

Online webinar

Resource mobilization for biodiversity

31 March 2021

A 2.5-hour session 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CET)

Background, agenda & practical information

Registration & connection link

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1- Context background

As a paramount condition to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and achieve “transformative change”, a better alignment of investments and policies with the combined needs of nature and people is indispensable. Effective Resource mobilization for biodiversity is well identified as one of the most central enabling conditions for a successful Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and its sound implementation. An ambitious framework would be one that truly puts the world on the path to an equitable, carbon-neutral, and nature-positive world and creates bridges between biosphere protection and sustainable development. While demands over increased resource mobilization for biodiversity have been expressed across the negotiation process, it seems essential, in the first place, to reduce the support provided to activities harmful to it, or even to reorient these subsidies and incentives towards a more sustainable economy and society. For too long, the financial and economic sectors have relatively ignored biodiversity issues. But with the recognition of its essential role, particularly in supporting most of the Sustainable Development Goals, the situation is changing rapidly.

A strong science-based policy dialogue is sought to shed the light on the extent of the biodiversity funding gap and offer grounds for a common understanding of options laying ahead to fill it in among a wide array of negotiators, stakeholders and policy experts in the context of the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Such a dialogue will prove helpful to support better alignment of budgets, identification and implementation of innovative financing and policy mechanisms that can rapidly mobilize substantial amounts of funding for nature. Those include harmful subsidy reform, mainstreaming and green financing tools, biodiversity risk management and sustainable finance standards, alignment of national biodiversity finance plans, national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and other national policies and initiatives in biodiversity relevant areas – i.e. National Determined Contributions for climate, land planning tools, etc. – as well as voluntary commitments from other stakeholders – i.e. private companies, local and subnational governments, etc. - among others.

Supporting informal conversations to bring forward the topic of resource mobilization and set the foundation of an ambitious Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, this webinar will present some of the most salient points of such a transformative ambition. It will open the space to discuss how to scale-up finance for biodiversity. To this end, it will showcase practical examples of successful initiatives towards budget alignment for integrated resource management, as role model for truly green recovery plans mobilizing stakeholders at all levels. The webinar will also provide an opportunity to highlight recent efforts to align climate finance with biodiversity funding needs.

The online session will be opened by the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity and later be divided in two sequences, followed each by questions and answers by participants. The first part will introduce a state-of-the-art of recent reports and

tools on resources mobilization, and provide an overview of enablers for catalysing aligned ambitions and implementation at various levels. In the second sequence, the panellists will share experiences on good practices and challenges, and provide insight on enablers for transformative change.

It will end with a collective discussion among participants exploring the areas to be delved into for further discussions. Closing remarks on the lessons learned from these exchanges for the next steps of the future Global Biodiversity Framework will be delivered by one of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the post 2020 global biodiversity framework.

2- Agenda

March 31st, 2021 – 13:00-15:30 (CET)

12:45 –13:00	<i>Connection and technical testing</i>
13:00 –13:15	<p>Welcome & practicalities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Didier Babin, Team leader of the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework – EU support <p>Introduction by the moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onno van den Heuvel, Global Manager, UNDP BIOFIN <p>Opening words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Cooper, Deputy Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity
Part 1: The economic case for financing biodiversity - State-of-the-art on resource mobilization	
13:15 –13:45	<p>This session provides an overview of recent reports on resource mobilization, assessing needs and gaps with key figures and making the economic case and tools for financing biodiversity.</p> <p>(1) Closing the Global Biodiversity Financing Gap: reduce, generate, invest (10')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose Niu, Chief Conservation Officer, Paulson Institute <p>(2) Mainstreaming biodiversity in the financial sector and investing in nature (10')</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giovanni Ruta, Senior Environmental Economist, World Bank <p>(3) Investing in Nature and financing life on earth (10')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilles Kleitz, Director of Ecological transition and Natural Resources Department, Agence Française de Développement
13:45 –14:15	<p>Questions and Answers - Open discussion</p> <p><i>Moderator: Onno van den Heuvel, Global Manager, UNDP BIOFIN</i></p>
<p>Part 2 : Practical insight from key initiatives - Aligning budget and finance with biodiversity objectives</p>	
14:15 –14:45	<p>This session highlight pathways to efficient resource mobilization and greening the finance while financing the green to ensure a transition towards sustainable production and consumption and biodiversity conservation.</p> <p>(1) Needs and pathways for green recovery plans positive for biodiversity (10')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gareth Philips, Division Manager Climate Finance, African Development Bank <p>(2) Mobilizing finance and efforts towards natural capital conservation in India (10')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arnesh Sharma, Assistant Vice President, Sustainable Finance & Reporting, Financial & Investor Strategy, YES Bank <p>(3) Aligning budget and finance on the ground – Integrated resources management & sustainable value chains (10')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Valenzuela, Operations, Partnerships and Business Development Director, WWF Colombia
14:45 –15:15	<p>Questions and Answers - Open discussion</p> <p><i>Moderator: Onno van den Heuvel, Global Manager, UNDP BIOFIN</i></p>
<p>Closing sequence : Towards an ambitious implementation paradigm</p>	
15:15 –15:30	<p>Wrap-up & cross-cutting takeaways</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ines Verleye</i>, Former co-lead of the Thematic Workshop on Resource Mobilization under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) • <i>Basile Van Havre</i>, Co-Chair of the Open-ended Working Group on the post-2020 framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
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3- Practical information

Exchanges will mainly take place in **English**, simultaneous interpretation will be available in **English, French, and Spanish**.

Participants will ask their questions in a dedicated box standing aside from the main chat (no speaking opportunity). Questions can be framed anonymously or not, either in English, French or Spanish. Questions will be selected in the back office by the organisers and shared with the moderator in the relevant order, to make sure all contributions are included and valued.

Kindly note that this is a registration-based webinar. Please register on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84610887911>.

- **The meeting room will be opened starting 12:45 (CET), please connect before the sessions start (13:00 CET) if possible.**
- **Best experience is when using a computer rather than connecting via mobile.**
- **Interpretation: a dedicated button in the Zoom interface will enable you to switch languages in English, Spanish and French. To only hear the interpreted language, click on Mute Original Audio.**

4- Bibliography

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