

South Centre Statement to the formal meeting of SBSTTA 24

Agenda Item 3: Post 2020 GBF

The South Centre Secretariat welcomes the opportunity to share its views with regards to the discussion on the new post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and related documents for the formal sessions of the SBSTTA-24 and SBI-3.

The South Centre advances the following issues for consideration of the CBD Parties:

- Flexibility is necessary in the deliberations of the formal sessions of the subsidiary bodies in lieu of the challenges of operating in the virtual environment in particular for ensuring the adequate participation developing countries
- The GBF must be ambitious, balanced and achievable, building on past commitments. All three pillars of the CBD must be equally advanced.
- The Rio principles must serve as the backbone of the GBF, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDRs), sustainable development and intra-generational equity.
- More work is needed on the access and benefit-sharing (ABS) elements in the GBF, including as part of the related monitoring framework. The fair and equitable sharing of benefits derived from the utilization of genetic resources is one of the three core objectives of the CBD. The goals and targets in relation to ABS should include:
 - A Global Multilateral Benefit-Sharing Mechanism as provided by Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS.
 - Advance an appropriate ABS framework for Digital Sequence Information (DSI).
- The GBF must include concrete and predictable and traceable commitments on resource mobilization and capacity building, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer, in particular by developed countries. Concrete targets on resource mobilization must go beyond the mobilization of domestic public resources. New targets should be considered, such as in relation to fair tax policies.
- A mechanism for technology transfer should be established to support research and development in relation to biodiversity (terrestrial and marine) for the effective utilization of genetic resources (including derivatives) and associated traditional knowledge.
- Consider the establishment of new financial mechanisms for the Convention, in order to fully implement Articles 20 and 21.

Thank you