Restore, maintains and enhance nature's contributions to people, including ecosystem functions and services, such as regulation of air, water, and climate, soil health, pollination and reduction of disease risk, as well as protection from natural hazards and disasters, through nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches for the benefit of all people and nature.*

Ad Hoc Expert Group on Indicators set up by COP15 to operationalize the GBF MF

The revised Monitoring Framework will be negotiated at CBD SBSTTA26 in May in Nairobi and **adopted at CBD COP16 in October 2024 in Colombia**

The options for the creation of a **Global Knowledge Support Service for Biodiversity (GKSSB)** as global knowledge hub interconnecting with **(sub)regional technical and scientific cooperation centres** to support the implementation of the GBF are still being discussed under the umbrella of the CBD and should be launched at CBD COP16, Colombia, October 2024.



Thank you!