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Preliminary Agenda

Moderator: Ms. Paloma Ávila, host of tv programs on future and environment on CNN Chile

Opening

Mr. Jérémie Pellet, Director General of Expertise France

The United Nations Regional Commissions (RegComs) will show their brief video setting the scene with the statements of each Executive Secretary.

- Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of ECLAC and the 2024 coordinator of the RegComs
- Ms. Tatiana Molcean, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
- Mr. Calver Gatete, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa
- Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- Ms. Rola Dashti, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Implementing a biodiversity agenda: turning challenges to opportunities

• Mr. Carlos De Miguel Alonso, Director of the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of ECLAC

Strengthened regional approach: a must for advancing biodiversity agenda

- **Benjamin Schachter,** Coordinator, Environment and Climate Change Unit, OHCHR speaking on behalf of the ASG for Human Rights
- **Mr. Francis Sabino Ogwal,** Senior Manager Environment Planning and Coordination, CBD National Focal Point and Co-chair for the development of KM-GBF National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), Uganda

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- Dr. Theresa Mondita Lim, Executive Director of the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity
- **Representative of the Ministry of Ecology**, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan (TBC)
- Mr. Manuel Pulgar Vidal, CBD Action Agenda Champion for Nature and People
- Rita Mesquita Secretary for Biodiversity at the Ministry of the Environment

Closing remarks

- High-level representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (TBC)
- **Mr. Carlos De Miguel Alonso,** Director of the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division of ECLAC