

**Side-event at COP 15, CBD, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
December 10, 13:15 - 14:45 h, Juscanz Meeting Room
Palais des Congrès de Montréal**

**Lessons from Latin America and the Caribbean: biodiversity mainstreaming
& governance for transformative change**

Context

As countries move into the adoption and then implementation phase of the post-2020 GBF, there is a new set of challenges to foster the catalytic potential of mainstreaming biodiversity throughout productive, economic and financial sectors and of the governance for transformative change in favor of biodiversity. Biodiversity mainstreaming and governance for transformative change have been two of the topics identified by experts from the region in different dialogues co-organized by ECLAC as key tools for multidimensional progress towards the 2030 Agenda, advancing in pathways to address challenges in a more coherent, integral, sustainable and fair development systems.

Latin America and the Caribbean has a rich experience of practices for the mainstreaming of biodiversity and innovative governance in favor of biodiversity from the local to the regional level, yet experiences that contribute to improving the state of biodiversity through its sustainable use are not sufficiently identified, recognized or studied. At a critical moment in which it is necessary to overcome inertia, silos, be ambitious and move into transitions to nature-positive systems, ECLAC and Expertise France propose to reflect on the main findings, lessons learned and good practices that could be up-scaled, building also on experiences from innovative cases from other regions and from key stakeholders to start an inter-regional dialogue.

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Preliminary Agenda**

Event section	Speakers
<p>Welcome and opening remarks 10 minutes</p>	<p>Jeannette Sánchez, Director Natural Resources Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p>Thierry Dudermel, Team leader, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Directorate General for international Partnerships, European Commission</p>
<p>Lessons learned and recommendations from ECLAC's studies 20 mins</p>	<p>Co-author's of the study: Marcia Tambutti, Víctor Alvarado, Georgina Catacora V. & Aleksandar Rankovic</p>
<p>Other perspectives/ reflections from Latin America and the Caribbean experts 30 mins</p>	<p>Gisele Didier, Deputy Director of Research Instituto de Investigación de Recursos Biológicos Alexander von Humboldt Colombian Delegation</p> <p>Marcos Regis da Silva, Director Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research</p> <p>Vivienne Solís Rivera Network of Sustainable Marine Fishing Areas and Territories of Life</p> <p>René Gómez-García, Chief of Sustainability, Climate Change & Natural Resources CAF</p>
<p>Vision of Latin America and the Caribbean initiatives from the African region (BioDev 2030 experience) 15 mins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salah Mhamdi, Executive Director of the National Chamber of Cement Producers, Tunisia. • Romy Andrianarisoa, President of the Sustainable Development and Business Ethics Commission of the Union of Malagasy companies, Madagascar. • Louis-Yanzon Ye, General Secretary of the Cotton inter-branch association of Burkina Faso.
<p>Q & A 10 mins</p>	<p>Chaired by Sébastien Treyer, Executive Director, Institut du Développement durable et des Relations Internationales</p>
<p>Closure 5 minutes</p>	<p>CBD Secretariat</p>