



**Convention on
Biological Diversity**

Joint Meeting of the Bureaux of the Conference of the Parties and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

20 February 2016, 10h00 to 17h00, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre , Kuala Lumpur

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AND THE HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT REGARDING MAINSTREAMING OF BIODIVERSITY WITHIN AND ACROSS SECTORS

Informal Background Note

The COP decided, in its multi-year programme of work up to 2020 to address at its thirteenth meeting, strategic actions to enhance national implementation, in particular through mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity across relevant sectors, including agriculture, forests and fisheries, as well as the implications of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of other relevant international processes for the future work of the Convention. Further, recognizing the importance of other sectors, Mexico will invite a number of ministers of agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism in addition to the ministers directly responsible for the CBD. It is anticipated that ministers will consider and adopt a declaration to raise the profile of the importance of mainstreaming biodiversity in specific sectors and in cross sectoral policies, highlight success stories, and emphasize the need for a whole-of-government response to biodiversity issues.

SBSTTA addressed this issue its 19th meeting, on the basis of document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/19/2, available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-19/official/sbstta-19-02-en.pdf>

Mexico hosted an international workshop on biodiversity mainstreaming. Documents are available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=IMPWS-2015-01> including the main background document: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/biodiv/impws-2015-01/other/impws-2015-01-background-en.pdf> which is attached to this note.

The report of the workshop is expected to be made available shortly.

Further discussions will take place at SBSTTA_20 and SBI-1. In line with recommendation XIX/1, documents and draft recommendations are under preparation for both meetings, including with respect to the agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors, as well as for cross-cutting issues.

The Trondheim biodiversity Conference will focus on mainstreaming biodiversity into food and agriculture.

The COP and SBSTTA Bureaux may consider how best to further advance discussion on these issues.