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Biological Diversity



Pollinators and biodiversity: Towards a Global Pollinator Platform

Wednesday 15 May 2024 13:15 GMT+3
CR-9 - Africa

SIDE EVENT #5326

Please join us, lunch will be provided

The FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Commission), at its 18th Regular Session, considered the need for and modalities of a global pollinator platform to address pollinators and pollination services at global level. It noted that such a platform should facilitate and coordinate international, regional and national action, promote capacity-building, support reference studies at regional and national levels, collect and share information on the conservation and sustainable use of pollinator genetic resources and agree on activities at global scale in line with and support of existing activities and initiatives, in particular the International Pollinator Initiative (IPI).

At its last session in July 2023, the Commission recommended that the FAO Council request FAO to explore in more detail the possible modalities of a global pollinator platform that could respond to the priorities and needs identified. The FAO Council endorsed the Commission's request in December 2023.

The side event provides an opportunity to consider first ideas for governance options for and possible modalities of a global pollinator platform.

AGENDA

Opening remarks

David Cooper, Acting Executive Secretary CBD

*Jeffery Pettis, President, International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations
(Apimondia)*

The need for and possible modalities of a global pollinator platform

Hien T Ngo, Pollination Specialist, Apimondia

Organization/Country Perspectives

*Hesiquio Benítez Díaz, Director of Cooperation and Implementation on Biodiversity,
Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad*

Martijn Thijssen, Executive Secretary, Promote Pollinators

Charlene Ruto, Founder and Patron, SMACHS Foundation

Q & A + interventions

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