

NOTIFICATION

Information regarding the High-Level Segment of the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and of the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to notification [2021-060](#) which informed Parties that invitations to the High-Level Segment of the first part of the Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15) and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols had been dispatched by its host, the People's Republic of China, I am pleased to share with Parties important information, through the enclosed scenario note, regarding the modalities of the High-Level Segment, including the roundtable sessions.

I would like to urge Parties that have been invited to the High-Level Segment and have not yet responded, to please confirm participation to tian.fang@fecomee.org.cn with copy to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible. Participation in the High-Level Segment is of strategic importance to strengthen efforts not only to advance implementation of the Convention and its Protocols towards the 2050 Vision, but also to drive political impetus towards the development of an ambitious and effective post-2020 global biodiversity framework, to be adopted in Kunming next year.

I would like to remind Parties that the invitation to participate in the High-Level Segment is also extended to other Ministers of your countries, such as Ministers with portfolios relating to finance, economy, climate change, food and agriculture, technology and innovation, to facilitate a multi-sectoral dialogue aimed at further integrating discussions under each theme proposed in the High-Level Segment programme.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Executive Secretary

Enclosure

To: CBD National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, ABS Focal Points



High-Level Segment

UN Biodiversity Conference, Kunming, People's Republic of China
“Ecological Civilization-Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth”
12-13 October 2021

SCENARIO NOTE

The High-Level Segment of the first part of the 2021-22 UN Biodiversity Conference, including the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 15) as well as the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, will be hosted by the People's Republic of China and will take place virtually on 12-13 October 2021.

The updated programme of the High-Level Segment, as well as other relevant documents, can be found on the High-Level Segment webpage: <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/2021-2022/cop-15-hls>.

The discussions throughout the two days will include a Leader's Summit, two virtual plenary sessions, four roundtables (two parallel sessions per day), and will be followed by a press conference, as follows:

- Tuesday, 12 October 2021
 - o Leader's Summit
 - o Opening plenary
 - o Roundtable A: Putting biodiversity on a Path of Recovery
 - o Roundtable B: Closing the Financing Gap and ensuring the means of implementation
- Wednesday, 13 October 2021
 - o Roundtable C: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development
 - o Roundtable D: Knowledge, Innovation and Benefit Sharing
 - o Closing plenary
 - o Press conference

Roundtable Sessions

These sessions aim to allow Ministers from all Parties to address the High-Level Segment on the topic of each roundtable. In order to assist in the preparation of interventions and to guide the discussions, short briefing notes with guiding questions for each roundtable will be available on the High-Level Segment webpage in due course. Ministers are encouraged to provide brief, focused interventions, and to use the opportunity to announce commitments of national action to advance implementation of the Convention and its Protocols towards the 2050 Vision. Collectively, the sessions seek to drive political impetus towards the development of an ambitious and effective post-2020 global biodiversity framework and contribute to its implementation.

Modality

Each Minister will have the opportunity to deliver an intervention in at least one roundtable discussion, and time permitting, in a second roundtable discussion. Every effort will be made to accommodate Ministers' preferences; however, interventions will be accommodated on a first-come first-serve basis taking into account regional balance. Live interventions from Ministers are strongly encouraged, but in cases where time zones or other challenges do not permit it, pre-recorded video statements will be welcomed. Pre-recorded video statements should be in mp4 format, must not exceed 3 minutes in length and need to be submitted to hls_videos@163.com with copy to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible, but no later than **29 September 2021**.

In order to best accommodate preferences, it is requested that all Parties who have confirmed attendance to the High-Level Segment:

- a.) Indicate which roundtable your Minister(s) would like to prioritize for an intervention and indicate whether this will be live or through a pre-recorded video message; and
- b.) Indicate which second roundtable they would like to participate in, time permitting.

Preferences can be indicated by completing the enclosed form and submitting it to wang.ran@fecomee.org.cn with copy to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible, but no later than **22 September 2021**.

In addition, regional statements will be accommodated in the closing plenary session of the High-Level Segment. Parties are kindly requested to coordinate with their regions the preparation and designation of the Ministers/speakers who will deliver these regional statements, as appropriate.

Platform

The High-Level Segment will take place through the ***Interactio*** platform and all sessions will have interpretation available in the six official languages of the United Nations. Access links will be sent to registered delegates, as appropriate.

In addition, all sessions will be live-streamed through the Convention's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvyFdu4oVs6jzyfiMRwN4IQ>.

For further enquiries or comments regarding the High-Level Segment, please contact wang.ran@fecomee.org.cn with copy to secretariat@cbd.int.

High-Level Segment of the 2021 UN Biodiversity Conference Roundtable Participation Form

This form should be completed by each Minister or Head of Delegation attending the High-Level Segment (this includes invited Ministers from other sectors).

Country: _____

Name of Minister: _____

Please mark with an "X" the roundtable of your preference:

	Priority Intervention Preference: <i>Please check one</i>	Second preference: <i>Please check one</i>
<u>12 October 2021</u>		
Putting biodiversity on a Path of Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>or</i>	
Closing the Financing Gap and ensuring the means of implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>13 October 2021</u>		
Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>or</i>	
Knowledge, Innovation and Benefit Sharing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate if your participation will be live or through a pre-recorded video statement:

Please complete and submit this form to wang.ran@fecomee.org.cn with copy to secretariat@cbd.int as soon possible, but no later than **22 September 2021**.