

# COP 13

**The conference of the parties**

It is the highest governing body of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). It brings together representatives of the countries party managers and other players to promote the implementation of the Convention.

**Since the CBD came into force in December 1992, the COP has held 12 regular meetings and adopted 367 decisions.**

Meanwhile, from their respective origins, each of its protocols has a previous meeting to the COP called meeting of the Parties (COP-MOP). Mexico will host the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 13), the eighth COP-MOP of the Cartagena Protocol (

[COP-MOP 8](#)

) and the second COP-MOP Nagoya Protocol (

[COP-MOP 2](#)

) The activities will be held from 2 to 17 December 2016 in *Cancun, Quintana Roo*.

During COP 13, about ten thousand participants, including representatives of the countries parties, observer countries, international organizations and others interested will meet in Cancun to negotiate agreements and commitments that give impulse to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity as well as the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi goals.

The administration of

**Mexico's president, Enrique Peña Nieto**

, is committed to providing a propitious space and facilitate the development of the work of the countries party to support the fulfillment of the objectives of the CBD, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011- 2020 and the Aichi goals.

### [Official statement of the COP 13](#)

In the context of the COP 13 will be also held various difusion events, exhibitions, presentations, fairs, forums (business, civil society, youth, indigenous people and local communities, cities and subnational governments, among others).

## **Objectives of Mexico at COP 13**

In the context of the COP 13 **Mexico will promote actions to support the implementation of the**

### [Strategic Plan 2011-2020 and its Aichi goals](#)

, so that it has been proposed as central theme: the integration of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in the plans, programs and sectoral and intersectoral policies with emphasis on agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism sectors.

This topic is expected to be written into the ministerial declaration to be adopted at the High Level Segment and in one of the decisions of the COP 13.

In addition,

**Mexico will use this space to promote the development of sectoral and intersectoral agendas in support to the implementation of the CBD and to show examples of success stories in integrating biodiversity in Mexico and other countries, seeking that they can be replicated.**

[Agenda and official documents of the COP 13](#)