

COP15: Day 6

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Summary

- Yesterday began with a press conference hosted by COP15 President Huang Runqiu, Minister of Environment of China, the Executive Secretary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme and Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- The morning press conference set the tone. Several countries are expressing concern about the current options for adopting the framework. Countries need to demonstrate greater flexibility to move the negotiations forward. We are only hours away from the arrival of the ministers who will finalize the global framework.
- The question of financing is the key issue this week as it refers to the resources and capacities of nation-states in the Global South to implement the ambitious global framework that depends on it.

Negotiations

- The clock is ticking; negotiators have, for the most part, continued to dwell on details. Some texts are now longer than before the start of COP15, particularly on financing and resource mobilization.
- In the negotiations on Target 14 (Fully integrating biodiversity), which calls for, among other things, the integration of biodiversity values into national policies, regulations, planning, development processes and poverty reduction strategies, many groups opposed the inclusion of a list that describes the sectors covered and the inclusion of new sectors such as biotechnology. The consensus was to refer to sectors already mentioned in previous decisions and include a glossary.
- During the negotiations on Target 15 (corporate responsibility), there were two points of contention:
 - First, delegates disagreed on whether the application of "policy and administrative measures" as referred to in the global framework would apply to "all enterprises and financial institutions", or whether they would only apply to "large enterprises and transnational corporations."

- Second, some countries have made it clear that it should be mandatory for companies and financial institutions to disclose and assess the impacts of their activities if we are serious about establishing an ambitious global framework. On the other hand, some countries have suggested [adequate] requirements instead of [mandatory], although this seems to lack ambition.
- Regarding resource mobilization (target 19), new paragraphs have been added reminding that the global framework can only be implemented in developing countries if there are financial resources and technology transfer by developed countries.
- It was also mentioned that the disproportionate responsibility of developed countries should be added, as they are responsible for 50% of biodiversity loss.
- Some countries referred to the Kunming Biodiversity Fund and the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

What's happening in Canada, in Quebec, and in Montreal?

- The Innu of Essipit and Pessamit [denounce the lack of announcement so far for the protection of caribou](#). They believe that the Quebec government should have taken advantage of the COP15 to announce the creation of the Pipmuacan protected area, proposed in 2020 to protect a population of woodland caribou, but set aside by the Quebec government to date.

Important announcements

- Minister Guilbeault announced that the Government of Canada will invest up to [\\$90 million over three years](#) to extend the Natural Heritage Conservation Program. This investment will protect an additional 180,000 hectares of ecologically sensitive land and establish new protected and conservation areas across the country.
- Yesterday morning, Quebec's Minister of International Relations and Francophonie, Martine Biron, and the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People announced the [creation of a working group of sub-national governments](#), whose goal will be to conserve 30% of land and sea by 2030. Following Quebec's lead, other sub-national governments such as Scotland, Campeche (Mexico), São Paulo and California have joined the task force.
- Minister Martine Biron also announced today [significant funding to support a project by the firm Habitat](#). Specifically, this project will help guide Quebec's conservation priorities in achieving the 30% target, while assessing the local consequences of achieving these goals, using high resolution ecological and economic data.
- On December 13, Minister Benoît Charette signed a [joint declaration of cooperation between Quebec and California](#). This agreement will harmonize conservation efforts through the sharing of information and best practices, as well as work together to achieve the 30% target of protected territory by 2030, to promote nature-based solutions and to encourage greater consideration of Indigenous knowledge.

Happening today

Wednesday 14 December

1. [The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity](#) is holding an event to discuss **targets 1-3, 5, 9, 20 and 21, as well as monitoring systems and DSI.**
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Place: Place Québec
2. **Seal River Watershed National Park Feasibility Assessment Launch, with Manitoba Government**
Time: 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Place: Salle 220A, Palais des congrès de Montréal
3. **Announcement by the Governments of Canada and Yukon**
Time: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Place: Canada Pavilion, Palais des congrès de Montréal
4. [Protection et restauration des terres et des océans](#) (dialogues pour la biodiversité)
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Place: Maison du développement durable
5. [Les sites naturels sacrés et le cadre mondial pour la biodiversité](#)
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Pavillon Sherbrooke de l'UQAM
6. [Biodiversité et résilience aux changements climatiques](#) (dialogues pour la biodiversité)
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Place: Maison du développement durable
7. [L'importance de bien communiquer les résultats de la COP15](#) (dialogues pour la biodiversité)
Time: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Place: Maison du développement durable
8. [La protection de la biodiversité urbaine: un outil de rapprochement social](#)
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Place: Pavillon Sherbrooke de l'UQAM
9. **Panels & events throughout the day in the [Zone d'action publique du Réseau Environnement](#)**
Time: 8:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Place: Grand quai du port de Montréal