



CBD SBSTTA-23 side event

Latin American & Caribbean perspectives on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Thursday 2019.11.28 @ 18:15

Room 7B, 3rd Floor - Africa

Programme

- 18h15 – 18h30** **Welcome and introduction**
- Marcia Tambutti Allende, CEPAL
Aleksandar Rankovic, IDDRI
- 18h30-18h45** **The long road to CBD COP15 and the role of the LAC region**
- Braulio Dias, Departamento de Ecología, Instituto de Ciencias Biológicas, Universidad de Brasilia, Brasil
- 18h45-19h00** **The LAC region as a laboratory for transformative change and its challenges**
- Ana María Hernández, Presidenta del IPBES
- 19h00-19h30** **Panel discussion and Q&A: The LAC region perspectives on the major challenges on the road to COP15**
- Hesiquio Benítez, Director General de Cooperación Internacional e Implementación. CONABIO, México, Presidente SBSTTA CDB (2019-2020)
 - Braulio Dias, Departamento de Ecología, Instituto de Ciencias Biológicas, Universidad de Brasilia, Brasil
 - María Jesús Ovalle, Representante SBSTTA23, Oficina de Asuntos Internacionales, Ministerio de Medio Ambiente, Chile
 - Adams Toussaint, Consultant for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Physical Planning, Natural Resources and Co-operatives, SBSTTA Bureau Member, Saint Lucia

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Background

On the road to COP15, it is essential for the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region to reflect on how the post-2020 framework could promote more effective implementation of the three objectives of the CBD. Of particular importance within the region is the sharing of national experiences on progress achieved within the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 and the challenges faced in biodiversity governance, in the broader context of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs. Additionally, it is an opportune moment to discuss, as a community, synergies among international frameworks, their successes and cooperation and their positive (or negative) impact on the development of national biodiversity policies. This exercise, furthermore, can be an important contribution to the further development of regional and thematic dialogues, with the aim of reinforcing the international collective learning from the past 27 years of implementing the CBD.

The LAC region is exceptionally rich in biodiversity, and LAC countries have had a strong voice and have contributed greatly to many decisions reached in international biodiversity fora. The region has experienced many positive and negative developments in biodiversity and environmental governance in the last decades, particularly how institutional and public policies have progressed in supporting the three objectives of the CBD. However, the LAC region has also been clear and transparent regarding setbacks including the lack of harmonization and coordination among different sectors and levels of government, and lack of institutional, financial and human capacities. In this context, the contribution by LAC countries to the post-2020 biodiversity framework would greatly enrich the ability of the international community to articulate a common vision and to reach effective decisions that meet national needs for implementation.

This side-event will present the first reflections and products of an initiative by ECLAC (UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean) and IDDRI (Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations), in collaboration with EU Post 2020 project and the French cooperation. On 24-26 September 2019, high-level biodiversity LAC experts from biodiversity knowledge and management institutions, governments (including negotiators), academia and from organizations with a regional or global perspective, met at ECLAC headquarters (Santiago, Chile), to share their concrete experiences, visions and expectations for the post-2020 framework.

Based on the strong and diversified expertise gathered for the meeting, discussions covered both technical examples of on-the-ground implementation, to national policy development discussions, the strengthening of science and policy interactions, and the development of a regional vision and dynamics for the post-2020 framework. The aim was, in particular, to exchange views on the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the enabling conditions for biodiversity policies, and their connections with macroeconomics and pathways to a regional sustainable development. The discussions built upon the IPBES regional assessment for the Americas and the IPBES global assessment, as well as on the report of the CBD regional consultation of May 2019 (of which several participants were present), among other references.

During the side-event, results of this first meeting (series of videos, workshop summary) and the next steps of this collective work will be presented and discussed with the audience for feedback. Discussions will, in particular, address how a stronger integration of biodiversity actors could be achieved to develop a regional perspective, and how this could include the stakeholders of productive sectors and other decision makers. Discussions will also address how stronger interactions with other international frameworks could be built (e.g., climate change) to strengthen the implementation of the post-2020 framework. Panelists will include experts involved in IPBES, SBSTTA bureau members, CBD focal points, and representatives of LAC biodiversity knowledge and management institutions.