

Briefing Meeting in preparation for Informal CBD SBI 3 Meeting (2021)

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Virtual, online event for the countries in the Pacific region
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Background

The CBD Secretariat is organizing virtual, informal session of SBI 3 meeting between 8-12 March 2021 and 14 March 2021 to help Parties to the convention focus on issues related to implementation of the Convention. The SBI 3 informal session will also discuss options for means of implementing the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) that is currently being discussed for final adoption during CBD COP 15.

This regional briefing for countries in the Pacific region is being organized by UNEP under the EU supported ACP MEAs III project with the following objectives:

1. Provide an overview of all issues that are to be discussed during the SBI 3 meeting of the convention;
2. Enhance the understanding of key issues relevant to countries in the region, for needed follow up actions;
3. Strengthen regional network of CBD and SBI focal points in preparation for SBI 3; and
4. Promote better regional preparations for forthcoming CBD 15 meetings, with inputs from Parties and other stakeholders, as needed.

UNEP has been supporting the Pacific region for the past decade in such actions and sees this as an opportunity to seek the participation of diverse stakeholders in these events and support enhanced understanding of issues to help informed participation in key MEA governing body meetings.

The agenda is structured in a manner that provides comprehensive overview of issues that will be addressed during the SBI 3 meeting and will only complement national preparatory actions, as the Parties see appropriate.

Agenda (tentative)

The agenda for the event will broadly cover the following topics. The focus of the presentations will be to provide information covered in the SBI 3 background documents to facilitate discussions and preparations within and among the Parties.

- a. Welcome remarks and introduction to the briefing
- b. Presentation of key agenda items of SBI 3
- c. Discussion on key areas of focus for the region
- d. Follow up plans

Who can participate?

The event is open for anyone interested to learn about the overall issues that will be discussed during CBD SBI 3 meeting. National CBD and SBI focal points, regional organizations, national entities including non-governmental organizations, private sector, youth representatives will find this useful to enhance their understanding of issues that will be a part of CBD SBI 3 outcomes.

Follow up plans

Depending upon the discussions that will be held during the event, region and/or country-specific meetings will be organized on priority issues for the region/country and necessary follow up support will be provided to Parties, through the regional entities.

Preparatory leads

Participants are encouraged to read the CBD SBI 3 documents, including the information documents available at the following link, for this briefing meeting

<https://www.cbd.int/conferences/sbstta24-sbi3/sbi-03/documents>

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