



**Global Youth
Biodiversity
Network**

GYBN Intervention on Item 7 - Mainstreaming of biodiversity in the energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing, and health sectors

Montreal, December 12 20 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 support the statement by the CBD Alliance. We would also like to thank Finland for mentioning the importance of youth, women and indigenous people in their statement.

Since SBSTTA-20 GYBN has been calling upon parties to make mainstreaming of Biodiversity a permanent item on the agenda. In this sense, GYBN would like to commend parties and particularly the host government of COP14 for retaining this focus on mainstreaming Biodiversity.

However, while we recognize the efforts by parties to address mainstreaming and the progress that has been made. The present text provides only a list of tools and methodologies and does not include any concrete, measurable action plans on mainstreaming biodiversity.

We are also concerned that the issue of perverse incentives and the elimination, reform and phasing out of harmful subsidies is also not being addressed in the text.

Furthermore, GYBN feels that safeguards and standards for the protection of Biodiversity in the sectors under consideration, should be reviewed and brought in line with the objectives of the Convention.

The way in which the sectors that are being under consideration at this meeting operate have serious implications for human rights, gender and the rights of future generations and they have devastating effects on the territories and livelihoods of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, so we urges parties to strengthen the role of participatory processes that engage the whole diversity of rightholders and stakeholders including Indigenous People and Local Communities, civil society, women and youth.

If mainstreaming is to be successful, we need transformational change in national and international policies

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