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Supporting the worldwide implementation of the
GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

Organised by the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation (GPPC)
in association with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)
and Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI)

Hosted by the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI),
Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, Cape Town, South Africa

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The Conference

This conference will bring together plant conservation scientists, policy makers and practitioners from across the world to consider the future of plant conservation, and in particular to develop ideas for a global plant conservation strategy for the post-2020 period. The conference will attract a wide range of participants to share their experiences and further the development of plant conservation policy, practice and actions during and beyond this, the U.N. Decade of Biological Diversity.

The results of the conference and the strategic workshops will be provided to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) as a contribution from the GPPC and the plant conservation community in general towards future plans for the CBD in the achievement of the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.

The Venue

The conference is hosted by SANBI's Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden in Cape Town, South Africa, where all sessions will be held.



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THE CONFERENCE: In October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan, the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD adopted an updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) for the period 2011–2020. This updated GSPC includes 16 targets for plant conservation to be achieved by 2020. The role of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation (GPPC) is recognised by the CBD in supporting GSPC implementation worldwide and this conference aims to help guide future plant conservation priorities.

The objectives of the conference will include:

- Showcasing examples and sharing experiences on GSPC implementation.
- Providing guidance and support for national and regional GSPC implementation entering into the new phase.
- Helping to build leadership amongst the participating organisations for monitoring and delivery of the GSPC targets.
- Developing and considering scenarios and priorities for the GSPC in the period beyond 2020 and the ways in which it will contribute to the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.

The conference will provide an opportunity for participants to consider the ways in which they can contribute to national CBD reporting processes and inclusion of plant conservation in reviews of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs). The meeting will also help efforts made to build on and evaluate progress in implementing the GSPC and how these experiences can support enhanced implementation over the coming decade.



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EXPERT WORKSHOPS: The development of the GSPC up to and beyond 2020 will be reviewed during a series of expert workshops. Topics will include:

- Evaluation of the current GSPC targets and consideration of revised objectives and targets for the post-2020 period.
- Further alignment of the GSPC with developing scenarios for the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity and the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, including indicators adopted for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Review of opportunities to raise awareness of the importance of the GSPC and broaden its support base at all levels.
- Capacity building and measures to facilitate GSPC delivery, including supporting the work of GSPC national focal points and mainstreaming the GSPC into NBSAPs.
- Ways and means to facilitate reporting on GSPC progress at national and international levels, highlighting the contributions of the GSPC to the achievement of national biodiversity conservation targets and the Aichi Targets.
- Identification of case studies illustrating GSPC implementation and achievements and consideration of possible contributions for Global Biodiversity Outlook 5 (GBO-5).

A special session will be held on **Plant Conservation and Economics** to explore issues relating to forestry, agriculture and other aspects of sustainable development.

Who should attend the conference?

- National focal points for the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- Plant conservationists.
- Representatives of GPPC partner organisations, donor agencies interested in biodiversity conservation, national biodiversity organisations and agencies, potential GPPC members and regional biodiversity conservation bodies.



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