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25th anniversary of the International Pollinators Initiative

20 October 2025, 13:15–14:45 (Panama time)

Plenary Hall

Interpretation available in English – Spanish

Context

25 years ago, the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators (IPI) blossomed under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

As you may know, pollination is a vital ecosystem service that maintains biodiversity and life on Earth. Agricultural and natural ecosystems, as well as people's wellbeing, livelihoods and access to food depend on pollinators. Bees, bats, butterflies, birds and a myriad of other insects and animals pollinate plants which provide us with food, medicine, and several other gifts like honey.

In response to the urgent need to halt and reverse pollinator diversity loss, the [International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators](#) (IPI) was established at COP 5, which took place in May 2000 in Nairobi, by [decision V/5](#).

The adoption of the [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#), the world's master plan to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, by [decision 15/4](#) now provides a mutual opportunity to harmonize and advance the implementation of both plans.

The CBD Secretariat invites you to join us in celebrating the [25th anniversary of the IPI](#). Let's get together to celebrate the achievements during this journey and join forces to write the next chapter towards the conservation and sustainable use of pollinators.

Purpose

Over the years, the IPI initiative has catalyzed important progress. Many Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity have developed regional, national and subnational initiatives, strategies, action plans and programmes to protect pollinators. Also, indigenous peoples and local communities, NGOs, international organizations, the private sector, farmers, beekeepers as well as civil society are undertaking pollinator-saving action in a variety of ways.

This event is an opportunity to celebrate this important milestone and discuss the next chapter.

The 25th anniversary of the IPI reminds us that the future of pollinators is also our own

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Moderator of the session: Monica Kobayashi, Programme Management Officer, Convention on Biological Diversity

Time	Agenda Item
Opening	
13:15–13:25	Opening remarks Astrid Schomaker , Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity (2 min) Manoela Pessoa de Miranda , Secretary, Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, FAO (2 min) IPI25 Video (2 min)
13:25–13:35	Keynote Braulio Dias , Director for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Brazil (5 min)
13:35–13:40	Publication launching: Protecting pollinators from pesticides: Issues and options to consider when drafting pesticide legislation, beekeeping legislation, and biodiversity legislation Kim-Anh Tempelman , Programme Coordinator, FAO (5 min)
Quiz to join the buzz (all participants are invited to participate) and present panelists (5 min)	
Panel 25 Years of the International Pollinators Initiative: Successes and Challenges (questions and answers)	
13:45–14:15	<i>Relationship between people and pollinators</i> Viviana Figueroa , Red de Mujeres Indigenas sobre Biodiversidad, Omaguaca people, LAC Ramson Karamushu , indigenous peoples and local communities, Maasai people, Africa <i>Regional action for enhanced conservation of pollinators in Latin America and the Caribbean</i> Andreas Gettkant , Director, Project Poli-LAC, GIZ <i>Conserving and restoring wild pollinators and their habitats in Europe</i> Anne Theo Seinen , Policy Officer, Biodiversity Integration, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission <i>Promoting Pollinators: the need for global cooperation and coordination</i> Hesiquio Benitez , Hesiquio Benitez, Director of Biodiversity Cooperation and Implementation at Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad, Mexico & Chair, Promote Pollinators
Open Discussion (all participants are invited to take the floor)	
14:15–14:40	25 Years of the International Pollinators Initiative: Charting the Path Ahead
Closing	
14:40–14:45	Closing remarks Michelle Gaelle Bidima , Global Youth Biodiversity Network