

## Fifth Stakeholders Steering Committee (5SSC) meeting for BioTrade

### Background:

In March 2018, the UNCTAD BioTrade Initiative launched the programme [“Linking trade, biodiversity and sustainable development”](#) with the financial support of the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO. This 4-year programme aims to contribute to the advancement of SDGs 12, 15 and 17, and relevant Aichi targets – as well as the upcoming post-2020 global biodiversity framework. This is done by increasing coordination and knowledge sharing among stakeholders; creating an enabling policy environment for BioTrade companies; and facilitating market linkages for companies selling BioTrade-related products. The programme is being implemented by UNCTAD in close collaboration with BioTrade partners and relevant stakeholders.

A crucial element of the programme is the Stakeholders Steering Committee (SSC), which annually brings together BioTrade partners and serves as the coordination mechanism set out under the programme to promote collaboration and cooperation. The SSC also serves as a platform to review a four-year work plan known as the Roadmap as well as sets priorities, guides partners' interventions, allocates responsibilities, and lists areas of potential partnerships. Additionally, at the SSC, BioTrade partners have an opportunity to identify emerging issues and share lessons and good practices learned from implementing BioTrade-related activities.

With the programme ending in October 2022, and to ensure the continued coordination and collaboration among BioTrade partners in the current programme and beyond, the 5th annual Stakeholders Steering Committee (5SSC) meeting will be held virtually using the Zoom platform as follows:

- Session 1. 10 May 2022, 14:00 – 16:00 (CEST): Post-2020 global biodiversity framework; and
- Session 2. 18 May 2022, 14:00 – 16:00 (CEST): Sustainability and future plans

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## Session 2: Sustainability and future plans

Date:	18 May 2022
Time:	14:00-16:00 (CEST) (Hanoi: 19:00-21:00; Lima/Bogota/Quito: 07:00-09:00; Canada: 08:00-10:00)
Access link:	<a href="#">Join Zoom Meeting</a>
Language:	English
Website:	<a href="https://unctad.org/meeting/fifth-stakeholders-steering-committee-meeting-biotrade-session-2-session-sustainability-and">https://unctad.org/meeting/fifth-stakeholders-steering-committee-meeting-biotrade-session-2-session-sustainability-and</a>
Co-organizer(s):	UNCTAD BioTrade in cooperation with BioTrade partners

### Objectives of this session:

With the programme “Linking trade, biodiversity and sustainable development” ending in October 2022, this session aims to:

- Present highlights on BioTrade partners’ past activities
- Discuss the sustainability and future of BioTrade beyond the current program
- Sustaining collaborations on trade and biodiversity/BioTrade among partners

### Agenda (18 May 2022, 14:00-16:00 CEST):

13:50 –	Meeting room is open
14:00 – 14:10	Introduction
14:10 – 14:20	Part 1. Highlights on past activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief presentation on highlights of BioTrade partners’ past activities (UNCTAD)</li> </ul>
14:20 – 15:55	Part 2. Future collaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of possible future pathways on trade and biodiversity (UNCTAD)</li> <li>• Q&amp;A session</li> <li>• Group discussion: Sustaining collaborations on trade and biodiversity/BioTrade among partners (open discussion by all partners)</li> </ul>
15:55 – 16:00	Closing Remarks

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