

PROGRESS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POST-2020 FRAMEWORK



UPDATES FOR PROTEUS PARTNERS: THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK AND OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH THE PROCESS

A number of steps have been taken towards the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework since the November 2018 UN Biodiversity Conference. These meetings and documents will shape the future global biodiversity agenda and have implications for the extractives sector. Here, we summarise progress to date of relevance to Proteus Partners and identify opportunities for engagement.

OVERVIEW

The [post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#) has undergone meaningful development since the last [update to Proteus Partners](#) in December 2018.

This briefing note outlines the outcomes from selected [meetings](#), and provides an update on the development of associated [documents](#). It also highlights [opportunities for Proteus Partners to engage](#) in the process.

UN ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY (UNEA)

The fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly ([UNEA 4](#)) was held in Nairobi, Kenya in March 2019. The theme was *'Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production'*.

UNEA 4 included negotiations on resolutions of relevance to business, including those on *'Addressing environmental challenges through sustainable business practices'* and sustainable infrastructure. The resolution on biodiversity was largely supportive of coordinating efforts on the various biodiversity-related conventions and decisions already taken elsewhere, including those on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

A Ministerial Roundtable on *'Advancing the Biodiversity*

BOX 1: WHAT IS UNEA?

The [UN Environment Assembly \(UNEA\)](#) is *'the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment'*¹. Its scope covers all aspects of international environmental negotiations.

UNEA seeks to *'set priorities for global environmental policies and develop international environmental laws'*¹ for UN Member States.

UNEA resolutions can therefore influence and inform environmental policies, laws and priorities at the national level.

¹ More information on UNEA and its work can be found on its [webpages](#).

Agenda' was also held in the margins of UNEA 4 which discussed the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework .

The full list of declarations, resolutions and decisions from UNEA 4 can be found [here](#).

KEEPING PROTEUS PARTNERS UP TO DATE

This is the second in a series of briefing notes and webinars on the Convention on Biological Diversity, including progress towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and opportunities for engagement.

POST-2020 FRAMEWORK REGIONAL CONSULTATION MEETINGS

The Convention on Biological Diversity has convened a number of regional consultation meetings to gather input on the possible scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Once completed, the reports of these meetings are made available [online](#). Inputs from the meeting reports published to date include:

- the need for a **quantitative approach**, including better/increased use of **indicators** for monitoring progress and contributions;
- more emphasis on **mainstreaming** biodiversity;
- greater focus on investment in **natural capital** and **nature-based solutions**;
- stronger linkages with the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs); and
- better articulation of actions requested of the **private sector** to facilitate their engagement.

The final regional consultation workshop, for Latin America and the Caribbean, was held in Montevideo, Uruguay between the 14th and 17th May 2019. The outcomes of the meetings will be collated, along with comment submissions on the associated documents (see 'Post-2020 Document Preparation') to help inform discussions on what the framework will include and its structure.

POST-2020 DOCUMENT PREPARATION

The Secretariat to the Convention on Biological Diversity has produced a number of documents relating to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, all of which are available on the Convention's Post-2020 [website](#). The consultation on the initial discussion paper closed on 15th April 2019. The submissions received can be viewed online [here](#).

It is anticipated that a discussion paper based on these (and other) inputs will be released for comment between **mid-May and 15th August 2019**. The discussion paper

will focus on the possible content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Comments from all stakeholders, are welcome. This is a key opportunity for the private sector to engage in the process.

OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE

Upcoming opportunities for business to engage with the development of the post-2020 framework are outlined in Table 1 and include:

- responding to **calls for inputs** into documents;
- participating in the **open-ended intersessional working group** in August 2019 (registration is requested before 31st July 2019 - more information on this event can be found [here](#)); and
- participating in [meetings and other events](#).

Date	Meeting
14 th to 17 th May 2019	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Consultation Meeting
Mid-May 2019	Discussion paper released for consultation
2 nd to 5 th Jul 2019	Trondheim Conference
15 th August 2019	Deadline for comments on discussion paper
27 th to 30 th Aug 2019	Open-ended Working Group—1 st Session
25 th to 29 th Nov 2019	SBSTTA-23

Table 1: Upcoming meetings and key dates for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (see the [Preparation Timeline](#) for updates and further details)

UNEP-WCMC AND THE POST-2020 FRAMEWORK

UNEP-WCMC is closely involved with a number of activities and organisations linked to the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. For example, we will be attending the Trondheim Conference and are providing input into its organisation.

A further update will be provided to Partners at the **Proteus Annual Meeting** (13th to 14th June 2019 in Cambridge). This will also be an opportunity for further discussion on progress and engagement.

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