Provisional Programme of the High-Level Segment (HLS) of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Session and time	Event
Monday 26 October 2026	
1:00PM-2:30 PM	**Presidency Event (Ministerial)**: The Yerevan Call on Incentives Positive to Biodiversity: Launch of the "Friends of Target 18" and the Yerevan Biodiversity Finance Challenge (Banquet Hall)
6:00-7:30PM TBC	High-Level dialogue and networking reception (by invitation): The Future of Nature is Economic: Building Partnerships for Nature and Economic Prosperity
DINNER RECEPTION 6:30PM-9:30PM	Sustainable Ocean Night at CBD COP17 by invitation
Tuesday 27 October 2026	
8:00AM-09:30	**Presidency Event (Ministerial breakfast): From Global Review to Global Action: Launch of the Yerevan Tech for Biodiversity Monitoring Hub (Banquet Hall)**
10:00AM – 1:00PM	Cultural performance Video presentation from Summit Opening remarks - H.E Mr Vahagn Khachaturyan, President of the Republic of Armenia - H.E. Mr. Hambardzum Matevosyan, Minister of Environment of Armenia, President COP 17 - Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP - Ms. Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary, CBD Panel Discussion: How to ensure the accelerated implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: - Report back on the Kunming dialogue - International Financial Institutions - Heads of MEAs Floor opening for National Statements: - Statements by Ministers
LUNCH EVENT 1:15PM-2:45PM	Ministerial lunch hosted by the GEF

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AFTERNOON SESSION (Plenary + Informal Consultations) 3:00PM-7:00PM	**Plenary Room** 3:00pm-4:30pm: Financial Action for Nature	
	4:30pm-7:00pm: Delivery of Statements - Ministers and other Government representatives - Heads of Organizations	**4:30pm-7:00pm: Informal Ministerial Consultation on issue benefiting from high level consideration** • Closed door ministerial consultation: Ministers+1
6:00PM- 7:30PM	**Presidency Event (Ministerial):** Global Dialogue on Mountain and related Freshwater Ecosystems: Launch of the Yerevan Platform on Mountain and related Freshwater Ecosystems **(Armenian Pavilion)**	
DINNER RECEPTION 7:30PM-9:30PM	Dinner reception hosted by the Government of Armenia (by invitation)	
EVENING: MINISTERIAL REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS (if needed)		
Wednesday 28 October 2026		
BREAKFAST EVENT 8:00AM-9:30AM	Ministerial Event: Accelerating NBSAP Implementation (by invitation)	
FAMILY PHOTO 9:30AM-10:00AM	**Ministerial Family Photo** (Sevan Hall, Working Group 2)	
MORNING SESSION 10:00AM-1:00PM	**Plenary Room** • Delivery of Statements (continued): - Ministers and other Government representatives - Heads of Organizations	**10:00am-11:00am: Informal Ministerial Consultation on issue benefiting from high level consideration** • Closed door ministerial consultation: Ministers+1 **11:00am-12:00pm: Informal Ministerial Consultation on issue benefiting from high level consideration** • Closed door ministerial consultation: Ministers+1 **12:00pm-1:00pm: Informal Ministerial Consultation on issue**

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LUNCH EVENT 1:15PM-2:45PM	**Presidency Event:** Ministerial Discussion: UN80 – Increasing synergies among MEAs (convened with UNEP)	
AFTERNOON SESSION 3:00PM-5:30PM	**Plenary Room** • Delivery of Statements (continued): - Ministers and other Government representatives - Heads of Organizations	**3:00pm-5:30pm: Informal Ministerial Consultation on issues benefiting from high level consideration** • Closed door ministerial consultation: Ministers+1
3:00PM -4:30PM	Presidency Event (Ministerial): Launch of the Global OECM Action Hub (Women's Caucus Room)	
CLOSING PLENAY 5:30PM-7:30PM	• Report to HLS plenary on the outcomes of parallel events and forums: - Nature and Culture Summit - Cities and Subnational Summit - Youth Summit - Business and Biodiversity Forum - Finance Day - Science Forum - Capacity Building Forum - Gender Forum • Closing remarks by Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity • Closing remarks by COP 17 President including summary of his report to the COP	
7:30PM – 9:30 PM	Dinner Hosted by Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) on Plastic Pollution	
Thursday and Friday 29 and 30 October 2026 **Informal Ministerial Consultations on issues benefiting from high level consideration**		

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