



Declaration of the Coalition of the Willing on Pollinators

Recalling that pollinators are fundamental for the conservation of biological diversity and the maintenance of natural terrestrial ecosystems and key ecosystem services, including food production, and for the adaptation of our food production systems to climate change, thereby providing a compelling example of how biodiversity underpins sustainable development, including the improvement of food security for the world's population;

Deeply concerned about the current and future state of pollinators and animal pollination, as outlined in the key message of the IPBES thematic assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production, stating that pollinators are threatened for example by land use change, inappropriate intensive agricultural management including pesticide use, environmental pollution, invasive alien species, pathogens and climate change

Welcoming the tools and guidance developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and partners under the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators, and convinced that further developments should be built on them.

Convinced that political impetus has the potential to foster policy measures and innovative action with a view to protect pollinators;

We commit to:

1. take action to protect pollinators and their habitats in order to stop and reverse their decline, taking into account our national, regional and international capabilities and priorities, including through strategies to:

promote pollinator-friendly habitats including through sustainable agricultural practices such as agro-ecology; improve the management of pollinators, and reduce risks from pests, pathogens and invasive species; avoid or reduce the use of pesticides harmful to wild and domestic pollinators, apply appropriate risk management measures, and develop alternatives to their use.

We will do so by developing, facilitating (if not already done) and implementing pollinator strategies, consistent with the IPBES thematic assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production;

2. share, in an open and transparent manner, experience and lessons learnt in developing, facilitating and implementing these pollinator strategies, especially knowledge on new approaches, innovations and best practices;

3. reach out to, and seek collaboration with, a broad spectrum of stakeholders (among which, businesses, NGOs, farmers and smallholders, and local communities) on the need to protect pollinators;

4. develop research that will help to fill knowledge gaps on the subject of pollinator conservation;

5. mutually support and collaborate with each other and with all countries and partner organizations willing to join us.

In order to do so, we hereby express our wish to be a partner in the Coalition of the Willing on Pollinators. We will reach out to potential new partners with the aim of continuously expanding the Coalition of the Willing. We will report in this respect our results to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Location

Date

Signatory

