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Background

The Fourteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 14), also known as the UN Biodiversity Conference, was held on 17-29 November in Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt. The 2018 UN Biodiversity Conference closed on 29 November 2018 with broad international agreement on reversing the global destruction of nature and biodiversity loss threatening all forms of life on Earth. Governments agreed to accelerate action to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, agreed in 2010, from now until 2020. Work to achieve these targets will take place at the global, regional, national and subnational levels.

The meeting also agreed on a comprehensive and participatory process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework anticipated to be agreed upon at the next meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP 15) in Beijing in 2020. The framework aims to safeguard nature and biodiversity for decades to come.

This document contains the comprehensive and participatory process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (att. 1), as well as the background discussion paper (att.2) and the Scenarios for the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity (att. 3), as prepared by the CBD.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information and use it as relevant.