

COP14 Side-event Invitation

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Sunday, November 18, 6:15 p.m.

El Wadi contact group 6 room - building 1

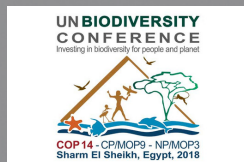
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## The context

As outlined in the latest global biodiversity outlook (GB04), the world is not on track to achieve the Aichi targets. Efforts have increased but are not sufficient to meet global targets and biodiversity is still being lost at an unprecedented rate. Development is still unsustainable and pressures on biodiversity have increased significantly.

**The current Strategic Plan was hailed as a success when adopted in 2010 as it raised the level of ambition for biodiversity. It has, however, shown various weaknesses in its implementation phase.**

What are the lessons learnt from the preparations and diplomatic achievements in international environmental and sustainable development negotiations (climate, desertification, SDGs,...) to reach an ambitious and effective follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity?

To support the process of achieving a comprehensive and high-reaching agreement at CBD COP15, there is an urgent need to initiate partnerships to explore cooperation opportunities among major stakeholders.



“Follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020”, a project funded by the European Commission, is specifically designed to support and accompany non-EU States in the process of formulating transformational ambitions in the run-up to COP15. It is set to organise workshops, study-visits, peer-to-peer review, communications and awareness campaigns in the coming two years to build momentum around the great challenges of global biodiversity politics.

**What?** « Follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 » invites you to a side-event to start a debate and explore cooperation possibilities.

**Where & when?** El Wadi contact group 6 room – building 1. Sunday, November 18, 6:15 p.m.

**Who & how?** In the presence of Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity, representatives of the European Commission, Hosts of COP14 (TBC) and COP 15 (TBC), the panel conversation will be introduced and moderated by Mr. Didier Babin, project Team Leader.

Food and beverages will be provided (vegetarian options).

**Come have a talk about the challenges of the post-2020 framework and exchange views on cross-cutting collaboration opportunities with us!**

The European Commission initiated a partnership to support non-EU partners in process of achieving a comprehensive and high-reaching outcome at CBD COP15.

Expertise France is the operator in charge of the project's implementation. This French agency for international technical cooperation operates within the framework of public contracts and works, by mobilising high-level expertise, to address global challenges in the institutional, economic, demographic, social and environmental fields.

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