

## **ICC COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY – KEY DATES**

### **UN Climate Change Conferences and Meetings | Road to COP26**

#### **UNFCCC Technical Meetings – held virtually**

The UNFCCC Constituted Bodies that provide advice and technical input to advance the implementation of the UNFCCC, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, are being held by way of virtual meetings, wherever possible.

- The **UNFCCC’s Adaptation Committee (AC)** that promotes the implementation of enhanced action on adaptation, hosted its first-ever virtual meeting on 24-27 March 2020. The recording of the meeting and relevant meeting documents are available on the official [UNFCCC website](#). The 2020 Adaptation Forum is scheduled to take place in September/October 2020 in New Delhi, India. We will provide further details once a date is known.
- The **Technology Executive Committee (TEC)**, that plays a key role in helping countries identify climate technology policies that support them in achieving the climate objectives, held its twentieth meeting online on 1-3 April 2020. The summary of the meeting and further documents can be found [here](#) and on the official [TEC website](#). The next meeting of the TEC is scheduled take place 14-19 September 2020 in Bonn, Germany.
- The **Climate Technology Center & Network (CTCN) Advisory Board**, the operational arm of the UNFCCC Technology Mechanism, held an online taskforce meeting at the end of March to inform members on CTCN activities and key issues. The next meeting of the CTCN is likely to take place in September/October 2020. We will provide further details once a date is known.
- The **Standing Committee on Finance (SCF)** postponed its twenty-second meeting until further notice. On 7 April 2020, the SCF hosted two online webinars, one on the First Report on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Paris Agreement and the second one on 2020 Biennial Assessment and overview of climate finance flows. The webinars can be accessed [here](#).

#### **UNFCCC First Intersessional Meeting – postponed to October 2020**

The COP Bureau [decided](#) to postpone the first intersessional meeting from June until 4-12 October 2020. It will take place at the World Conference Center in Bonn, Germany. The intersessional meeting presents a key negotiation session ahead of COP26 where countries are expected to make good progress on outstanding issues, such as Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

#### **UNFCCC Regional Climate Weeks – postponed to 2021**

All [UNFCCC Regional Climate Weeks](#) scheduled to take place this year in the Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin-America & Caribbean and North Africa & Middle East regions have been postponed to 2021. Host

Governments are in the process of confirming their commitment to host the events next year and we will provide an update as soon as these are known.

### **COP26 – postponed to 2021**

COP26 which was initially scheduled to take place in November 2020 in Glasgow, Scotland has been postponed to 2021. See announcement [here](#). We expect the new dates for the rescheduled conference in 2021 to be announced in early June 2020.

## **UN Biodiversity Conferences and Key Biodiversity Meetings | Road to COP15**

### **\*NEW\* Business for Nature Virtual Event – 15 June 2020**

Business for Nature – in collaboration with ICC, the World Economic Forum, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), the UN Global Compact and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) – will be hosting a global, high-level, interactive and lively online forum on 15 June 2020 to explore how business can strengthen the resilience of our systems and support collective action to accelerate progress towards a more sustainable future.

Register your interest by email to [contact@businessfornature.org](mailto:contact@businessfornature.org) (with the subject line of “15 June Building Business Resilience”) and join us on Monday, 15 June 2020 at 7:00-8:15 EDT / 13:00-14:15 CEST / 19:00-20:15 CST.

### **IUCN Congress and CEO Summit – postponed to January 2021**

The IUCN World Conservation Congress, which was initially scheduled to be held in June 2020, will now take place from 7-15 January 2021 in Marseille, France. The congress is a major key event ahead of COP15. The IUCN CEO Summit and the One Planet Summit, that were to take place on the margins of the World Conservation Congress have also been postponed. More information is available [here](#).

### **Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework – postponed (likely autumn 2020)**

The third meeting of the OEWG on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, originally scheduled to take place in July 2020 in Cali, Colombia, has been postponed and will likely take place in Cali in autumn 2020. We will inform you as soon as the new dates will be announced.

### **CBD subsidiary bodies – tentatively scheduled for August 2020**

The twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is tentatively scheduled to take place in Montreal, Canada from 17-22 August 2020, followed by the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation tentatively scheduled for 24-29 August 2020. If you would like to register for these meetings and have not already done so, please [let us know](#) as soon as possible but no later than **28 May 2020**.

Other working group meetings have been postponed or moved online. Please consult the [CBD website](#) for further details.

### **COP15**

The 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), which was scheduled to take place in Kunming, China in October 2020, has been postponed with no new date yet scheduled.

## UN General Assembly Week – currently maintained

The [75th session of the UN General Assembly](#) is scheduled to take place from 15 to 30 September 2020, with the first day of the high-level General Debate on 22 September 2020 and the Nature Summit taking place on the afternoon of 22 September 2020 and the morning of 23 September 2020. We are monitoring the planning closely and will inform you of any changes to the scheduled plans.

New York Climate Week, which usually takes place on the margins of, and in coordination with, the UN General Assembly, is scheduled to take place from 21-27 September 2020. We understand that plans are being made to host the programme of events virtually, if there are restrictions on in-person meetings. More information can be found [here](#).

## UNEAS – currently maintained

The fifth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEAS) is expected to take place from 22-26 February 2021, in Nairobi, Kenya. Further information can be found [here](#).

## Other key UN Meetings

### STI for the Sustainable Development Goals – postponed to 2021

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals originally scheduled to take place on 12-13 May 2020 in New York has been postponed to 2021. Further details are available [here](#).

### UN Ocean Conference – postponed

The UN Ocean Conference originally scheduled to take place from 2-6 June 2020, in Lisbon, Portugal, has been postponed. Co-hosts of the UN Oceans Conference, Kenya and Portugal, in consultation with the UN General Assembly will, in due course, decide on possible future dates for the Conference, including timelines for the preparatory process. More information can be found [here](#).

### UN High-level Political Forum – currently maintained

The meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council is scheduled to take place from 7 to 16 July 2020, including a three-day ministerial meeting from 14 to 16 July 2020. This year's theme will be "Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development." More information can be found [here](#). We are monitoring the planning closely and will inform you of any changes to the scheduled plans.

## WTO Negotiations on Fisheries Subsidies – update

World Trade Organisation (WTO) members were expected to finalise [negotiations on fisheries subsidies](#) at the 12<sup>th</sup> WTO Ministerial Conference, originally scheduled to take place in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan from 8 to 11 June 2020. While this meeting has been postponed and new dates for the conference have not yet been announced, negotiators on fisheries subsidies are still working towards concluding an agreement in 2020. ICC will continue to actively follow this process and promote conclusion of an agreement, in line with our support for the WTO reform agenda and of the implementation of the SDGs ([SDG 14.6](#)).

## World Circular Economy Forum 2020 – virtual event on 29-30 September

The World Circular Economy Forum (WCEF), originally scheduled to take place in Toronto, Canada in September 2020 has been postponed until 2021, however a virtual event of the WCEF will take place on 29-30 September 2020. ICC will be a strategic partner of both events and further details will be provided in due course.