

RALLYING YOUTH VOICES FOR BIODIVERSITY

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South African Youth Biodiversity Network (SAYBN) Plans Consultation Meeting on the Updated Zero-Draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

(JOHANNESBURG) - SAYBN will host a virtual consultation meeting on the updated-zero draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, to gather youth perspectives and priorities on the three different goals and 20 targets outlined in the [Updated Zero draft](#). This meeting will take place on the 27th of March 2021 through the zoom platform. South African youth interested in joining the meeting can do so through the **application form** here: [LINK](#)

The youth's voices and perspectives will form part of SAYBN's position paper which will be submitted to relevant stakeholders, including the GYBN and the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries. The event will also include a panel discussion on how Intergenerational equity can be reflected in the Post2020 GBF.

"We are looking forward to stimulating discussions. We hope that the consultation will inspire and motivate South African youth to participate in biodiversity policies and recognize the power of young people united for a cause to influence change. Our goal is to foster collaborations among youth-led organizations so that they can work together to implement South Africa's National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)," said Keletso Malepe, Chapter Coordinator at SAYBN.

The objectives

The specific objectives of the meeting will be:

- Produce the youth contribution to the Updated Zero Draft of the Post2020 GBF (This report will be incorporated in the GYBN submission to the CBD and submitted to South Africa's CBD focal point for consideration).
- Foster collaboration between youth organizations and young people and commit towards the implementation of the South African NBSAP and the post2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

SAYBN has been at the forefront of engagements on the proposed Post-2020 GBF, hosting 6 youth consultation meetings across South Africa, attracting a diverse group of young people, the report of which can be found here: [LINK](#)



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In February 2020, SAYBN hosted the African Youth Biodiversity Forum (AYBF) in preparation for the Second Open Ended Working Group on the Post2020 GBF (OEWG 2). The forum brought together youth from across the African region to share their perspectives on the zero drafts of the Post2020 GBF. The forum's outcomes can be found here: [LINK](#)

The contributions from these consultation events formed part of a position paper that was included in the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) position paper on the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. This was also submitted to South Africa's CBD National Focal Point for consideration.

2020 marked the end of the 2010-2020 Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). This strategic plan is widely known by its 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Parties to the CBD, NGOs, private sector, civil society organizations and other stakeholders are therefore involved in local, national, regional and international engagements that seek to make the Post 2020 strategic plan that will take us a step closer to achieving the 2050 vision of living in harmony with nature.

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The South African Youth Biodiversity Network is a national chapter of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network and a registered NPO in South Africa. It aims to (1) strengthen the contribution of South African Youth in the Convention on Biological Diversity, (2) manage an online platform where South African youth find opportunities related to biodiversity and (3) contribute to the implementation of the South African National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan by participating in grass root conservation projects.

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