

## Attachment 1: Information on the activities undertaken by UNEP based on the proposed consolidated actions from the Bern III Conference

At the conclusion of the Bern III Conference, in January 2024, the conference co-chairs invited the participants to consider a range of concrete actions, drawing on the discussions that had taken place. The [Bern III Conference Report](#) lists fifteen proposed actions in the order of preference expressed by conference participants. A summary of UNEP's activities relevant to each action is presented below. Some of the activities support several actions.

- a) **Proposed Action:** Where a need has been identified, enhance **cooperation among relevant MEA secretariats** as a basis for sharing information and experience, planning activities, and communicating relevant decisions of governing bodies. Such cooperation could be formal or informal, depending on circumstances and needs, and as appropriate would extend to briefing and engaging parties to the relevant MEAs.

### Activities undertaken by UNEP

To support cooperation among relevant MEA secretariats at the global level, UNEP produced the following documents.

- [Key entry points for cooperation and collaboration amongst MEAs](#) (updated after the Bern III Conference)
- [Key entry points for mutually supportive action on biodiversity & chemicals & waste](#)
- [Key Actions and Entry Points for National Coordination Across Biodiversity and Climate Change Clusters](#)
- [Policy cycle requirements for National Implementation Plans addressing the biodiversity–climate nexus](#)
- [UNEP Executive Director Progress Report on the implementation of Resolutions 6/4 and 6/6](#) (unedited advance version)

The regional workshops under Proposed Action n) also convened national focal points and secretariats across MEA clusters to enhance cooperation, coordination as well as sharing information and experiences at the national level towards synergistic MEA implementation.

- b) **Proposed Action:** Establish a **platform at the national level** which brings together relevant focal points, governmental implementing agencies, rights holders and other stakeholders. This is a key step not only with respect to the effective update, review and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and actions plans, but also for achieving whole of government and whole of society approaches.

### Activities undertaken

Activities by UNEP listed under Proposed Action a) are supporting the establishment of national platforms. Independently from this but inspired by the Bern Process and supported by UNEP, the following activity took place at the country-level:

- August 2024: Mexico's national meeting on "[Synergies between Multilateral Environmental Agreements for the Implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework](#)"

- c) **Proposed Action:** Contribute effectively as MEAs to the **global review of collective progress** in implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which the CBD COP has already decided will be considered at COP-17 in 2026 and COP-19 in 2030. The detailed procedures will need to be addressed at upcoming CBD meetings in 2024, which are discussing process and format of the global review.

### Activities undertaken by UNEP

- [June 2025: Preparatory Webinar "From Bern to Action: Advancing Synergies Across MEAs"](#)

- [August 2025: Bogis-Bossey Expert Workshop](#)

- d) **Proposed Action:** Both individually and collectively, MEAs should enhance **outreach on the benefits of cooperation and synergies**, so as to increase understanding and to increasingly share ideas and experiences. This ranges from communication of the outputs of the Bern III Conference, to talking about cooperation and synergies in consistent ways across MEAs, to sharing of case studies.

**Activities undertaken by UNEP**

- February 2024: A briefing note [“Bern III Conference – Preliminary Highlights”](#) prepared for UNEA-6.
- May 2024 to June 2025: UNEP shared the [Report of the Bern III Conference](#) to highlight the benefits of MEA cooperation and synergies at [CBD SBI-4](#) (May 2024), at the [Convention on Wetlands SC63](#) (June 2024), [CITES SC78](#) (February 2025) and at [UNFCCC SBSTA62](#) (June 2025).
- June 2025: UNEP contributed to the “*Technical information exchange on enhanced cooperation and policy coherence to support the implementation of the Rio Conventions*” for SBSTA 62, which was reflected in the [UNFCCC SBSTA62 information document on cooperative activities](#).
- June 2025: UNEP conducted outreach with MEA Secretariats for case studies at the national level showcasing the synergistic implementation of MEAs towards incorporation into [UNEA-7 Information Document UNEP/EA.7/INF/6](#) (under preparation)
- August 2025: [UNEP Executive Director Progress Report on the implementation of Resolutions 6/4 and 6/6](#) prepared for UNEA-7 (unedited advance version).

- e) **Proposed Action:** Where this is not already the case, include a **standing agenda item at all MEA governing body meetings** on the contribution of the respective MEA to implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and associated outcomes. This relates to both implementation and the global review of collective progress implementation.

**Activities undertaken by UNEP**

UNEP made several interventions on cooperation agenda items at MEA governing body meetings that emphasized the roles of synergies among MEAs in the implementation of the KM-GBF:

- CMS COP-14 (February 2024): UNEP Statement on collaboration between UNEP and the Secretariat of the CMS to enhance coherence in the implementation of biodiversity-related conventions and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
- CBD SBI-4 (May 2024): UNEP Statement on Cooperation with the CBD and other organizations for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal GBF.
- Convention on Wetlands SC63 (June 2024): UNEP Statement on outcomes of the Bern III Conference
- CBD COP-16 (October 2024): UNEP Statement on Agenda Item 13 Cooperation with the CBD and other organizations for the implementation of the KM-GBF.
- UNCCD COP-16 (December 2024): UNEP Statement under item 3 on the Promotion and strengthening relationships with other relevant conventions and international organizations, institutions and agencies.
- CMS SC56 (March 2025): UNEP Statement on the Report submitted by UNEP Executive Director
- Convention on Wetlands COP-15 (July 2025): UNEP Statement on Agenda item 23.4: Draft resolution on enhancing the Convention’s visibility and synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements and other international institutions.

- f) **Proposed Action:** **Build on the Bern Process**, and keep the Bern III dynamic, spirit, and network alive through activities such as webinars on key topics. Throughout the conference participants had welcomed the discussions and progress made, and made a range of suggestions about possible future meetings and opportunities which need to be reviewed and built upon.

**Activities undertaken by UNEP**

- Dedicated cooperation and synergy events at UNEA, UNFCCC, CBD and UNCCD Meetings
  - o [February 2024: Cooperation High-Level Event at UNEA-6](#)
  - o [February 2024: Multilateral Environmental Agreements Day at UNEA-6](#)
  - o [May 2024: Cooperation Event at CBD SBI-4](#)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">October 2024: Cooperation Day at CBD COP-16</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">November 2024: Cooperation Event at UNFCCC COP-29</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">December 2024: Cooperation Event at UNCCD COP-16</a></li> <li>○ [Upcoming] October 2025: Side Event on the Bern Process at CBD SBSTTA-27</li> <li>○ [Upcoming] <a href="#">10 December 2025: Multilateral Environmental Agreements Day and Agenda item 'Cooperation with multilateral environmental agreements' at UNEA-7</a></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mainstreaming of the Bern III Conference results at relevant side-events and meetings           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">February 2024: Side Event on synergies in implementing MEAs at CMS COP-14</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">November 2024: Side Event on Synergies in Action at CBD COP-16</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">April 2025: Event on Synergies between biodiversity MEAs and the BBNJ Agreement</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">May 2025: Presentation on the Bern Process to support the KM-GBF at the Regional NBSAPs Dialogue for SADC and EAC members</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">July 2025: Side Event on the Online Reporting System (ORS) at the Convention on Wetlands COP-15</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>- Capacity building workshops listed under Proposed Action a) as well as activities under Proposed Action c) focusing on the global review on collective progress built on the Bern Process and fostered a collaborative spirit among the MEAs and national focal points involved.</li> </ul> |
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- g) **Proposed Action:** Propose a decision at CBD COP-16 for an **expert group or committee on synergies among MEAs**. This would ideally be raised at the meeting of the CBD Subsidiary Body on Implementation in May 2024, where there would also be a review progress in addressing [decision 15/13](#) on cooperation. The Bern III Conference also discussed other ways in which the COP-16 could build on the issues discussed, which could also be considered further.

n/a

- h) **Proposed Action:** Use **upcoming events as opportunities to enhance collaborative action**, including the United Nations Environment Assembly, the Annual Adaptation Forum under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the COPs of the Rio conventions, which all take place in the last quarter of 2024 and which could be approached with aligned communications and draft decisions.

#### **Activities undertaken by UNEP**

Activities undertaken by UNEP under Proposed Action f) contribute to this Proposed Action h).

- i) **Proposed Action:** Draw on the **cross-mapping of MEAs against the targets** in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (see Table 1 below) as a basis for identifying potential opportunities for increased cooperation in supporting implementation, or for identifying “champions” and contributors for particular targets. The cross-mapping may also have potential for informing cooperation at the national level.

#### **Activities undertaken by UNEP**

- The cross-mapping paper has been taken as reference for cooperation at the national level between MEA National Focal Points at DaRT Workshops.
  - [April 2024: DaRT Regional Workshop for COMIFAC Countries](#)
  - [August 2024: DaRT National Workshop for Ghana](#)
  - [September 2024: DaRT Regional Workshop for South Asian Countries](#)
- The cross-mapping has been further developed as a visual map showing alignment of the KM-GBF with 14 MEAs in InforMEA – the MEAs one-stop-shop portal – in the [Global Goals and MEA Strategic Plans-Mapping Linkages](#)

- j) **Proposed Action:** Consider how to most effectively establish “*partners*” or “*friends*” of *specific targets or activities* in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, building on experience relating to the partnerships for targets 2 and 3, which have already been established, and/or the experience of groups such as the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management.

**Activities undertaken by UNEP**

UNEP consolidated within the [table illustrating cross-mapping of MEA goals and targets with the KM-GBF potential ‘champion’ or partner](#) as well as contributing ‘champion’ or partner MEAs based on participants inputs during the Bern III Conference.

- k) **Proposed Action:** Actively encourage approaches to “*collect once, use many times*” in MEA-related monitoring and reporting at both global and national levels, through increased alignment in use of indicators; further exploration of opportunities for harmonizing reporting; enhanced sharing of data and information; and encouraging the use of tools such as the Data Reporting Tool for MEAs (DaRT).

**Activities undertaken by UNEP**

- Side Events encouraging approaches to “collect once, use many times”
  - o [February 2024: Side Event on facilitating synergies in implementing MEAs to deliver results on the ground at CMS COP-14](#)
  - o [November 2024: Side Event on Accelerating Biodiversity Commitments with Collaborative Tools at CBD COP-16](#)
  - o [July 2025: Side Event on the Online Reporting System \(ORS\) at the Convention on Wetlands COP-15](#)
- DaRT Workshops mentioned under i) implemented “collect once, use many times” approaches in MEA-related monitoring and reporting at the national level

- l) **Proposed Action:** Consider the most effective ways to *review progress on the Bern III roadmap* to 2030 and the other issues discussed during the Bern III Conference, so that the many ideas contributed by conference participants are not lost, but are followed up on in the most appropriate manner.

**Activities undertaken by UNEP**

Activities mentioned under Proposed Actions f) and h) contributed towards the continuous review of progress following the Bern III Conference.

**Other issues discussed needing further consideration**

- m) **Proposed Action:** The proposal to convene a “*common COP*” or *high level intergovernmental meeting on biodiversity in 2030* to bring the community working on biodiversity together, to raise the profile of biodiversity issues, and to provide opportunity for substantive discussion on programmatic alignment.

n/a

- n) **Proposed Action:** Opportunities for *strengthening support at regional and sub-regional levels*, including through building on existing regional networks and activity centres established to support MEA implementation, and building on the work of existing bodies and partnership arrangements.

**Activities undertaken by UNEP**

UNEP co-organized regional workshops with existing regional entities and centres to support MEA implementation:

- [November 2024: The Senegal Workshop](#) with the Economic Countries of West African States (ECOWAS) as well as the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC)
- [March 2025: The Botswana Workshop](#) with the Secretariat of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- [April 2025: The Kazakhstan Workshop](#) with the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC).
- [May 2025: Regional NBSAPs Dialogue for SADC and EAC members](#) with the Commonwealth Secretariat and the African Union Commission, the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD)
- [May 2025: The Samoa Workshop](#) with the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Suggestions were made by participants of the Regional NBSAPs Dialogue for SADC and EAC members to scale up the Bern Process at the regional level and to invite the subregional technical centres (TSC) at the next Bern Conference.

- o) **Proposed Action:** The need to *ensure engagement of all relevant rights holders and other stakeholders* in activities at all levels that seek to enhance cooperation in the implementation of MEAs and the delivery of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

In its activities outlined under the Proposed Actions (a–n), UNEP ensured the engagement of relevant rights-holders and stakeholders, as far as possible and appropriate.

As indicated in (f) above, feedback on the conference was positive, in particular given the breadth of issues addressed and the diverse nature of the participating MEAs, and participants felt that there was value in continuing the “Bern process”. It is foreseen that the conference will also result in a strengthened network of “friends of the Bern process”, championing the related issues of cooperation and synergies and support for implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework within their respective MEA negotiations.