Working together for a nature-positive transition: Incorporating the Global Biodiversity Framework into UNSDCF processes

UN Inter-agency Issue-Based Coalition on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia

Tuesday 27 June 2023, 10.00- 12.00 CET (Geneva time) via Microsoft Teams

Background

The United Nations Inter-Agency Issue-Based Coalition (IBC) on Environment and Climate Change for Europe and Central Asia was established in March 2020. The primary purpose of the IBC is to support UN Country Teams in their assistance to programme countries. The IBC consists of 18 members from the UN family: FAO, ILO, IOM, ITU, OHCHR, UN Habitat, UN Women, UNDP, UNDRR, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNFCCC, UNICEF, UNOPS, WFP, WHO and WMO.

Following the successful outcome of COP-15, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) was adopted in December 2022. It resulted from 4 years of consultations and engagement and is widely considered to take into account views from all actors. The GBF supports the achievements of the SDGs and sets out an ambitious pathway towards a world living in harmony with nature by 2050.

Webinar objectives:

The main objective of this IBC webinar is to raise awareness and build capacity of UNCTs to support countries to deliver on the targets of the GBF, including through its incorporation into the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) processes. Therefore, the IBC webinar will:

- Enhance knowledge on the outcomes of COP-15, including the linkages between GBF and SDGs targets, and their relevance to UNSDCF processes and the work of UNCTs;
- Facilitate peer-to-peer learning and information exchange on best practice examples;
- Build capacity around the new financing opportunities following COP-15;
- Actions at the national level – from agreements to planning, coordination and synergistic implementation; and
- Identify how the IBC can further support the UNCTs moving forward.

Outcomes

This webinar will build capacity of the participants to:

- Understand the critical components of the GBF
- Improve the mainstreaming of biodiversity into UNSDCF processes
- Gain awareness of good practice examples at the regional level

Target audience: RCs, RCOs and UNCTs, members of the Result Groups on environment- and climate change-related outcomes

TIME	AGENDA
10:00-10:15	**Welcome, introductions and meeting objectives** UNEP – Matt Billot
10:15-10.45	**Session I:** *(Moderated by UNECE – Nick Bonvoisin)* **COP-15 / Global Biodiversity Framework** (UNEP – Doreen Robinson) • Overview • Biodiversity for driving sustainable development • Accelerating action • Financing for Biodiversity Discussions and Q&A
10.45-11:55	**Session II: COP-15 / From agreement to action on the ground** *(Moderated by UNEP-Matt Billot)* • Sustainable Forest Management – A comprehensive concept to incorporate the Global Biodiversity Framework (Roman Michalak, UNECE) • UNEP Carpathian Convention - Implementing the targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) at regional and interregional level through the Carpathian Biodiversity Framework of the Carpathian Convention. The Carpathians as a model region for mountain areas and beyond (Harald Egerer, UNEP) • Biodiversity for food and agriculture (Anna Kanshieva, FAO) • ILO's Resolution concerning a just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all (Dr Cristina Martinez) Discussions and Q&A *Guiding questions:* • *How well is biodiversity represented in your UNSDCF/ CCAs?* • *Has biodiversity been considered in the context of climate change, food security, poverty and health?* • *What do RCOs and UNCTs need to do to successfully integrate biodiversity into UNCT/ national government agendas?* • *What are the most critical sectors, which actors need to be engaged, possible opportunities to get started on GBF implementation?* • *What best practice examples do you have in your countries where biodiversity is playing a role in the implementation of UNSDCFs?*
11:55-12:00	**Wrap-up and Closing Remarks** UNECE- Nick Bonvoisin