



**Global Youth  
Biodiversity  
Network**

### **GYBN Intervention on Item 3 - Scenarios for a 2050 vision for Biodiversity**

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Thank you Madam Chair for the opportunity to share our position. I am speaking on behalf of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network.

GYBN would like to provide its views on agenda item 3 on Scenarios for a 2050 vision for Biodiversity. GYBN believes that a long-term vision to guide activities under the Convention should remain an essential element of a post-2020 biodiversity framework.

However, we also believe that there is no way around recognizing some inconvenient truth: Business as usual is not an option anymore!

A long-term vision that only exists on paper is not going to create a world where we live in harmony with nature! We need urgent transformational change in our society and economy that cannot stop short of life style changes and changes to our consumption patterns.

In this sense it is imperative to agree on a concrete plan on how we are going to turn this vision into reality. A stronger linkage between the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the achievement of the 2050 vision is needed, and therefore we need a post-2020 framework that does not end in 2030 but also includes concrete steps that provide guidance on how the 2050 vision can be achieved.

GYBN feels that an alignment between the post-2020 framework and the SDGs is of great importance.

GYBN strongly believes that the post-2020 framework <<<<<must be developed in a participatory and transparent way, engaging the whole diversity of stakeholders in the CBD, especially marginalized and often the most affected groups by the loss of biodiversity: Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, women and youth.

With regards to the current 2050 vision, we feel that the term “wise use” of Biodiversity should be more clearly defined, especially in relationship with the more common CBD-terminology of “sustainable use”. We also believe that the urgency to take action should be more emphasized in the 2050 vision.

Furthermore, GYBN calls upon parties to include a reference to future generations in the 2050 vision.

Finally we would like to stress:

Our dependence on nature, our bonds with nature are not negotiable. They are the very basis of our own existence in this planet.

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