



The International Development Law Organization and
the Secretariat on the Convention on Biological Diversity,
with the support of the Swiss Federal Office of the Environment, invite you to a

ROUNDTABLE ON LEGAL PREPAREDNESS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINSTREAMING OF NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

A Forum for peer-to-peer knowledge
sharing on country experiences

The Roundtable will be held on the margins of the
5th meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of
Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21, 2014
(breakfast and lunch provided)

ICAO Headquarters, Room 6 (3rd Floor)
999 University Street, Montréal, Quebec H3C 5H7, Canada

What are the challenges and opportunities for using laws for biodiversity? Traditional concepts of “laws for biodiversity” have tended to focus on law as a tool for enforcement, limiting pollution and protecting wildlife, plants and parks. But laws can achieve more, providing a tool for enabling action to address the underlying drivers of biodiversity loss, enhancing benefits and fostering collaborations for biodiversity.

This Roundtable will bring together country actors and legal experts globally to share their challenges, progress, innovations and the latest tools available to use law to achieve broad biodiversity goals under NBSAPs. Please find concept note [here](#).

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Agenda

Breakfast, Coffee and Registration	9:30
WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS: The need for global action on laws for biodiversity Welcome: Mr. Andreas Obrecht , Senior Policy Advisor, Swiss Federal Office of the Environment Opening Remarks: Dr. Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger , Senior Legal Advisor, IDLO Ms. Amy Ann Fraenkel , Principal Officer, Mainstreaming, Partnerships & Outreach, SCBD	10:00
PLENARY DISCUSSION: Opening the Dialogue on leading experiences from around the globe Delegates from the Gambia, Peru, South Africa and Brazil highlight the latest progress with using law to implement NBSAPs and mainstream biodiversity. Moderators: Mr. Worku Yifru , Senior Legal Officer, SCBD & Ms. Yolanda Saito , Program Coordinator, IDLO	10:30
PLENARY DISCUSSION: Engaging with the latest legal tools, guidance and programs Expert institutions will make brief introductions to the latest legal assistance available to assist country efforts on themes of: NBSAP implementation and the Aichi Targets, Nagoya Protocol, benefit sharing, protected areas and spatial planning, ICCAs and other issues.	11:30
Lunch with KNOWLEDGE SHAREFAIR An opportunity to speak to experts and learn about on the latest legal programs.	12:15
KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE: Sharing experiences on laws for biodiversity In small group sessions, country actors and legal experts will share their challenges and successes, and discuss the latest tools available to advance efforts to build effective legal frameworks.	
SESSION 1: REGIONAL DIALOGUES on challenges, opportunities and priorities for strengthening laws for biodiversity with participants in regional groupings	13:15
SESSION 2: THEMATIC DIALOGUES on challenges, opportunities and priorities for strengthening laws to support implementation of the five Strategic Goals, with participants organized in one group per Strategic Goal.	14:15
Coffee and tea break	15:15
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Keynote Address: Mr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias , Executive Secretary, SCBD	15:30
ROUNDTABLE with REPORT BACK & OPEN DISCUSSION: Defining an agenda forward for law and biodiversity Chair: Mr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias , Executive Secretary, SCBD Report Back Sessions from Knowledge Exchange Sessions Roundtable Discussion of main outcomes from Knowledge Exchange discussions with a focus on emerging priorities, available responses and recommendations for CBD COP 12	15:45
Summary & Closing Statements	17:15

For more information, visit the event website at:

<http://www.idlo.int/news/events/roundtable-legal-preparedness-implementation-and-mainstreaming-national-biodiversity>

To confirm your attendance (as spaces are limited)

Please RSVP your attendance at rvazquez@idlo.int. Delegates wishing to propose interventions can note this in their RSVP and IDLO will be pleased to follow-up to assist with your preparations.



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How can WGRI 5 / SBSTTA 18 delegates participate?

CBD Party delegates are invited to join the IDLO, CBD Secretariat and partners in panel and small group “knowledge exchange” sessions, aimed at fostering debate on the key challenges and opportunities for biodiversity laws. Countries with promising experiences with laws for biodiversity will share their experiences in an opening plenary session. Then all country delegates will be invited to share experiences in two “knowledge exchange” sessions, first in regional groupings and second, in groups for each of the 5 Strategic Goals. **All delegates are invited to attend, in particular, we welcome interventions from countries on:**

Guiding Questions for Country Interventions

- What are the main challenges and obstacles that your country has faced in implementing laws to meet national biodiversity goals?
- Are laws and institutions key for achieving the broad goals across the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020? If so, what legal approaches exist to achieve Strategic Goals A, B, C, D, and E respectively?
- Has your country had a promising experience with using law to achieve national biodiversity goals, in particular to mainstream and implement NBSAPs?
- Is there a recent development or progress achieved related to laws for biodiversity in your country, i.e. a new law passed, new mechanisms established, or new success story?

Interventions from countries can range from full panel presentations to informal statements/case studies to guide thinking during the small group sessions. Delegates who wish to simply attend without a formalized interventions are also welcome. Participants are encouraged to speak openly about the challenges and emerging successes with laws in their country, and collaboratively seek new legal solutions with fellow participants. This open discussion will greatly inform the following work on ideas to move forward.

What knowledge and expertise will be available to inform the Roundtable?

The Dialogue discussions will be informed by the legal research undertaken since 2012 under the *Legal Preparedness for Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets Initiative*, launched by the IDLO and CBD Secretariat. The Initiative provides a hub for global collaborations to generate knowledge and build capacities on the role of law in achieving key biodiversity goals. Participants will gain access to country case studies and new toolkits on how to use law to achieve the Aichi Targets and Nagoya Protocol. Global experts from IDLO, IUCN, UNEP, the Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law, BENELEX, Natural Justice and others will present the latest tools and guidance available to assist CBD Parties in panel presentations and Knowledge Sharefair.

Topics to be covered in Expert Presentations and at Knowledge Sharefair

- NBSAPs implementation and biodiversity mainstreaming (IDLO, UNEP, FNI)
- Nagoya Protocol (IDLO, CISDL, ABS Initiative)
- Protected areas and integrated planning (IUCN)
- Benefit-sharing, human rights and corporate accountability (BENELEX)
- ICCAs and Community Protocols (Natural Justice)
- Biodiversity incentives and ecosystem approaches (IDLO, FNI)
- and others...to be confirmed.

Mr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza will host a Roundtable discussion at the event with all participants invited to join the discussion to discuss the emerging challenges, innovations and priorities for furthering the discussion on laws for biodiversity leading to the CBD COP 12 and beyond.