



Italian Presidency  
of the Council  
of the European Union



# **Global Biodiversity Policy Agenda<sup>1</sup> of the Italian Presidency of the Council of the EU**

**(1 July – 31 December 2014)**

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## **Introduction**

The international biodiversity agenda will be extremely busy during the Italian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

We need to prepare EU participation and positions for CBD COP12 and for CMS COP11. The Nagoya protocol will enter into force on 12 October 2014, following its ratification by 21 Parties reached on 14 of July. We need indeed to prepare for the MOP1. In December the Standing Committee of Bern Convention will have our attention and, in the meanwhile, we will have to prepare for the third plenary of IPBES.

The challenging international agenda calls for a strong collaboration within the EU, Members States and Commission, to make possible for the EU to maintain its prominent role in the international negotiations.

## **CBD COP12**

The most important issues addressed by CBD COP12 agenda are:

- The mid-term review of progress towards the goals of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;
- The mobilisation of resources for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, considered in its multi-dimensional approach;
- Marine and coastal biodiversity, including the process for identification of marine areas that might require particular protection;
- Various issues related to biodiversity and climate change, which will also contribute to shaping the agenda for the UNFCCC COP20;
- The contribution to be made by the CBD and its Parties to the post-2015 development agenda and to the negotiations on SDGs.

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The EU and its MS position papers on most of the items on the foreseen COP12 agenda have been developed during the last WGRI5. Part B of some of these position papers (in particular for items 6, 8 and 13) will have to be further developed or completed with a view to CBD COP12.

The commitment of the Presidency will be to update and to strengthen the EU commitment in view of their negotiation at international level.

### **ABS/NP MOP1**

The EU position on most of the items on the foreseen MOP1 agenda were agreed upon and finalized at the last ICNP3 and considered by the CBD Executive Secretary in the drafting of the final recommendations to the COP12. Yet, some key open issues will be further examined among EU and its MS in order to update and strengthen the EU commitment in view of their negotiation at the international level.

To this purpose and in consideration of the entry into force of the Protocol, an ABS informal expert meeting will be held next 4-5 September, in Rome.

### **CMS COP11**

The main issue on the table will be the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023, developed in line with the Aichi targets and possible amendments to the CMS Appendices.

Many “technical” items will be discussed (Work Programme on Climate Change, Ecological Networks, Bird Poisoning, Action Plan on Landbirds), among which the adoption of Guidelines on Renewable Energy Technologies Deployment and Migratory Species will have a special importance.

Among the institutional matters, the restructuring and revision of the modus operandi of the Scientific Council and further synergies within the CMS Family are worth a mention.

An informal expert meeting will be held on 1 October in Rome for technical discussion on the most sensitive issues.

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## **Provisional Calendar**

During the Italian Presidency, six WPIEI meetings will be conducted in Brussels on the 23-24 July, 10 September, **23-24 September**, **27 October**, 19 November and 10 December.

Three informal Expert Meetings have also been scheduled, respectively on Resource Mobilisation, on the ABS/Nagoya Protocol and on **preparation to CMS COP11**.

A High-level meeting to prepare the 12th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP12) **will be held on 9 September 2014** in Brussels.

This Roadmap is a living working document which will be developed further during the Presidency.

| <b>Date (2014)</b> | <b>Event</b>  | <b>Key topics</b>   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| <b>July</b>        |   |   |
| 7-8 July           | EU informal Expert Meeting on Resource Mobilisation for biodiversity<br>Rome, Italy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advancing on reporting for biodiversity in the framework of global accounting and statistical system</li> <li>• Technical discussion to prepare EU PP on RM for CBD COP12</li> </ul> |
| Mid July           |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CBD COP12: starting drafting PPs for WGR1 items, RM, NP and art. 8j</li> </ul>   |
| 16-17 July         | Informal Environment Council<br>Rome, Italy   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green jobs</li> </ul>  |
| 23 July            | WPIEI Biodiversity  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debriefing WGR15 and SBSTTA18</li> <li>• Preparation to CBD COP12</li> </ul>   |
| 24 July            | WPIEI Biodiversity  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation to NP MOP1</li> <li>• Preparation to CMS COP11</li> <li>• Communication on post-2015</li> </ul>  |
| End of July        |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CBD COP12: starting drafting PPs for SBSTTA items</li> </ul>   |
| <b>August</b>      |   |   |
| Early August       |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS COP11: draft workshare sheet for preparation PPs</li> </ul>  |
| 14 – 15 August     | Friends of CBD<br>Kartause Ittingen, Zurich,<br>Switzerland                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore ways to translate next steps relating to the implementation of the Strategic Plan into elements of the “Pyeongchang Road Map.”</li> </ul>                                    |
| 18 - 19 August     | International Workshop on Financing for Biodiversity<br>Ittingen, Switzerland       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical follow-up on the elements of the recommendation on resource mobilization</li> </ul>  |
| 22 August          |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS COP11: draft PPs on first set of resolutions</li> </ul>  |

| <i>September</i>         |   |  |
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| 1 September              |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS COP11: deadline written comments on first set draft PPs</li> </ul>  |
| 4-5 September            | EU informal Expert Meeting on ABS<br>Rome, Italy                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange of views on MS national implementation of the NP;</li> <li>• Discussion on the COP/MOP open issues in view of the EU positions finalisation.</li> <li>• The agenda will be defined considering the NP entry into force.</li> </ul> |
| 9 September              | High-level meeting to CBD COP 12 preparation<br>Brussels, Belgium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource Mobilization</li> <li>• Biodiversity safeguards for REDD+ activities</li> <li>• Marine environment (EBSAs)</li> <li>• Synergies with other processes (SDG target setting)</li> <li>• Other important issues</li> </ul>             |
| 10 September             | WPIEI Biodiversity  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation to CBD COP12 and NP MOP1</li> <li>• Preparation to CMS COP11</li> <li>• Discussion on Post-2015 (poss.)</li> </ul>  |
| 10 September             |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS COP11: draft PPs on second set of resolutions</li> </ul>  |
| 15 September             |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS COP11: deadline written comments on second set draft PPs</li> </ul>   |
| 15-17 September          | MOP7 Eurobats<br>Brussels, Belgium                                |  |
| 23 September (afternoon) | WPIEI Biodiversity  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation to CMS COP11</li> </ul>   |
| 24 September             | WPIEI Biodiversity  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation to CBD COP12 and NP MOP1</li> <li>- Finalisation PPs</li> <li>• Discussion on Post-2015 (poss.)</li> </ul>  |
| 29 September-3 October   | MOP 7 Cartagena Protocol<br>PyeongChang, Republic of Korea        |  |

| <i>October</i>  |   |  |
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| 1 October       | EU informal Expert Meeting on CMS<br>Rome, Italy                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical discussion on the most sensitive issues of CMS COP11 to prepare PPs</li> </ul>  |
| 9 October       |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS COP11: draft PPs on third set of resolutions</li> </ul>   |
| 6-17 October    | CBD COP 12  |  |
| 13-17 October   | NP MOP 1<br>PyeongChang, Republic of Korea,                               |  |
| 16 October      |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CMS COP11: deadline written comments on third set draft PPs</li> </ul>  |
| 27 October      | WPIEI Biodiversity  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debriefing CBD COP12</li> <li>• Debriefing NP MOP1</li> <li>• Preparation to CMS COP11<br/>- Finalisation PPs</li> <li>• Discussion on Post-2015 (poss.)</li> </ul> |
| 28 October      | ENV Council<br>Luxembourg   |  |
| <i>November</i> |   |  |
| 3-9 November    | CMS COP11<br>Quito, Ecuador   |  |
| 12-19 November  | IUCN World Park Congress<br>Sidney, Australia                             |  |
| 19 November     | WPIEI Biodiversity  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debriefing CMS COP11</li> <li>• Preparation to Bern Convention StC34</li> <li>• Preparation to IPBES3</li> </ul>  |
| 24-26 November  | Informal meeting of EU Directors of Nature, Sea and Waters<br>Rome, Italy |  |

| <i>December</i>     |  |   |
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| 2-5 December        | 34th Standing Committee of Bern Convention<br>Strasbourg, France |   |
| 10 December         | WPIEI Biodiversity   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation to IPBES3</li> <li>• Hand-over presidency</li> </ul> |
| 17 December         | ENV Council<br>Brussels, Belgium                                 |   |
| <i>January 2015</i> |  |   |
| 12-17 January       | 3rd Plenary of IPBES<br>Bonn, Germany                            |   |

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