



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Media accreditation opens for: Resumed sessions of the UN Biodiversity Conference / COP 16.2 Rome, Italy 25 to 27 February 2025

The Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) invites media to apply for accreditation to the resumed sessions of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol, to take place at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome, Italy.

COP 16.2 will focus on several critical areas:

- Securing \$200 billion annually by 2030 from all sources for biodiversity initiatives and reducing harmful incentives by at least \$500 billion per year by 2030, through the adoption of the new Resource Mobilization Strategy.
- Establishing systems to monitor and assess progress toward biodiversity targets, ensuring transparency and accountability.
- The Planning, Monitoring, Reporting, and Review (PMRR) Mechanism is a critical component for ensuring accountability and progress in implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF). Decisions during the resumed sessions will shape how progress toward KMGBF implementation will be assessed at COP 17.
- The Financial Mechanism under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) is essential for mobilizing resources to implement the framework effectively, especially in developing countries. Discussions on the financial mechanism during the resumed sessions will focus on the Global Environment Facility (GEF), which serves as the financial mechanism for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and the newly established Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (GBFF).

These discussions will be pivotal for operationalizing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and addressing pressing environmental challenges.

Dates: 25 to 27 February 2025

Venue: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Participants in the official meetings:

- Representatives of the 196 Parties to the CBD and of observer organisations, including representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth.
- CBD Executive Secretary and other senior UN representatives.

How media can apply for accreditation:

- Media representatives are encouraged to complete their applications as soon as possible via the official accreditation portal: <https://www.cbd.int/participation/2024-r2/media/checklist> . The process includes submitting proof of credentials and agreeing to the event's media guidelines.
- Applications must be submitted no later than **15 January 2025**.
- Double accreditation is not permitted (e.g., as press and delegate, or as press and NGO).
- Once accreditation is confirmed, media passes for the meeting can be picked up at the registration counter onsite upon presentation of two forms of photo ID (passport, official national press pass, driver's license, work ID, etc.) or of a photo press pass from the United Nations in New York, Paris, Geneva, Vienna, Bangkok, or Nairobi.
- On-site accreditation is not possible. Do not purchase any tickets unless you have received by email the official pre-registration letter which will be automatically sent to you by email once you have been properly vetted and accredited in our system.

Site access is subject to restrictions depending on available space in the venue and / or health and security provisions that can change at short notice. Information will be made available to all accredited journalists as it becomes available.

- While the Secretariat regrets any inconvenience that may arise from changes to site access, it is not responsible for any costs incurred by media.
- Proceedings of the meeting will be streamed on UNWebTV.

Further information regarding media guidelines, news conferences and other relevant information will be made available via email and on the CBD website.

Accredited journalists should make their own travel arrangements and book their own hotel accommodations. An Information note for participants, including information on the visa application procedure (where applicable), will be made available in due course.

Please also note that, to verify media credentials:

* **Independent broadcast or film production companies** are required to provide a letter from a broadcast organization or film distributor which has committed to air or distribute the work, or from the UN partner organization that supports the production.

* **Print media accreditation applicants** may be required to submit two bylined articles published within the past four months.

* **Radio and TV media accreditation applicants** may be asked to submit two recordings of reports broadcast within the past six months.

* **Photographers** may be required to submit proof of credited work published by media.

* **Online media accreditation applicants** must meet the following requirements:

- The web publication must belong to a registered company, such as a media organization, and have a specific, verifiable non-web address and telephone number.
- The online journal requesting accreditation for its correspondent must have a substantial amount of original news content or commentary or analysis on international issues.
- If the web site is new, the applicant seeking accreditation must provide the latest data on the site's visitors or other relevant material (press citations, etc.) about the outlet's audience. The applicant must have an established record of having written extensively on international issues and must present copies of three recently published articles published in the last six months with his/her byline.
- Online publications which are communications outreach or advocacy publications of non-governmental or non-profit organizations do not qualify for media accreditation.

Documents to be considered for adoption at the in-person resumed meetings:

Conference of the Parties

CBD/COP/16/L.26. Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (item 10)

CBD/COP/16/L.33. Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review (item 10)

CBD/COP/16/L.34. Resource mobilization (item 11)

CBD/COP/16/L.31. Financial mechanism (item 11)

CBD/COP/16/L.30. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations (item 13)

CBD/COP/16/L.23. Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties (item 28)

CBD/COP/16/L.35/Part.B. Matters related to the appointment of executive secretaries (item 7)

CBD/COP/16/L.1/Rev.1. Report of the meeting

Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

CBD/CP/MOP/11/L.1/Rev.1. Report of the meeting

Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization

CBD/NP/MOP/5/L13. Digital sequence information on genetic resources

CBD/NP/MOP/5/L.1/Rev.1. Report of the meeting

In addition, the three bodies will each consider their respective agenda items on 'other matters'.