

## Food Systems at UNCBD COP16

### Useful links

- [Food Systems at UNCBD COP16: Live Document](#) (Comment Access)
- Food Systems at UNCBD COP16 [WhatsApp Group](#) (please join!)
- [COP16 webpage \(UNCBD\)](#) and [COP16 Colombia \(Presidency\)](#)
- [Master schedule of food systems events](#) & [addition form](#)
- UNCBD [goals](#), [targets](#), [guidance](#)

### Introduction

With this year's Biodiversity COP (UNCBD COP16) attracting significant attention from the Food Systems Community, this document is an attempt to give a simple overview of various practical issues, strategic opportunities, initiatives, and plans. The goal is to improve collaboration and coordination, and to share openly to the greatest extent possible.

As always, this document is not an official communication from any organisation, and it may not be comprehensive. Errors are possible, and it'll be updated constantly between now and October.

Anyone with the link has Comment access and you are actively encouraged to add your thoughts, information on your activities, and collaboration opportunities (as a comment, which I will then incorporate in main text).

If you have separate thoughts or feedback, please feel free to get in touch via WhatsApp or LinkedIn, or by email ([ocamp@gainhealth.org](mailto:ocamp@gainhealth.org)).

## Milestones on the road to COP16

See calendar of meetings [here](#). Highlights:

- 13-18th May, Nairobi: Twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. [Agenda](#) includes biodiversity & health and marine & coastal biodiversity.
- 21-29th May, Nairobi: Fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. [Agenda](#) includes review of NBSAP progress.
- 30 May–2 June, Nairobi: Regional dialogue on national biodiversity strategies and action plans for African countries
- 12-16th August, Montreal: Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources
- 20-22th August, Montreal: Third meeting of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization
- 28-29th August, Brussels: Dialogue on national biodiversity strategies and action plans organised with the European Union
- 9-11th September, Chisinau: Dialogue in the Republic of Moldova on national biodiversity strategies and action plans
- 30th September - 3rd October, Bonn: Global capacity-building workshop on operationalizing access and benefit-sharing national frameworks under the Nagoya Protocol
- 16-18th October, Cali: Fifth Meeting of the SBI
- 21st October - 1st November, Cali: CBD COP ([High-Level Segment](#) 29-30th October)

## Key topics on the table at COP16

- Assessment of progress on the GBF
- Alignment of NBSAPs to the GBF targets
- Establishing monitoring and reporting frameworks
- Mobilising finance (reaching \$20bn per year in international biodiversity finance and establishing a resource mobilisation plan to fund NBSAP implementation)
- Establishing a monitoring framework to measure progress against KM-GBF
- Strengthen climate-nature (UNFCCC-UNCBD) connections (e.g. nature-based solutions, deforestation, response to GST and GGA, COP28 Joint Statement on Climate, Nature, People)
- Digital Sequence Information: a new multilateral mechanism on sharing the commercial benefits of DSI (including a possible global fund to support IPLC)

## Theme of COP16

*Peace with Nature*: improving the relationship we have with the environment and re-thinking an economic model that does not prioritise extraction, overexploitation, and pollution of nature (to be reflected in a Declaration at COP16).

Peace with nature requires peace with ourselves and with others.

## Food Systems Initiatives under the UNCBD / at COP16

- FAO [Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition](#)
- Official Food Day (organised by FAO and UNCBD)
- Presidency-led Biodiversity Banquet
- Food pavilion(s) (CGIAR)
- NBSAP analyses:
  - Initiative on Climate Action and Nutrition (I-CAN)
  - FAO (report on biodiversity & food systems) (TBC)
  - WHO report on biodiversity-health links (TBC)
  - WBCSD-KPMG
  - EAT Forum
  - Guidance “Boosting biodiversity action through agroecology: Guidance for developing and updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans” (Global Alliance for the Future of Food, Biovision, WWF, Alliance Bioversity International – CIAT, and the Agroecology Coalition)
  - [Food Forward NBSAPs](#): An Analysis of Food Systems in NBSAPs and National Targets.

## Food Systems Organisations at COP16

- FAO
- CGIAR
- Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT (based in Cali)
- EAT Forum
- GAIN / I-CAN
- Biovision Foundation
- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU)
- Global Alliance for the Future of Food (GAFF)
- ProVeg International
- Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN)
- Global Crop Diversity Trust
- ClimateWorks Foundation
- Rainforest Alliance
- Netherlands Food Partnership
- African Union Commission Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy & Sustainable Environment (ARBE)
- SNV Netherlands Development Organisation
- Bezos Earth Fund
- World Animal Protection
- Climate Focus

## Strategy & Entry Points

There are two key items on the agenda under the UNCBD and at COP16 this year: implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework adopted at COP15 by 196 countries; and increasing finance to support this agenda.

As a community, our key focus should be to ensure that food systems are at the heart of this, with strong action on food included in plans to achieve the [goals](#) and [targets](#) of the KM-GBF (the NBSAPs), and financing for food systems actions included as part of the wider finance conversation.

Under **implementation**, the main entry point is the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs). 195 countries have an NBSAP, but only nine have been developed since the KM-GBF. There is no legal obligation (unlike with the NDCs under the UNFCCC), but countries are strongly encouraged to update their NBSAPs to align to the goals and targets of the KM-GBF.

2050 **Goals**: Protect and Restore; Prosper with Nature; Share Benefits Fairly; Invest and Collaborate.

Although all 23 **Targets** have some relevance to food, selected food-related targets (rephased for clarity) include:

- Target #1: spatial planning and land management
- Target #2: restore 30% of all degraded ecosystems
- Target #7: reduce pollution to levels that are not harmful to biodiversity
- Target #10: enhance biodiversity and sustainability in agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, and forestry
- Target #14: integrate biodiversity in decision-making at every level
- Target #16: enable sustainable consumption choices to reduce waste and overconsumption
- Target #18: reduce harmful incentives by at least \$500bn per year and scale up positive incentives for biodiversity (including subsidy reform)

Target #10 specifically refers to sustainable intensification, agroecology, and food security. Food loss and waste and regenerative agriculture are seen as entry points.

Links between NDCs and NBSAPs and UNCBD with the various UNFCCC COP and Presidency agendas are also hot on the agenda. Key among these are the Global Goal on Adaptation; the goal to reverse deforestation by 2030; the Global Stocktake response; the COP28 Joint Statement on Climate, Nature, and People.

On **finance**, target #19 seeks to mobilise \$200bn per year for biodiversity from all sources by 2030, including \$30bn through international finance. The 2025 target is \$20bn of international finance per year. There are also sub-goals for domestic resource mobilisation, private finance, and innovative financing methods (payment for ecosystem services, green bonds, biodiversity offsets and credits, benefit-sharing mechanisms).

Information on observer accreditation - for new organizations:

Information on the observer admission process can be found [at this link](#). COP 16 Accreditation is [here](#). Eligible organisations must send to the Secretariat by 31st August 2024 at latest:

- organization's certificate of registration, stamped by the relevant government Ministry
- official letter on the organization's letterhead, containing:
  - specific and clear request for the organisation to be represented as an Observer to the particular CBD meeting (name clearly stated)
  - Statement demonstrating organisation's qualifications in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
  - names and coordinates of its representatives nominated to attend
  - Statutes / by-laws / constitution
  - Web address

You will then receive a link to the Kronos online platform where you can pre-register your nominated representatives. Subsequently, you send a further letter requesting representation and naming nominated representatives to the Secretariat (matching your representatives in Kronos). Note that it is important to specify which sessions you wish to attend (SBI-5, COP-16, CP-MOP 11 and/or NP-MOP5).

Upon confirmation, each representative will receive:

- A visa support letter and link to apply for a visa (free of charge)
- A *Priority Pass* (printed copy needed to obtain your conference badge on site)

Information on attendance

- Accommodation can be booked through the [dedicated portal](#)
- Visas applications can be made [here](#) (dedicated link for COP16)
- Badges will be issued upon presentation of Priority Pass and valid photo ID
- Transport (shuttle buses) will be provided free of charge on presentation of a Priority Pass / Conference Badge (every 15 minutes at peak times and 30 minutes at non-peak times)
- The Provisional Agenda can be found [here](#)
- The side-event schedule will be found [here](#) (applications closed 30/07/24)

Venue: [Centro de Eventos Valle Del Pacífico](#) (CEVP), Calle 15 N. 26 – 120 Autopista Cali, Arroyohondo, Yumbo, Cali, Colombia

Travel around Cali: here's the [shuttle bus map](#). You can use your COP pass (or Priority Pass).

## Agenda

16-18th October: Meetings of the Subsidiary Bodies on Implementation (SBI-5)

- Annotated agenda [here](#)

21st October - 1st November: 16th Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the CBD

- Outline agenda [here](#)
- Information on official side events:
  - 90-minute sessions from 13:15-14:45 and 18:15-19:45 (lunch & evenings)
  - Side event rooms range in size from 30 - 1000+
  - Applications closed 30th July 2024
- Health Day on 24th October at the GBF Pavilion (WHO-CBD)
- Food Day on 28th October at the GBF Pavilion (FAO-CBD)
- High-level segment on 29-30th October (see invitation [here](#))

## What to do in Cali

With huge thanks and all credit to [Alex Reep](#), here are some recommendations on what to do in and around Cali when you have some down-time. Full document [here](#). Highlights:

### Intro to Cali:

Cali is a magical city to live in — it's neighbourly and people spend lots of time outside; listening to music and enjoying the perfect weather at sunset.

Cali is praised as the **World Capital of Salsa** — meaning lots of live music, dance shows, and bustling clubs. Beyond partying ("la Rumba"), Cali has so much to offer in terms of nature, history, culture, cuisine, etc. The city sits at the foothills of the amazing **Los Farallones de Cali National Park** of the Andes mountain range, which offers gorgeous silhouettes when the clouds clear. The close proximity to the National Park also makes Cali the #1 city in the world for bird diversity and #1 for number of rivers flowing through it. The city is full of **art** — it's got some of the [best murals](#) I've ever seen and the [La Linterna](#) print shop has been making artistic linocut prints by hand since the 1930s.

Further, Cali is considered the "**capital of the Colombian Pacific**," meaning that many Afro-Colombian people from the Pacific coast come to Cali for its universities, job opportunities, and [Petronio Alvarez festival](#) each August. Cali has the highest population of Afro-descent people in Colombia, bringing delicious viche (ancestral distilled sugarcane liquor), Pacific cuisine, and curruloa music.

**Weather Tip:** Cali is hot and humid! Wear walking shoes, long-flowy pants, and hats. Avoid walking during the peak heat of the day (11am - 4pm). Carry water (tap water is potable).

**Style Tip:** Cali is medium-casual. Almost every person going out wears a nice shirt/blouse, jeans, nicer sneakers, and a front-facing fanny pack or cross-body bag. I felt more comfortable not wearing flashy jewellery or anything too revealing.

### Safety Tips:

- The most common crime in Cali is phone-theft, often by motorcyclists driving by and snatching them out of your hands. Avoid following GoogleMaps and texting in the street. Be cautious while taking photos. If the same motorcycle drives by a few times, wait inside of a shop.
- Dengue is ravaging the city (and I was a victim). Wear long pants (mosquitoes love ankles), long sleeves, and bug spray. I struggled to find serious spray in Colombia, so consider bringing sprays containing DEET.
- Crossing streets: cars won't stop for you and sometimes drive the wrong way on one-ways, so be very observant and careful.
- The most popular neighborhoods and safest for walking around are Barrios: [San Antonio](#), Miraflores, Libertadores, Peñón, & Granada.

## Museums:

- **La Tertulia Modern Art:** my favorite museum + a great space to spend the heat of the day, really enlightening exhibits. The [Cinemateca](#) has amazing movie screenings from Colombian directors, winners of international film festivals, etc.
- **Museo de la Cana de Azucar (Sugarcane Museum):** I've heard it's a very interesting learning experience - note: it takes about 1.5 hours to reach by car ([details here](#))
- **Museo de Arte Colonial y Religioso La Merced (Colonial and Religious Art Museum):** located in the city center, near Barrio San Antonio ([details here](#))
- **MUSA Museo Arqueologico** ([details here](#))
- **Museo Departamental de Ciencias Naturales** Federico Carlos Lehmann: natural science museum near the Biblioteca Departamental ([details here](#))
- **Museo Popular de Siloe:** located in the Siloe neighborhood (known for its amazing community organizing), this museum is intended for the "construction and reconstruction of collective memory." It's been highly recommended by friends, and I regret I never visited.

## Places to Explore:

- **Parque Artesenal Loma de la Cruz:** This park on a hilltop has a view of Barrio San Antonio and Las Tres Cruces (three crosses on a hill) in the distance + many small stands of artisanal arts. The central gathering zone attracts crowds of hundreds on Thursday nights for an Andean dance circle. ([details here](#))
- **Biblioteca Departamental Jorge Garces Borrero:** This library has AC, is a great place to work remotely, and hosts many events / art showcases ([details here](#))
- **Mariposario Andoke:** butterfly park on the hill leading up to Mirador Cristo Rey, reach by taxi ([details here](#))
- **Mirador Cristo Rey:** take a taxi up to a 85ft statue of Christ, with a lookout of the whole city. It's also a great place to escape the city heat, but it is sunny/exposed.
- **Parque San Antonio:** great place to watch the sunset + very lively on Friday - Sunday.
- **La Linterna:** linocut studio in Barrio San Antonio using machines from the 1800s - one of the best places in Cali to find original art from Colombian artists, explore prints, buy souvenirs
- **La Báscula Cocina y Especies:** amazing spice shop in Barrio San Antonio. I would stop here after work for cold kombucha, candied ginger, and dried pineapple. They also sell zines and viche. ([details here](#))

## Going on a Walk:

- **Day:** Start in Barrio San Antonio (brunch at Cumbre Masa Madre + art print admiring at La Linterna), La Tertulia Modern Art museum, visit Los Gatos del Río, and walk along the river towards the zoo (there's a paved path along the river all the way)
- **Night:** Get beers and empanadas at Tomatero and sit outside to enjoy the music and people-watch, walk to the Salsa Street ([Calle de la Salsa](#)), cruise along the Boulevard - best on Friday or Saturday evening.



## Restaurants:

### Barrio San Antonio

- [Sandwich Lovers](#): home-made bread, ferments, kombucha, Mediterranean plates (my favorite)
- [Zea Maiz](#): affordable/tasty arepas, fresh juice, art and zines for sale (another favorite)
- [Waunana](#): fancier, modern Colombian meals using only ingredients from Colombia
- [Karmela Cocina](#): a locals' favorite Pacific coast place with a new bright, airy location
- [Camaron y Fresa](#): great Pacific coast restaurant, try the salmón y maracuyá dish + ceviche
- [Cafe Macondo](#): offers movies on a projector every night (M - F 7pm, Sat & Sun 5:30pm)

### Elsewhere in the City

- [Galería Alameda](#): Donde Basilia has amazing Pacific coast food ([details here](#))
- [Platillos Voladores](#): upper scale, many peoples' favorite place for special occasions
- [Baraka Retorno al Origen](#): good food, AC, good place to work remotely, sells kimchi & baked goods ([details here](#))
- [Baraka Peñón](#): upper scale casual dining, nice outdoor seating, all Colombian ingredients & innovative drinks/recipes
- [Tierradentro](#): There is a Tierradentro Cafe in Barrio San Antonio with nice outdoor seating in the back on a patio and deck + co-working space upstairs. The Tierradentro Las Lomas is on a hill near Mariposario Andoke and on the way to Cristo Rey - they host amazing picnic movie nights during sunset (bring a jacket + arrive early for a mat near the screen. Their Instagram has updates on what movie will be playing). ([details here](#))

## Bars:

- [El Tomatero](#): nice owner, good music, casual (beers/fried empanadas) near the Boulevard
- [La Colina Tertuliadero](#): A classic! Cali's oldest bar, nice back patio, great place to try Colombia's best fried foods - empanadas and ([details here](#))
- [Cervezas Kalima - Pub](#): Another neighborhood classic - the favorite of my roommates and work mates. Small front patio with booth seating. Locally-brewed artisanal beers.
- [El Kurruloo](#): My French friends' meeting spot. The best is to try samples of the options, choose a bottle of your favorite, sit outside at sunset with a bottle of viche or
- [Punto Baré Salsa Club](#): big band jazz live music many Thursday evenings, cocktails, intimate seating.

## Day or Weekend Trips:

- [San Cipriano Weekend Trip](#) = only 2.5 hours from Cali, amazing bird-watching and wildlife, tight-knit community. One of my favorite places in all of Colombia.
- [Pico de Loro trek](#): Pro tip is to stay in a cabin at Rancho Super Cheers the night before, so you can leave at sunrise the next morning. Arrange a tour through Guías Fundación Pico Pance WhatsApp: +57 318 574 7956.

- **Kilómetro 18:** This is an accessible escape from the city into the mountains. The weather changes drastically and becomes much cooler. There are road-side goats and vendors selling goat cheese + honey. People also come for the amazing bird-watching and trails. ([details here](#))
- **Río Pance:** about an hour-long taxi or bus ride from the city center, Pance is a gorgeous river to visit. You can stop at La Vorágine (a tiny, more accessible town) or ride about an hour longer deeper into the mountains to reach the more-pristine Pance (known for its amazing sancocho soups).
- **Los Farallones de Cali:** You can take a chiva from downtown into the mountains and wander on your own, or organize a tour / ask for tips from Margarita (contact below). There are amazing trails, but best to hire a guide.

#### Contacts:

Tip: Send a WhatsApp message in Spanish, tell them you know me (Alex Reep), ask away!

Name	What They Offer	My Relationship with Them	Contact Info
<b>Adriana Marcela R</b>	Yoga instructor, massages, bird-watching tour guide	She's been my yoga teacher and friend for 2+ years + is eager to connect with COP16 visitors, show them her favorite nature, teach yoga, etc.	+57 310 420 9161
<b>Margarita Acosta</b>	Ecological tour guide for the Farallones de Cali National Park	I met Margarita in the Park 2 years ago and have hired her for many day trips since. She's well-connected with other guides within the Park, and finds unique glamping or hiking opportunities. She's also an expert beekeeper and wonderful conservationist/friend.	+57 316 805 2110
<b>Alveiro Velasco</b>	Trusted taxi driver	He's my former roommate's dad. Very punctual and professional. Trips to and from the airport are typically 75.000 COP + a 10.000 tip.	+57 311 633 0898
<b>Marisol Vallejo Quintero</b>	Urban garden organizer in Los Cristales (near Barrio San Antonio)	Marisol is my best friend in Colombia. She transformed a patch of grass into a mega-biodiverse edible forest using "agricultura sintrópico" methods. She always wants more help in the garden, and is there every morning from 7-9am. Follow the garden's progress <a href="#">@bosque.comestible.cristale</a>	+57 305 811 0502

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## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Monday:

- 7-9pm free salsa lesson @ La Topa Tolondra
- Salsa live music @ Balneario Las Brisas

### Wednesday:

- La Topa Tolondra
- Movie night at Tierradentro Las Lomas

### Thursday:

- “**La Danza Andina**” is an Indigenous dance led @ **Parque Artesanal Loma de la Cruz**, with hundreds of people visiting to join the circle. Be sure to try chicha from the Nasa community vendors and empanadas at La Wacha. ([details here](#))
- Punto Baré: big band jazz shows on many Thursdays
- Movie night at Tierradentro Las Lomas

### Friday:

- Free dance lessons @ Salsa Pura
- Rock live music @ Bourbon St Cali
- Live electro DJ @ Club 10-60
- Salsa street is bustling on the Boulevard (the walk along the Río Cali)
- Movies @ Cinemateca La Tertulia

### Saturday:

- Minga Community Planting @ Bosque Comestible Los Cristales (text Marisol for details, or check their Instagram @bosque.comestible.cristales)
- Agroecological Farmers’ Market at Parque San Antonio, 11am - 1pm
- Bachata classes for free 6:30pm @ La Tertulia by Bialamelo Cali ([details here](#))
- Salsa live music @ [Donde Fabio](#)
- Movies at Cinemateca La Tertulia

### Sunday:

- Salsa show @ Mulato Cabaret (very touristy but interesting)
- Movies at Cinemateca La Tertulia