

# Accelerating Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework - Supporting Countries' Early Actions

UNEA-6 Side Event

**Thursday 29 February 2024 | 17:15-18:45**

**Helipad, Tent B, Stage 1 | UNEP Headquarters | Nairobi, Kenya**

CBD COP16 is fast approaching and so is the deadline for CBD Parties to submit updated national targets and/or revised National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), aligned to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). This side event will provide an opportunity for countries to discuss progress on aligning national biodiversity policies and monitoring frameworks and to share experience on target setting and stakeholder engagement.

NBSAPs are the primary policy instruments to implement the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level, and they play a vital role in realizing global commitments to halt biodiversity loss. The GBF calls for a new era of NBSAPs that are ambitious, well-financed, systemic and implemented through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach. Questions for discussion in this event include:

- How are countries managing this complexity and aligning their national targets and policies with the ambition of the GBF?
- What progress has been made to date towards alignment and revision of NBSAPs?
- What key measures are important for taking an effective whole-of-society approach to NBSAP alignment and implementation?

The event is hosted by the NBSAP Support Hub, a collective of initiatives working to facilitate and enable country NBSAP update / revision, implementation and monitoring. The Hub includes the [Early Action Support Project](#), the [NBSAP Accelerator Partnership](#) and the National Monitoring Initiative. The event will be led by countries with the support of the CBD Secretariat, UNDP, UNEP, and UNEP-WCMC.

Join us after the side event to celebrate the first cohort of countries to receive technical support from the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership via in-country/regional facilitators!

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## Draft Agenda

17:15	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Moderator: Doreen Robinson, Head, Biodiversity and Land Branch, UNEP</i>  Welcome address <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H.E Andreas Bjelland Eriksen, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway</li><li>• David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary, CBD</li></ul>
17:30	<b>Target setting and alignment of NBSAPs</b> Introductory panel discussion sharing country experience on setting targets and aligning NBSAPs with the GBF. This discussion will highlight new approaches being taken, efforts to apply lessons learned, and opportunities and challenges encountered to date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Countries TBC</i></li></ul>
17:45	<b>NBSAP alignment and Whole-of-Society approaches</b> Participants will join a set of roundtable discussions on progress by countries and how a whole-of-society approach may be applied to NBSAP revision, implementation, and monitoring.  Each table discussion will be led by one country representative, who will share their insights and experience and engage with participants on how the process of updating and implementing NBSAPs can ensure a whole-of-society approach. Six table discussions are to be led by one representative from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Countries TBC</i></li></ul>
18:25	<b>Wrap up and road to COP 16</b> Feedback from the table discussions by table leads  Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Susan Gardner, Ecosystems Division Director, UNEP</li><li>• H.E Maria Susana Muhammad Gonzalez, Colombia (<i>TBC</i>)</li></ul>

**Following this side event please join H.E Steffi Lemke, Minister of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany at a reception to celebrate the first cohort of countries to receive technical support from the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership via in-country/regional facilitators.**

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