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UNCCD COP17: Connecting global commitments with UNEP's Programme of Work

CBD COP17: Preparing for COP17 and accelerating integrated implementation

Annual subcommittee meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives
13th meeting
Nairobi, 7–11 September 2026

UNCCD COP17 outcomes: opportunities for contribution

COP17 outcome	UNEP opportunity
Rangelands and Pastoralists	Scale rangeland restoration and sustainable land management through country programmes, the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and financing partnerships.
Sand and Dust Storms (SDS)	Priorities: identify, map and mitigate SDS sources; early warning systems and preparedness; policy support, including international collaboration and information sharing; resource mobilisation.
Science Policy Interface	Strengthen the science-policy nexus on land degradation, restoration, drought and resilience; connecting MTS, science, data and implementation.
Capacity-building	Connect science, data and digital tools with national planning, investment and restoration action for country-driven, scalable solutions.

UNCCD COP17 key events

Ministerial/high level side events:

• Ministerial Dialogue on Restoration of Rangelands and Pastoralists Communities
• Special High Level Event on Indigenous Peoples
• First Assembly of the Riyadh Global Drought Resilience Partnership
• High Level Event on scaling the Great Green Wall through continental integration and the African Union GGW Initiative (2024 – 2034)
• Special High Level Event Fashion for Land

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• Report Launch on a new global Drought Resilience Capacity Index (DRCI)
• Bridging biodiversity, land degradation and Loss & Damage in the context of Climate Change
• Gala of Hope UN Decade of Restoration
• +10 events

CBD COP17: Support from preparation to implementation

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1 Supporting SCBD and Host Country with COP17

- Support preparation
- Support to the Global Review of the KMGBF (Kunming Dialogue)
- Technical expertise during COP17 negotiations

2 Supporting Parties / Enabling activities

- NBSAP preparation
- Monitoring, Reporting
- Helpdesk
- GEF Enabling Activities
- Global Review: assessing progress towards KMGBF (Asia Pacific / CEE)

3 Accelerating action

- NBSAP Accelerator Partnership / Facilitator Programme
- UN Biodiversity Lab
- Broader biodiversity portfolio
- Country-level technical assistance, scientific advice and policy support

Supporting Armenia, the CBD Secretariat and Parties to deliver a strong COP17 and accelerate implementation of the KMGBF

CBD COP17 key planned events

Ministerial/high level side events:

- Ministerial High Level Segment
- Biodiversity Capacity-Building and Development Forum
- Ministerial Breakfast: Accelerating NBSAP implementation co-host by NBSAP AP
- KMGBF Pavilion Mountains Day

UNEP-led and supported action

- Acceleration Day @ KM-GBF Pavilion including launch of Accelerants Framework
- Restoration day: Gala of Hope UN Decade of Restoration
- Inclusive Action for Biodiversity: Gender Equality, Human Rights, and Community Engagement through NBSAPs
- Gender Forum
- +40 events

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Thank you

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