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SPECIAL EVENT

BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE AND THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

Tuesday, 21 September 2021, 10:00 – 12:00 & 15:00 – 17:30 CEST



In the run-up to the [18th Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture](#) (27 September – 1 October 2021), the special event on “Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework” will bring together delegates and stakeholders to discuss the role of biodiversity for food and agriculture in the emerging global biodiversity policy landscape.

In 2019, the report on *The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture*, closed the first cycle of global assessments, prepared under the guidance of the Commission, on the state of the world's biodiversity for food and agriculture. The report, in line with previous reports on the state of the world's plant, animal, forest and aquatic genetic resources highlights the decline of biodiversity for food and agriculture. Biodiversity for food and agriculture along with the ecosystem services it supports is essential to sustainable agri-food systems and the production of sufficient, healthy and nutritious food. The variety and variability of the world's plants, animals and micro-organisms is indispensable to food security and sustainable development. The Commission, at its forthcoming session, will consider needs and possible actions in response to the State of the World report.

In 2019, the FAO Conference approved the [FAO Strategy on Mainstreaming Biodiversity across Agricultural Sectors](#) to mainstream biodiversity across FAO policies, programmes and activities to support countries in transforming their agri-food systems, reduce the negative impacts of agricultural practices on biodiversity, promote sustainable agricultural practices and to conserve, enhance and restore biodiversity as a whole.

The [Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework](#) is expected to be considered for adoption at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Kunming, China. It will define new targets and goals for safeguarding biodiversity and calls for a shared vision of living in harmony with nature by 2050. The first draft of the framework contains targets for 2030 that, inter alia, aim to increase the productivity and resilience of agricultural and other managed ecosystems through conservation, sustainable use and reducing negative impacts on biodiversity.

The special event provides an opportunity to discuss how the Commission's work, including its Global Plans of Action on animal, plant, forest and aquatic genetic resources, the FAO Mainstreaming Strategy and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework fit together. How can they support each other and how be implemented in a structured, consistent and coherent way in collaboration with relevant stakeholders and partners? The special event will allow participants to explore synergies, highlight contributions the food and agriculture sectors can make to the implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and specify how the Framework may support the food and agriculture sectors in transforming agri-food systems, including by conserving and sustainably using genetic resources for food and agriculture.

Simultaneous interpretation will be available in:
Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian