



# SBSTTA-27 & SB8J-1 REPORT



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## ABOUT

# GLOBAL YOUTH BIODIVERSITY NETWORK

Founded in 2010, **the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN)** is a global coalition of young people and youth organizations who have joined forces to lead, support, and accelerate a just and equitable transition to a society that lives in harmony with nature.

GYBN is a movement of youth acting to safeguard biodiversity and address the social-ecological crisis faced by our and future generations. Our network operates at the grassroots level to the global level, implementing on-the-ground actions, advocating for policy changes, fostering alliances, and carrying out transformative education for biodiversity.

As of 2025, GYBN brings together over 705 youth organizations from 172 countries, representing a total of 1.25 million youth. GYBN also has 65 national and 7 regional and sub-regional chapters.

Since 2012, GYBN is the recognized coordination platform for youth participation in the negotiations under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).



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# INTRODUCTION

## The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

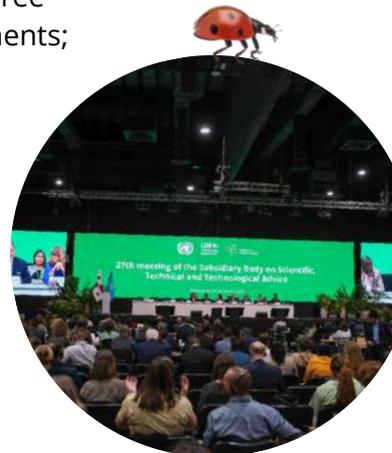
The [Convention on Biological Diversity \(CBD\)](#) is a multilateral treaty with three objectives: the conservation of biodiversity; the sustainable use of its components; and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from genetic resources.

## About SBSTTA-27 & SB8J-1

The **Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)** of the CBD has a mandate to provide expert advice and recommendations related to the scientific, technical, and technological aspects of the Convention.

In a landmark decision at COP 16 in Cali, Parties agreed to establish a new permanent **Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (SB8J)**. The new Subsidiary Body is expected to elevate issues related to the implementation of Article 8j and enhance the engagement and participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in all convention processes.

The twenty-seventh meeting of the SBSTTA (**SBSTTA-27**) was held in Panama from 20 to 24 October 2025, back-to-back with the First meeting of the SB8J (**SB8J-1**), from 27 to 30 October 2025



## The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

The [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework \(KMGBF\)](#) was adopted during the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the CBD in December 2022 following a four-year consultation and negotiation process. This historic Framework sets out an ambitious pathway to reach the global vision of a world living in harmony with nature by 2050. Among the Framework's key elements are 4 goals for 2050 and 23 targets for 2030.



# Youth Participation in the CBD

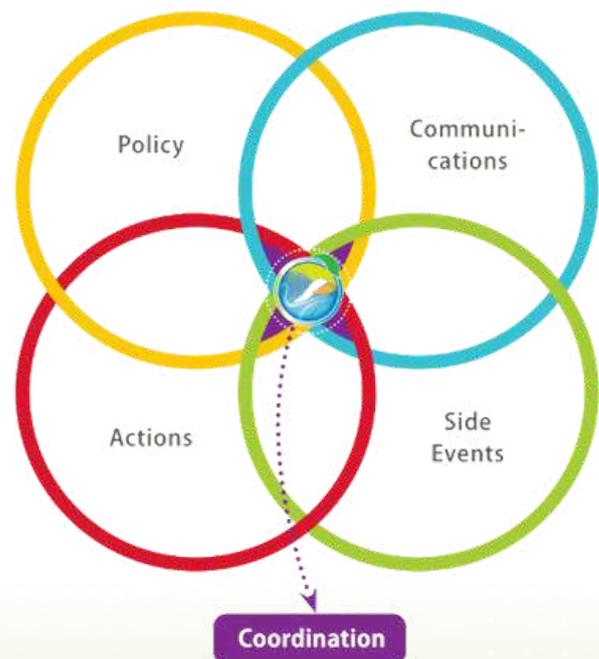


Young people participate in and contribute to the CBD process in various ways both within and outside of the negotiations, through capacity-building on biodiversity and the CBD, consultations with youth on pertinent issues, policy advocacy, campaigning and mobilization, and alliance building.

Within the negotiations, the youth constituency works to advocate for our priorities by delivering interventions in negotiation spaces, lobbying, tracking the negotiations, giving press conferences, holding side events, participating in parallel events, curating spaces such as the youth pavilion and the youth summit, holding coordination meetings, developing partnerships, staging actions, and other ways of participation.

As the international coordination platform for youth participation in the CBD, GYBN over the years has coordinated youth delegations to CBD and has provided scholarships to young people to attend CBD meetings. Ensuring youth participation in CBD process has been essential in enabling the integration of youth priorities into the CBD, the KMGBF and their engagement in the implementation process of the framework.

**This report summarizes the outcomes of GYBN's active participation at SBSTTA-27 and SB8J-1, both within and at the margins of the negotiations.**





# SUMMARY

**54** youth engaged in following & participating in the negotiations online & offline

**9**

Interventions delivered

Interventions supported by

**47**

countries



**14**

side events, actions and press conferences



**11**

youth coordination meetings & capacity building sessions

meetings with

**35**

governments & partners

**9**

Policy recommendations influenced through youth advocacy





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# A. SBSTTA-27



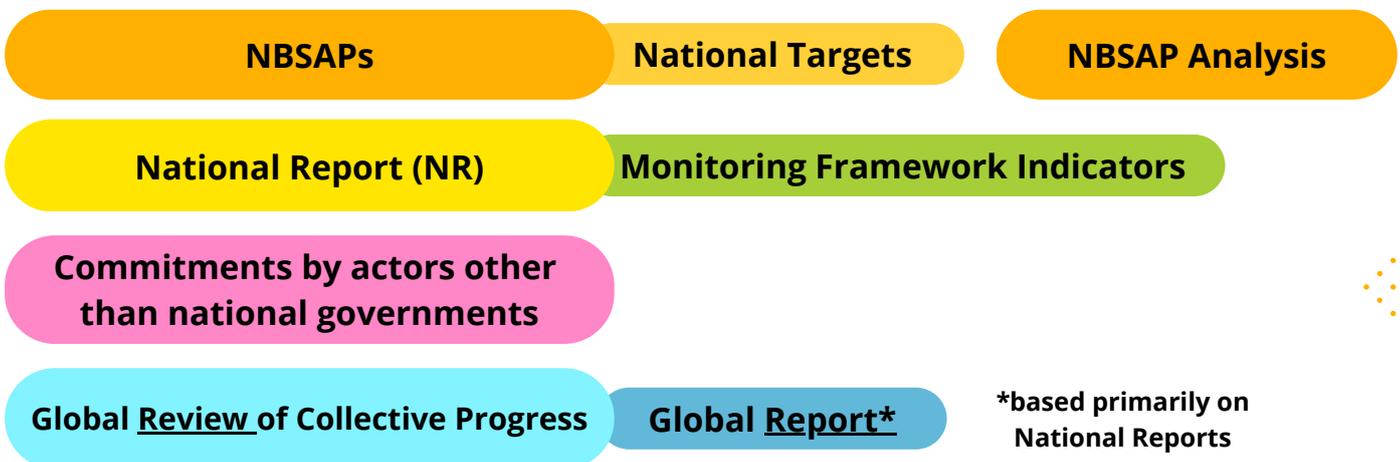
Agenda Item 3.

**Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting & review: Global Report of Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

## Background

### KM GBF Section J. Responsibility and transparency

- “16. The successful implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework requires **responsibility and transparency**, which will be supported by effective mechanisms for **planning, monitoring, reporting and review**, forming an agreed, synchronized and cyclical system.
- 15. This includes the following elements:



### Discussions at SBSTTA-27

- In its **decision 16/32**, the COP established an **ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group (AHSTAG)** for the preparation of the **global report on collective progress** in the implementation of the Framework
  - The AHSTAG is tasked to provide scientific, technical and technological recommendations, including on traditional knowledge, for the preparation of the global report
- SBSTTA was invited to provide advice on scientific inputs to the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, and approve the **annotated outline** of the Global Report.

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Agenda Item 3.

### Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting & review: Global Report of Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

## Key Positions

- GYBN emphasized the importance of an inclusive process for the global review of collective progress and the preparation of the global report, as well as to taking a human rights-based and whole-of-society approach in the reporting and evaluation of the KMGBF including national reports.
- The global report of collective progress should actively incorporate information not only on or from Parties, but also from rightsholders and stakeholders, and in particular from Indigenous peoples, local communities, women, and youth: actors who are key implementers of biodiversity action, as well as disproportionately impacted by its loss. This information could, among others, take the form of: case studies on implementation; information on means of implementation flowing to Indigenous peoples, local communities, women, and youth; and disaggregated information and data by age, gender, and for Indigenous peoples and local communities.



## Outcomes [SBSTTA/REC/27/1](#) - Main outcome: Global Report Annotated Outline

- Despite support for GYBN's text proposals putting forward a process to collect case studies from women and youth for the global report, after negotiations by Parties, the recommendation did not reflect this and reinforces the mechanism already agreed which is the template to collect information on commitments by actors other than national Governments towards the implementation of the Framework. We are concerned that this is limited in terms of accessibility and appropriateness for reporting of concrete youth contributions.
- Through advocacy before and during the meeting, the Global Report annotated outline includes a provision to include, "Where available, information on successes, challenges and gaps in means of implementation for indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and other stakeholders."



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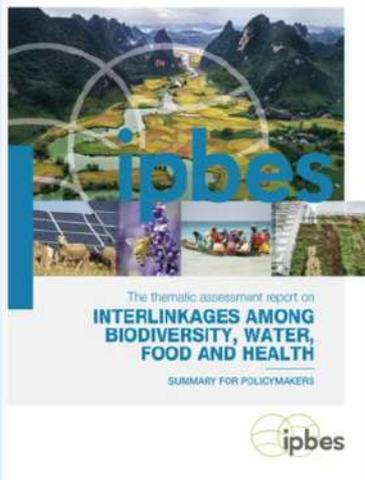
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## Background

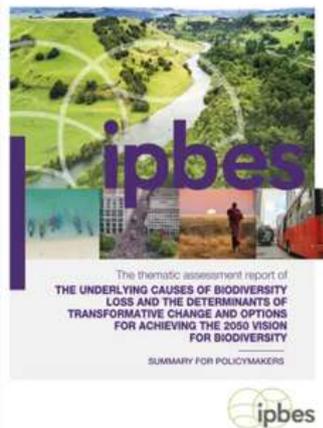
- The 11th IPBES Plenary approved the summaries for policymakers of the thematic assessments:
  - Interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food, and health (“nexus assessment”)
  - Underlying causes of biodiversity loss and the determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity (“transformative change assessment”)
- Also approved the scope for the second global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Access the IPBES Nexus Assessment!



- Transformative change is defined as fundamental, system-wide shifts in views, structures, and practices.
- The three key underlying causes of biodiversity loss are: disconnection from and domination over nature and people; prioritization of short-term, individual, and material gains; and concentration of power and wealth.
- Four key principles must guide transformative change: equity and justice, pluralism and inclusion, reciprocal human-nature relationships, and adaptive learning and action.

- Biodiversity, climate, water, food, and health are interconnected, and addressing them in isolation will lead to catastrophic economic, social, and environmental consequences.
- Keep “business as usual” approach exacerbates global crises, with disproportionately impacts on certain countries and groups.
- Eight strategic steps are to identify shared challenges and values, fostering collaboration for just and sustainable futures.



Access the IPBES Transformative Change Assessment!

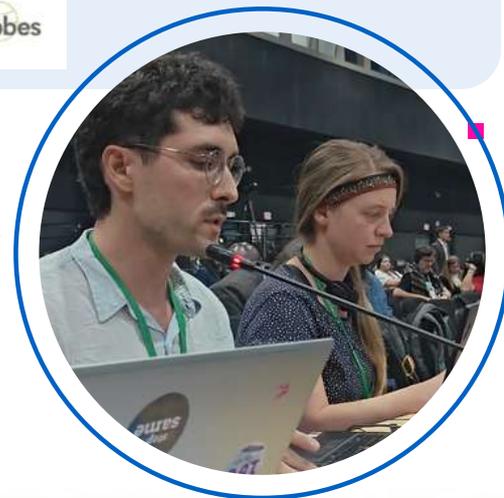


## Key points from GYBN intervention

- GYBN advocated for the strong recognition of both IPBES Assessments findings as key contributions to advancing the global biodiversity agenda.
- GYBN further emphasized that both IPBES assessments highlighted equity, justice, and rights as core principles for response options that can help advance governance and sustainable management of the nexus, and address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, guiding transformative change towards a just and sustainable world.

## Outcomes

- Parties were unable to reach consensus on whether to “welcome” or merely “take note of” the IPBES Nexus and Transformative Change Assessments.
- While a few procedural paragraphs advanced, several key paragraphs remained heavily bracketed, and the majority of the draft decision was forwarded to COP17 without resolution.





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### Agenda Item 5. Biodiversity and Climate Change



### Background

- In its decision 16/22, the COP requested a compilation of **views on options for enhanced policy coherence**, including a potential joint work programme of the Rio conventions.
  - The notification 2025/005 invited all actors to submit their views on the mentioned topic; 71 submissions were received, of which 11 were from Parties and 60 were from observers.
  - **GYBN**, together with **YOUNGO** and the **UNCCD Youth Caucus**, developed and submitted a joint youth submission on policy coherence for the Rio Conventions.

## JOINT YOUTH SUBMISSION OF VIEWS ON OPTIONS FOR ENHANCED POLICY COHERENCE OF THE RIO CONVENTIONS

### CHALLENGES AND GAPS IN POLICY COHERENCE



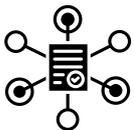
- Negative impacts of climate actions on biodiversity and people
- Institutional and data incoherence
- Policy and frameworks' incoherence
- Private sector misalignment
- Finance gaps, accessibility and inclusivity



### CONSIDERATIONS FOR A POTENTIAL JOINT WORK PROGRAMME OF THE RIO CONVENTIONS

- Define a clear modus operandi
- Collaborative implementation mechanisms
- Integrated safeguards and human rights-based approaches
- Ensure rightsholders' meaningful participation
- Intergenerational equity and youth-led climate justice
- Enhance finance synergies
- Support the implementation of evidence-based actions and initiatives

### RECOMMENDATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLICY COHERENCE



- Strengthen ongoing initiatives and platforms
- Participation of rightsholders and local cases
- Promote policy alignment across frameworks
- Develop a comprehensive impact assessment framework
- Harmonize monitoring and reporting

[Access the joint youth submission!](#)

- In the same decisions, the COP also requested the development of a supplement to the Voluntary Guidelines for the Design and Effective Implementation of Ecosystem-based Approaches to Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction.

1 **Primer for policymakers**

2 **Voluntary guidelines for the design and effective implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction**

[Access the voluntary guidelines](#)

### What was requested for the supplement to the Voluntary Guidelines?

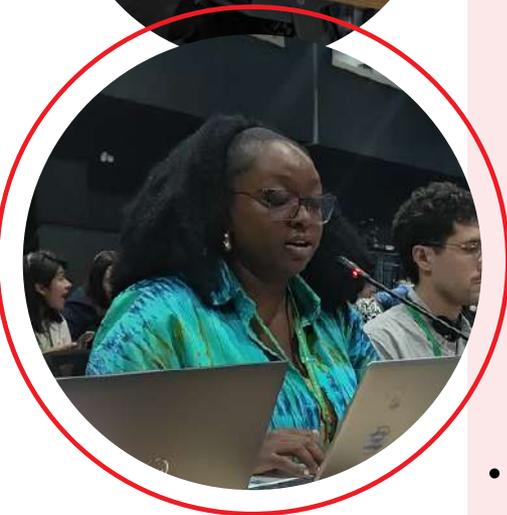
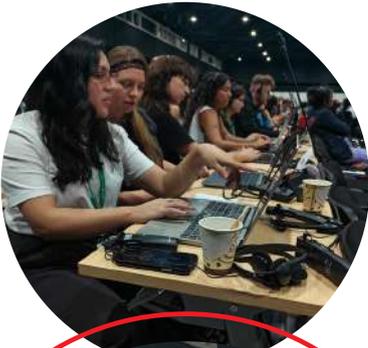
- Good practices for the design, effective implementation and scaling up of EBA/NbS to climate change adaptation and mitigation
- To support implementation of Targets 8 and 11
- To support Mother Earth-centric actions
- To be in line with different national circumstances, priorities and capabilities
- Updating guidance for fit-for-purpos esocial and environmental safeguards

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### Agenda Item 5. Biodiversity and Climate Change

#### Key points from GYBN intervention



- GYBN supported the next steps to develop a roadmap and continue improving policy coherence on the Rio Conventions.
- For the Supplement to the Voluntary Guidelines:
  - Missing formal review mechanism, request to have a review process for the Annex and the CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/8
  - Should include provisions to ensure the protection of human rights and ecosystem integrity
  - Include monitoring and evaluation frameworks and track negative environmental and social impacts
  - Ensure that avoiding harm is mandatory (rather than optional) within the mitigation hierarchy
  - Reduce the current emphasis on market-based and so-called innovative financial mechanisms that raises concerns as for example the commodification of nature
  - Indigenous peoples' and local communities' participation in nature-based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches projects, and the integration of traditional knowledge, should only occur with their free, prior, and informed consent
- GYBN suggested a new paragraph to assess the impacts of carbon credits and offsets on biodiversity and human rights.
- Findings from the IPBES Nexus Assessment were pointed out as highly relevant and recommended to be welcomed as a valuable contribution, with attention to the critical interlinkages and 71 response options that can guide the work on biodiversity and climate change.

#### Outcomes Recommendation SBSTTA-27/3 Climate Change

- ✓ • A peer review of draft guidelines on nature-based solutions (NbS) and ecosystem-based climate change mitigation was conducted, with a view to strengthening their technical robustness.
- ✓ • The role and functioning of the Joint Liaison Group (JLG) among the Rio Conventions were strengthened, enhancing coordination between the CBD, the UNFCCC and the UNCCD.
- ✓ • The need for greater coherence between monitoring and reporting frameworks under the KMGBF and other multilateral environmental agreements was noted.
- ✓ • Further technical information exchange was advanced to support the development of a multilevel roadmap for concrete actions to enhance synergies across biodiversity, climate change, and land-related agendas.
- ✗ • Paragraph addressing the assessment of impacts of carbon credits and offsets on biodiversity and human rights were not further considered and were deleted from the text.

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### Agenda Item 6.



## Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the KMGBF



### Agenda Item 6A.

## Strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention in the context of the Framework

### Background

- Decision 15/4 & Decision 16/12: COP requested the Secretariat to conduct a **strategic review and analysis of the [programmes of work of the CBD](#)** in the context of the KMGBF
- The COP recognized in Decision 16/12 that the programmes of work and cross-cutting work remained important tools to support implementation of the Framework, although **some programmes of work might need to be updated**
- SBSTTA-27 considered the document CBD/SBSTTA/27/5/Add.1 with information based on the **report on the strategic review of the programmes of work of the Convention (INF/6)** and developed recommendations and a draft Decision on this item for COP17.

### Key positions

- Maintain Programme of Work on Biological and Cultural Diversity
- Programme of work on Gender and Biodiversity remains critically important for achieving T23 through the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action
- A human rights-based approach should be reflected and applied in the ongoing work on the strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work
- The following identified gaps should be taken into account:
  - Formal and informal education
  - Target 22: Relevant considerations for women and girls, children and youth, and persons with disabilities and environmental human rights defenders beyond that covered by Article 8(j) and related provisions
- Take the recommendations of the IPBES Nexus Assessment into account, including the addressing a wide range of indirect drivers for biodiversity loss, as well as findings from the IPBES Transformative Change Assessment



### Outcomes

#### Recommendation SBSTTA-27/4

#### Programmes of work

- Whole COP recommendation in brackets with additional brackets around all programmes of work, with:
  - Biodiversity and cultural Diversity being currently classified as work to be led by partner organizations and Parties
  - Gender and biodiversity to be continued and updated according to recent decisions of the convention



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### Agenda Item 6.

## Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the KMGBF



### Agenda Item 6B.

## Strategic review of and updates to the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity (PoWFB)

## Background

- In its decision [16/22](#), the COP requested a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work of the Convention in the context of the KMGBF to facilitate its implementation
  - The notifications [2025-031](#) and [2025-048](#) invited all actors to submit their views and information on the strategic review and analysis of the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity. A total of 23 submissions, 15 from Parties and 8 from relevant organizations, were received.

## Key positions

- Findings from the IPBES Nexus Assessment (NA) are highly relevant and should be welcomed as a valuable contribution to support and guide the effective implementation of the forest biodiversity program under the KMGBF. The NA provides strategic guidance for enhancing planning and governance of conservation and sustainable management of forest ecosystems.
- GYBN recommended including clear references to meaningful participation of Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women, and youth and environmental defenders in the PoWFB.
- GYBN also recommended including a reference for traditional knowledge in planning and governance for the conservation and sustainable use of forests.
- Additionally, GYBN recommended that means of implementation, including resource mobilization, should support Indigenous Peoples and local communities, with socio-environmental safeguards and rights-based approaches.



## Outcomes [Recommendation SBSTTA-27/5](#) Forest biodiversity

- ✓ Acknowledged of the continued relevance of the existing expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity, but that supplementary guidance in relation to certain targets of the Framework is useful
- ✓ Recognized the importance of mobilizing means of implementation, including financial resources, for the implementation of the PoWFB.
- ! Paragraphs that are still bracketed:
  - Noted the relevance of the recent IPBES thematic assessments on Nexus and Transformative change to the PoWFB implementation.
  - Encouraged Parties to apply a human rights-based, gender-responsive, and intergenerational equity approaches in the implementation of the PoWFB.
  - Invitation to mainstream forest biodiversity across sectors.
  - Requests to the Secretariat to enhance cooperation, compile guidance and tools, and integrate the expanded programme of work into relevant cooperation efforts, with bracketed reference to several groups, including Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women and youth.



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### Agenda Item 6.



## Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the KMGBF



### Agenda Item 6C. Areas of potential further work

## Background

- In Decision 16/12, the COP decided that work could be advanced in the following areas:

(a)

#### Biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning

(b)

#### Pollution and biodiversity

(c)

#### Sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services that enhance biodiversity

(d)

**Equity, gender equality and the human rights-based approach** relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources;

(e)

**Different value systems**  
as stated in paragraph 7 (b) of section C of the KMGBF

- SBSTTA-27 considered the proposals for potential further work for these areas drawing on the submissions gathered.

## Key positions

- Main priority: Further work on **Equity, gender equality and the human rights-based approach** (HRBA)
  - Elements are reflected strongly in a number of places in the KMGBF, including for example in Section C
  - Represents new aspects in the work of the convention and its agreed targets (Aichi vs. GBF)
  - Still underdeveloped, poorly understood and lack sufficient guidance = Gap should be addressed
- In relation to Equity: Consider Intergenerational equity as part of it
- Both the IPBES Transformative Change Assessment and Nexus Assessment contain relevant information on this area of potential further work
  - IPBES Transformative Change Assessment: Recognizes “equity and justice” as one of four principles to address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss



## Outcomes Recommendation SBSTTA-27/6 Potential further work

Section D on Equity, gender equality and the human rights-based approach remains in brackets  
→ Several country supported this area of work, however some countries are also opposing it

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### Agenda Item 9. **Biodiversity and Agriculture** **Background**

- The item discussed a review of progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action (2020–2030) for the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity.
  - It was based on information provided by Parties on their activities and results from the implementation of the Plan of Action, in alignment with the Framework (notification [2025-067](#)).

### **Key points from GYBN intervention**

- Findings from the IPBES Nexus Assessment are highly relevant for agriculture and biodiversity, including for enhancing soil protection, conservation, and sustainable management efforts.
- Target 18 related to harmful incentives and subsidies remains a key gap and should be highlighted for aligning financial flows with the KMGBF and the implementation of the Plan of Action.

### **Outcomes** **Recommendation SBSTTA-27/9** [Agriculture](#)

- Shortened the SBSTTA recommendation but advanced discussions on the COP decision;
- While weak, the preamble recalls the IPBES Nexus Assessment;
- New Paragraph added urging Parties to keep in line with Target 18, although still in brackets.



### Agenda Item 10. **Biodiversity and Health** **Background**

In its **Decision 16/19**, the COP requested the Secretariat:

- (a) To complete the work on the development of **integrated science-based indicators, metrics and progress measurement tools on biodiversity and health**;
- (b) To facilitate **capacity-building**, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer activities to support in the uptake and implementation of the **Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health**;
- (c) To continue to **raise awareness** of the important interlinkages between biodiversity and health;
- (d) To enhance and strengthen **cooperation with international organizations** and the secretariats of other **multilateral environmental, health and human rights agreements** with regard to biodiversity and health;
- (e) To explore the development of an **online information platform** to collate knowledge, tools and experiences on interlinked biodiversity and health policies and actions
- SBSTTA considered a progress report on these activities from the Secretariat & draft recommendations for COP

### **Key positions**

- Considerations for relevant science-based indicators, metrics and progress measurements: [GYBN submission](#)
- Call to implement the [Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health](#), in particular the recognition of:
  - the physical, mental and emotional vulnerability from children and youth to environmental degradation and biodiversity loss
  - protection of the environment promotes human wellbeing
  - right to health and the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment for present and future generations.
- Support the mandate of the Executive Secretariat to facilitate capacity-building, raise awareness, and strengthen cooperation with international organizations and the secretariats of other multilateral environmental, health and human rights agreements.

### **Outcomes** **Recommendation SBSTTA-27/10** [Health](#)

- Requests an adjusted timeline with an progress report with a draft list of indicators, metrics and progress ahead of COP17



- References to IPBES as well as requests to Secretariat to complete the work related to indicators are in brackets

## B. SB8J-1

SB8j-1 was the first meeting convened to guide the Convention on issues related to traditional knowledge and matters concerning Indigenous Peoples and local communities. In this context, GYBN adopted a strategic approach, engaging through limited and targeted interventions while closely following the discussions to identify appropriate ways to support Indigenous youth without overlapping with existing spaces. In response to a request from Indigenous youth participating in the process for the first time, GYBN organized a capacity-building session on the CBD, the KMGBF, and the SB8j process to strengthen informed participation.



**Item 3.** In-depth dialogue: “Strategies for mobilizing resources to ensure the availability of and access to financial resources and funding or indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth, to support the full implementation of the KMGBF”

- GYBN presented the results of its survey on mapping biodiversity finance for youth, with a particular emphasis on data disaggregation for Indigenous youth. The findings indicate that available funding flows are limited and often characterized by low volumes and restrictive conditions.
- GYBN also emphasized three key priorities: advancing direct access for Indigenous-led organizations or organizations designated by Indigenous Peoples; ensuring human rights-based finance approaches; and reforming the biodiversity finance architecture to enable meaningful participation of youth in decision-making processes.



**Item 6.** Provision of advice on traditional knowledge for the **global report on collective progress**

- GYBN advocated for Parties to share information on challenges and gaps in the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework for Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women, and youth, addressing current data gaps. GYBN also called for the establishment or strengthening of official mechanisms to receive inputs from these groups, including traditional knowledge with free, prior, and informed consent, and emphasized the need for data disaggregated by age, gender, and Indigenous status, in line with Targets 21, 22, and 23.



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## Side Events and Actions

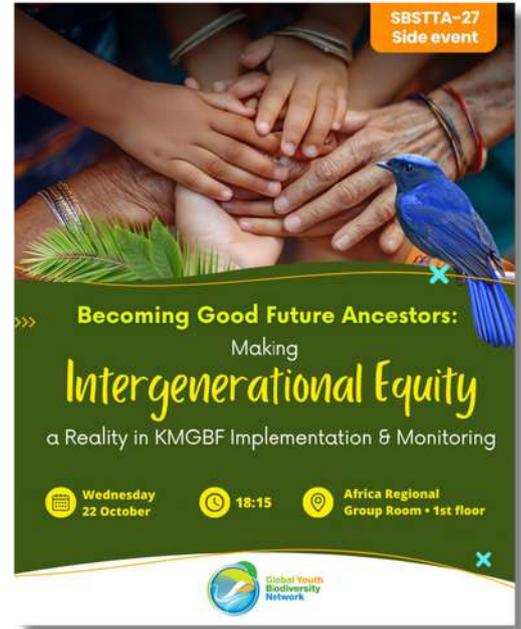
# A. Side Events

GYBN Side Event - October 22, 2025

## ***Becoming Good Future Ancestors: Making Intergenerational Equity a Reality in KMGBF Implementation & Monitoring***

In this side event, GYBN launched its recent publications including:

- [Policy Brief on Intergenerational Equity & Biodiversity](#)
- [Policy Brief on Youth-responsive Monitoring](#)
- [GYBN LAC publication on Youth Visions for a Just Transition](#)
- [Handbook on Youth & NBSAPs](#)
- [Youth Vision & Recommendations for Implementing the KMGBF \(in partnership with UNEP\)](#)



For the second part of the event, GYBN opened a space for different actors to collectively explore how we can advance the application of intergenerational equity in the implementation and monitoring of the KMGBF. An expert panel composed of the following shared their perspectives on intergenerational equity:

- **Nadia Sitas**, IPBES Nexus Assessment Author
- **Moumouni Ouedraogo**, Burkina Faso CBD National Focal Point
- **Lucy Mulenkei**, Co-Chair, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)
- **Tiffany Straza**, Programme Officer, UNEP-WCMC



# A. Side Events

GYBN representatives also co-convened and/or spoke during the following side events:

## Briefing Note Launch: Applying a human rights-based approach in line with Section C of the Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework

October 20, 2025

Policy Co-Coordinator Josefa Tauli shared perspectives on how a human rights-based approach can be ensured by supporting youth-led action, practicing youth-responsive monitoring, and applying intergenerational equity as a principle for planning and implementation on biodiversity.



## 25th Anniversary of the International Pollinators Initiative

October 20, 2025

GYBN Burkina Faso Co-coordinator Michelle Bidima provided the closing remarks to this high-level event, commemorating 25 years of the International Pollinators Initiative. She made important links between conservation, agriculture, and the rescue of pollinators.



# A. Side Events

GYBN representatives also co-convended and/or spoke during the following side events:

## From Bern to Action: Contribution of MEAs to the Global Review of the KM GBF

October 23, 2025

Policy Co-Coordinator Heitor Dellasta highlighted that, while advancing synergies across processes is essential, it is equally important to ensure that no one is left behind. He emphasized the need for an official coordination platform that enables meaningful participation from communities and grassroots actors, including Indigenous Peoples, local communities, women, and youth, ensuring their perspectives are reflected and considered throughout the process.



## Aligning Voices: Multi-Actor Pathways for Just and Equitable Policy Coherence Across the Rio Conventions

October 23, 2025

GYBN Europe Co-Coordinator Flore Ghetti raised concerns about the potential misuse of climate actions. She emphasized that, in advancing synergies across conventions, it is crucial to ensure that the strongest policy frameworks are upheld and reflected across processes, rather than allowing weaker standards to prevail. She stressed the need to ensure that climate policies and targets do not undermine or overlook biodiversity and human rights considerations, and that robust safeguards are put in place to prevent unintended negative impacts.



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**SB8J-01 OFFICIAL SIDE EVENT 6831**

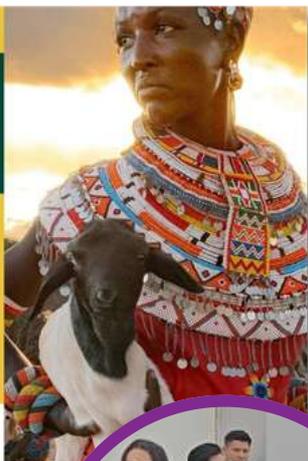
**INTEGRATING GENDER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TARGET 2 AND 3**

Monday, 27 October 2025

1:15 pm Eastern Standard Zone (UTC-5)

Marie Khan Women's Caucus Meeting Room, Ground floor, Atlapa Convention Center, Panama City

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## Integrating Gender in the Development of Guidelines for the Implementation of Target 2 and 3

October 27, 2025

Daniela Arredondo from GYBN Mexico shared about how the experiences of young people defending territory and nature intersect with gender, particularly from her reflections as a woman in science but also as environmental activist, and beyond her perspectives, also the experiences and stories of other youth sharing spaces from biodiversity and human rights background.



## Children and Youth Sowing Knowledge & Resistance: Implementation of Article 8(j) of the CBD from multiethnic and biodiverse territories

October 28, 2025

The event organized by GYBN Colombia gathered 20 to 30 young participants, creating a space to exchange knowledge and highlight the vital role of children, youth, and women in biodiversity care and defense. Its primary goal was to encourage active participation from Indigenous, Afro-descendant, and local community children and youth in conserving biodiversity, protecting traditional knowledge, and advancing sustainable, community-led initiatives. This collective effort resulted in the report "Highlights from Children and Youth Sowing Knowledge and Resistance: Implementing Article 8(j) from Pluriethnic and Biodiverse Territories."

**SB8J-1 Meeting**  
Panama City

04:27-08:2025

**Children and youth Sowing knowledge and resistance: Implementation of Article 8(j) of the CBD from multiethnic and biodiverse territories**

Tuesday 28/10/2025 at 13:15 Asia/Pacific room 2nd floor

Guest speakers: CBD Women, Jóvenes y Cambio Climático



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## Road to the UN Biodiversity Conference 2026

October 30, 2025

In this high-level side event convened by the Armenian Government on the Road to COP17, GYBN Policy Co-coordinator Josefa Tauli shared key recommendations on how to ensure an impactful and inclusive COP17, that harnesses the collective spirit of Indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth.



## INCLUSIVE CONVERSATIONS From Dialogue to Action: Advancing a Human Rights- based Approach for Biodiversity & Climate

October 25, 2025

The event highlighted the results of a year-long process involving consultations with numerous stakeholders and rights holders on human rights and their intersection with climate and biodiversity. This space introduced diverse new voices from the CBD ecosystem to share reactions and questions about the report's final approach.

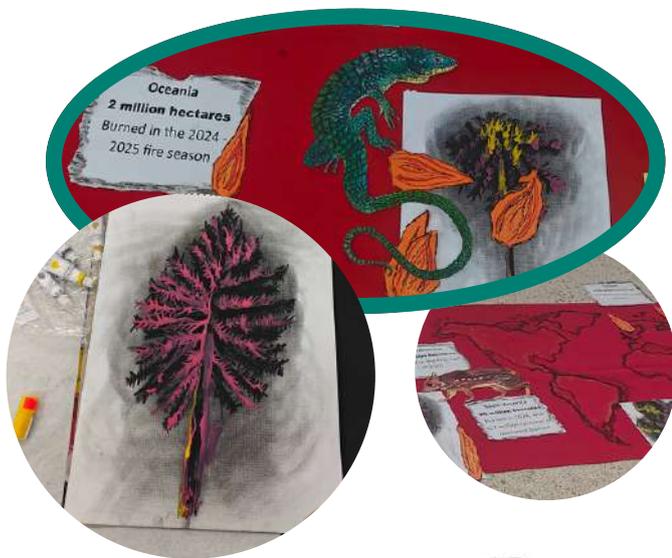


## B. Actions

### OFFSETS destroy Biodiversity!

Oct 21, 2025

Through banners, animal illustrations and slogans, we showed our support for the CBD Alliance action against offsets and GMOs.



### Address Forest fires NOW

Oct 23, 2025

Using a map of the continents, hand-drawn illustrations of trees characteristic of different ecosystems around the world, and estimates of hectares lost per region, together with the CBD Alliance we developed an action highlighting the increase in forest fires and the lack of updated data by region, demanding integration of information by the parties, especially emphasizing the data gaps and increase in fires in the Latin America and Caribbean region,



### FREE OUR VOICES!

Oct 23, 2025

In response to the lost of floor for observers' at the plenary sessions, we designed an activity where delegates, driven by their own curiosity, would take handwritten messages from youth, including messages received by the Women's Caucus and IPLCS. The result was an activity where over 80 messages were taken by delegates, leading to direct dialogue with several of them and reminders of the achievements and contributions emerging from our Caucuses, as well as a call to uphold the promise of an whole-society approach.





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## Coordination, Capacity Building & Communications

# A. Coordination

## Youth Coordination Meetings

GYBN coordinated the participation of youth attending the meetings. A preparatory meeting was held on October 19, 2025 to meet each other, provide background on the CBD and the meeting introduce the agenda items and GYBN's positions on each item, and what to expect in terms of youth engagement during the meeting.

A youth coordination meeting was also held in the Youth Meeting Room each morning prior to the start of the official negotiations. These spaces served to keep everyone informed of the activities and items for the day, provide updates on progress of the previous day, and answer any questions.



## GYBN Delegation

*List of delegates accredited by GYBN who were present in-person:*

### **GYBN Policy Co-coordinators:**

1. Josefa Isabel Tauli (Philippines)
2. Heitor Ponce Dellasta (Brazil)

### **GYBN Africa:**

3. Michelle Gaelle Simeone Bidima (Burkina Faso)

### **GYBN Europe:**

4. Ronja Fischer

### **GYBN Latin America and the Caribbean:**

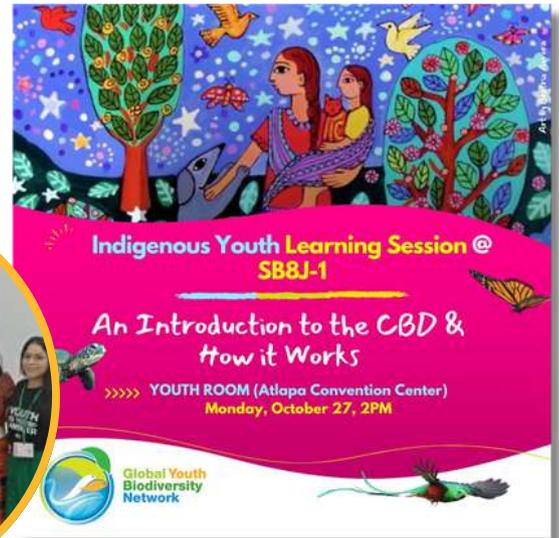
5. Clariana Monteiro da Silva Peixoto (Brazil)
6. Luis Renan de Jesus Trindade Ramos (Brazil)
7. Daniela Arredondo Munguia (Mexico)
8. Aurora Gomez Espinoza (Mexico)
9. Lizbet Granados Roldán (Mexico)
10. Héctor Alan Valdés Suárez (Mexico)
11. Musye Svieta Lucen Espinoza (Peru)
12. Lizet Mayli Mejía Penadillo (Peru)
13. Ana María Algarra González (Colombia)
14. Laura Juliana Aldana Giraldo (Colombia)



# B. Capacity Building

Capacity building for the youth delegation was provided during the preparatory meeting in order to familiarize participants with the meeting, the agenda, and key youth positions.

A learning session targeted toward youth from Indigenous Peoples and local communities was also organized on October 27, 2025 during SB8J to support youth who were newer to process and wanted to learn more about the CBD and the current discussions. The session was provided in English and Spanish.



# C. Meetings with Parties & Partners

## COP17 Presidency

GYBN met with the Armenian Presidency of COP17 and the CBD Secretariat to continue discussions on how to enable meaningful youth engagement in the process and ensure an inclusive COP.



## Partners

During the meeting, GYBN also met with several partners including Friends of the Earth International, Third World Network, the Human Rights and Biodiversity Working Group, WWF, UNEP-WCMC, and Conservation International, among others.

## European Union

Youth delegates from Europe including country youth delegates and members of GYBN Europe met with Party representatives from the European Union to present key youth priorities for the meeting and receive feedback.

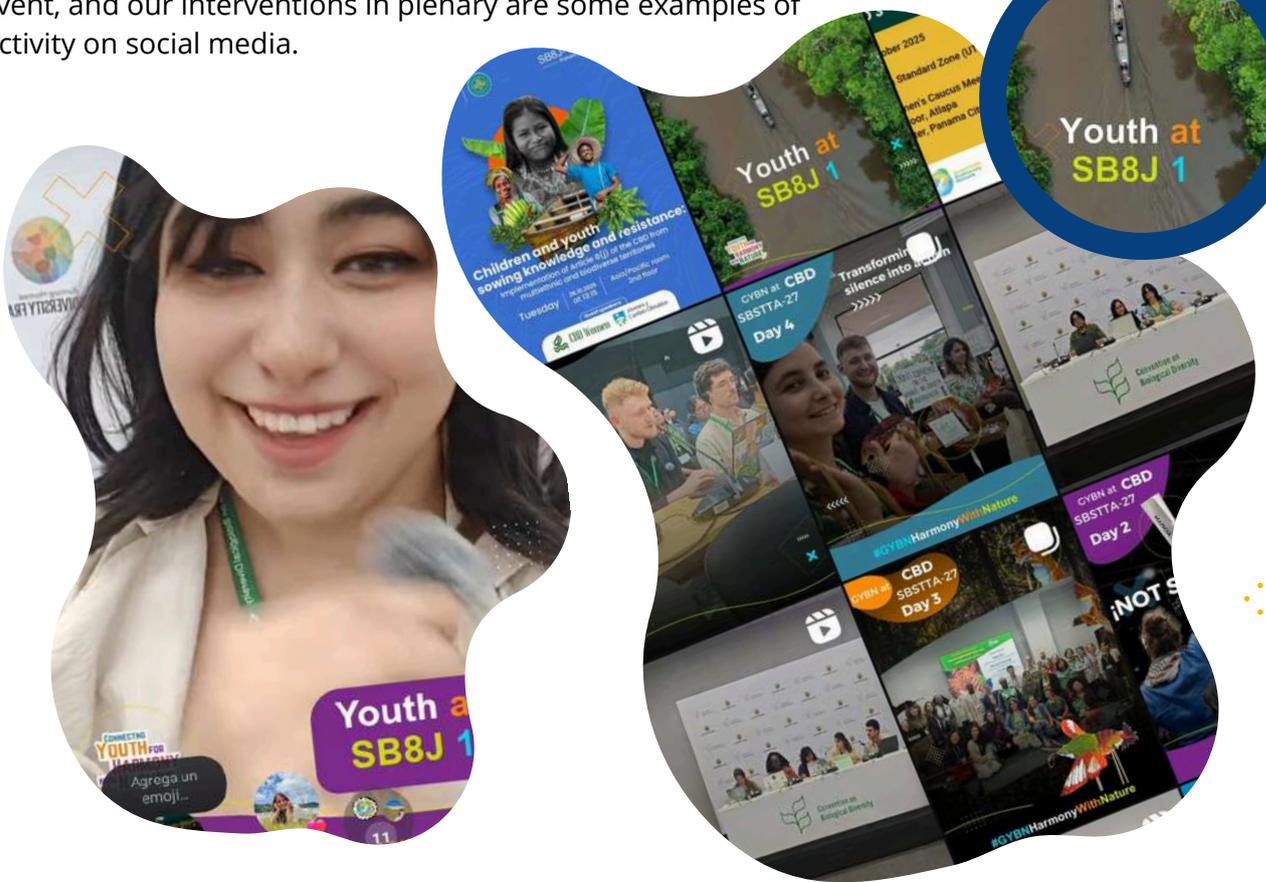


# D. Communications

## Social Media

Throughout both events, various content was produced with the aim of keeping the GYBN community informed and included, and to inform our delegates and allies about our various activities and side events.

Daily updates of the day's summary, interviews with Indigenous youth delegates, informative bilingual videos for the context of the event, and our interventions in plenary are some examples of our activity on social media.



# E. Press Conferences

## Youth Press Conference on SBSTTA-27

October 24, 2025

GYBN held a press conference to share its reflections on the SBSTTA-27 negotiations. The network emphasized that the Convention must remain grounded in scientific evidence, noting concerns that current discussions are increasingly shaped by political interests and national or regional agendas. GYBN highlighted the inseparable link between biodiversity, human rights, and equity, as underscored in recent IPBES assessments, and stressed the importance of assessing the impacts of carbon credits and offset mechanisms on biodiversity. The network also underscored that inclusive participation must be embedded across all monitoring and review mechanisms, ensuring that youth perspectives are reflected in national reports, global assessments, and the broader global review of progress.

[Check the press conference here](#)

## Visions of Just Transitions from the Youth in Latin America & the Caribbean

October 24, 2025

GYBN LAC held a press conference to present the report “Visions of Just Transitions from Youth in Latin America and the Caribbean”, a regional and collective project carried out in partnership with the GADer-ALC network of GIZ. The event highlighted the perspectives of young people in the region regarding Just Transitions, their role, the existing gaps in participation, and the recommendations from youth to achieve real transitions grounded in justice and intergenerational equity.

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## Next Steps & Resources



# A. Next Steps

## Road to CBD COP17

CBD COP17 is set to happen in Yerevan, Armenia in October 2026. Following the meetings held in Panama and before COP17, one meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and two meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) are expected to take place in order to advance negotiations. Expert group meetings and other dialogues are also expected.



**CBD COP16**  
Cali, Colombia  
Oct -Nov, 2024 &  
February 2025

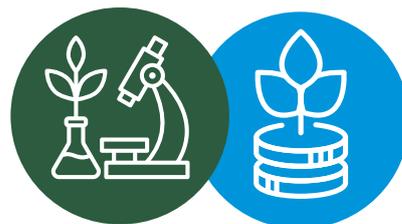


**SBSTTA-27  
SB8J-1**  
Panama City, Panama  
October 2025

**IPBES12**  
Manchester, UK  
Feb 2026



**SBI-6**  
Rome, Italy  
February 2026



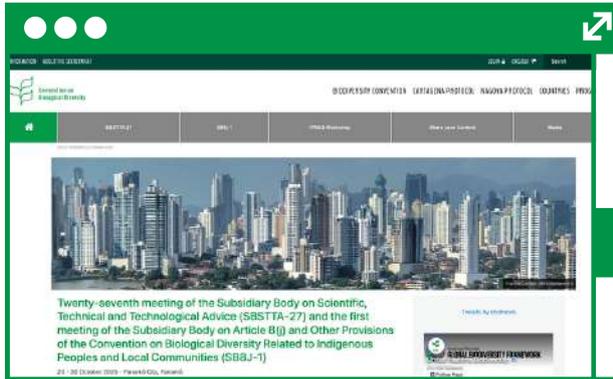
**SBSTTA-28 & SBI-7**  
Nairobi, Kenya  
July-August 2026

GYBN will continue to follow negotiations and advocate for youth priorities in the CBD during the upcoming meetings, as well as plan new consultations and capacity-building processes for the community.

**CBD COP17**  
Yerevan, Armenia  
October 2026

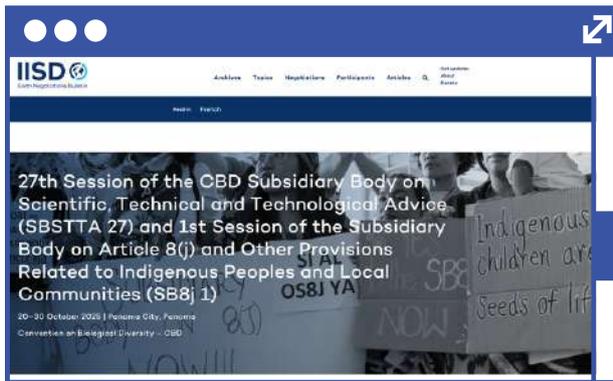


# B. Resources



## ◀ Official Meeting webpage on the CBD Website

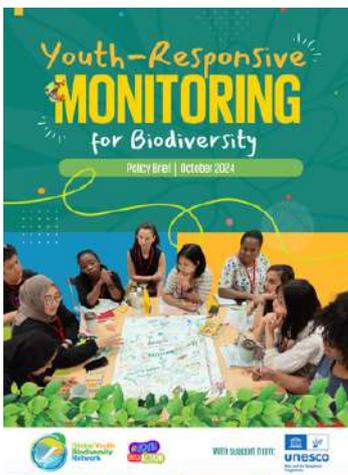
Contains all the final outcomes, the meeting report, all statements, information documents, and many more.



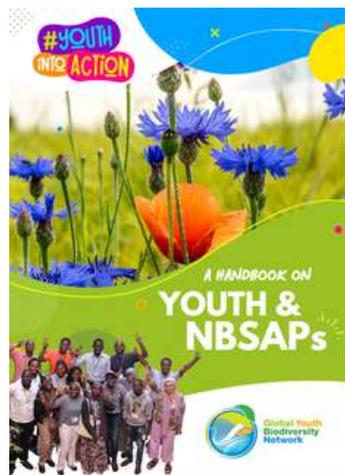
## ◀ Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB) by IISD

The ENB is a source of balanced, timely and independent reporting of a number of UN meetings including those of the CBD. They provide daily summaries and highlights, an overall summary of proceedings, an analysis of the negotiations, and photos.

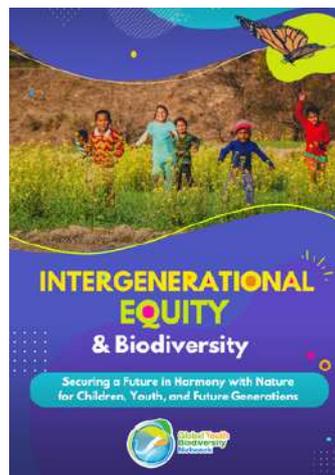
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Youth-responsive Monitoring for Biodiversity



A Handbook on Youth & NBSAPs



Intergenerational Equity & Biodiversity



Youth Vision & Recommendations for Implementing the KMGBF



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