

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 1: Post-2020 global biodiversity framework (GBF)

Date:	10 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:	Join Zoom Meeting
Language:	English
Website:	https://unctad.org/meeting/fifth-stakeholders-steering-committee-meeting-biotrade-session-post-2020-global
Co-organizer(s):	UNCTAD BioTrade and CBD Secretariat

The post-2020 global biodiversity framework (GBF) was identified as an emerging issue by the SSC members in previous meetings. The GBF is expected to be adopted at the second part of CBD COP15 to be held in the third quarter of 2022. Within the GBF, [UNCTAD has been engaging with partners and other stakeholders](#) to mainstream and advocate for BioTrade, sustainable use and sustainable trade, and private sector engagement into this new framework.

Objectives of this session:

- Inform partners on the current status of the post-2020 GBF negotiations, including the latest updates on the Geneva-based meetings held in March 2022 as well as the timeline until the second part of COP15.
- Provide partners with an overview of the key post-2020 GBF issues for each region as well as for the private sector
- Strengthen the future collaboration among BioTrade partners in the road to the adoption of the GBF as well as its future implementation

Agenda (10 May 2022, 14:00-16:00 CEST):

13:50 -	Meeting room is open
14:00 – 14:10	Welcoming remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNCTAD • SECO
14:10-14:50	Part 1. Status of the post-2020 GBF negotiations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief overview of the post-2020 GBF work done in 2021 (UNCTAD) • Presentation of latest updates on the post-2020 GBF negotiations (CBD Secretariat) • Q&A session
14:50-15:15	Part 2. Roundtable of ‘Worldview of the post-2020 GBF process and its key issues’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short 5-minute interventions with views from Asia, Africa, Latin America as well as the private sector on key issues under the post-2020 processes (ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment of Colombia, ABS Capacity Development Initiative, and Union for Ethical BioTrade)
15:15-15:55	Part 3. Group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss partners’ planned activities on the road to CBD COP15 • Identify collaboration opportunities for BioTrade partners to engage, as well as raise awareness and visibility for BioTrade in the implementation of the post-2020 GBF
15:55-16:00	Closing Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNCTAD

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