

U.S. comments on the UNEP Intergovernmental Consultations on Nature-based Solutions

The United States is pleased to submit preliminary views on the overall aim of the intergovernmental consultations and on the three specific tasks for the consultations outlined in the resolution.

Overall, the United States is supportive of a process to convene intergovernmental consultations on nature-based solutions (NbS) in a transparent, inclusive, regionally balanced manner, and one that strives for gender balance. The U.S. embraces and promotes NbS, as demonstrated by the Biden Administration's recent Executive Orders 14072, 14057 and 14008, the White House [NbS Roadmap](#), and other federal initiatives – along with efforts by U.S. states and cities, NGOs, academia, businesses, and other U.S. stakeholders. As a megadiverse country, the U.S. has employed various forms of NbS at national, state, territory, local, and tribal levels for many years, reflecting decades of research and experimentation.

With respect to the overall aim of the intergovernmental consultations, the United States welcomes productive discussions that advance our thinking and understanding of how NbS can best be designed, implemented, and utilized. In addition, throughout these consultations, the U.S. encourages UNEP to coordinate closely with, seek input from, and engage as essential partners, the various sectoral and cross-cutting initiatives that are working to promote effective NbS. Through these consultations, the United States encourages UNEP to seek to identify and highlight NbS best practices that: optimize co-benefits; effectively engage Indigenous peoples and local communities; and work at multiple geographic scales and build partnerships across agencies, political jurisdictions, and stakeholder groups.

With respect to UNEA resolution 5/5 para 5(a), the United States supports a science-based discussion to enhance our collective understanding of NbS as best practice, including the compilation of sound, evidence-based, and effective NbS implementation across sectors. With respect to UNEA resolution 5/5 para 5(b), we support a discussion around how NbS can best be designed, implemented, and evaluated. With respect to UNEA resolution 5/5 para 5(c), the United States welcomes a discussion to identify options to improve financing from all sources, including national governments, non-traditional partners, and the private sector that would enable countries to better utilize and successfully deploy NbS.

We thank the Co-Chairs H. E. Ms. Giovanna Valverde Stark and Ms. Sikeade Egbuwalo for their organization of this process and look forward to a productive discussion during the first virtual global consultation.