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BIODIVERSITY AND HEALTH: Gender- Responsive Indicators on the Monitoring Framework of the Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Hosted by Women4Biodiversity together with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), Caribbean Poison Information Network (CARPIN), Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN), and World Health Organization (WHO), UN Women

Partners

LOGOS (request)



SESSION DETAILS

CONTEXT

[Decision 14/4](#) and [Decision 16/19](#) of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), to develop integrated science-based indicators, metrics, and progress measurement tools on biodiversity and health. Following this mandate, a composite indicator on the mainstreaming of biodiversity and health interlinkages is in progress of being developed, structured around a 156-question progress measurement tool, and methodologically modeled on [indicator 23.CT.2 of the Gender Plan of Action](#).

At SBSTTA-27 (October 2025), [Recommendation 27/10](#), recognizes the importance of integrating equity, human rights, and gender-differentiated considerations into the implementation and mainstreaming of biodiversity–health linkages. The development of biodiversity and health indicators, metrics and progress measurement tools provides an important opportunity to further strengthen the methodology through gender-lens. This could help ensure that progress measurement frameworks capture the diverse experiences, knowledge systems, and contributions of different stakeholders, and rights holders including Indigenous Peoples, while also reflecting variations in exposure to environmental and health risks, and participation in decision-making processes.

This side event aims to advance the inclusion of gender-responsive, human rights-based and culturally responsive approaches in the monitoring and implementation of the Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health. The event will explore how these approaches can strengthen existing monitoring frameworks. This event also contributes to operationalizing One Health approaches by strengthening integrated monitoring across biodiversity, health and their broader social and environmental determinants.

Highlighting the importance of disaggregated data, gender statistics and gender specific indicators for accurately measuring progress, showcase experiences and lessons learned in the collection and use of data,

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and identify practical recommendations for integrating gender equality considerations into the implementation of the [Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health](#).

OBJECTIVES OF THE SIDE EVENT

- To highlight the importance of disaggregated data, gender statistics, and gender-specific indicators in biodiversity and health monitoring frameworks to accurately measure progress in the mainstreaming of biodiversity–health interlinkages.
- To explore how a gender-responsive and human rights-based approach can strengthen the biodiversity and health progress measurement tool.
- To showcase experiences and lessons learned on the collection and use of disaggregated biodiversity and health data for policy development, implementation, and reporting.
- To identify opportunities and practical recommendations for integrating gender responsive approaches into the implementation of the Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

The target audience is Parties to the UNCBD via their designated Gender-Biodiversity Focal Points and National Focal Points; Indigenous People, local communities, Children & Youth, youth organizations, women leaders, organisations and technical experts working on the interlinkages between biodiversity, health, gender and rights-based approaches.

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PROPOSED AGENDA

10 mins		Welcome and context setting	Women4Biodiversity
30 mins		Panelists (TBD) Topic 1: Overview of the composite indicator methodology Topic 2: Experiences and lessons learned on the collection and use of disaggregated biodiversity and health data Topic 3: Human-rights, equity and knowledge systems approaches to biodiversity and health strengthening and monitoring. Topic 4: Opportunities and practical recommendations for integrating gender considerations	Topic 1: SCBD Topic 2: UN Women Topic 3: WHO & GYBN Topic 4: CARPIN
20 mins		Q&A	Participants
5 mins		Closing	Women4Biodiversity