# [***Pakistan to support global action to halt biodiversity loss'***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:610T-TJJ1-JCH9-G0SR-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) on Climate Change Malik Amin Aslam said that Pakistan would support the global leaders pledge at the UN s maiden Summit for ***Biodiversity*** 2020 for action to stem ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** as part of meaningful action to halt the destruction of nature on earth.

To restore the balance with nature, governments and the European Union have rolled out a 10-point pledge at the major UN ***biodiversity*** summit, which opened virtually from New York today to counteract the damage to ecosystems systems that underpin human health and wellbeing, said a press release.

The speaking slots at this week's Summit are oversubscribed, with more than 116 heads of states and governments seeking to address the unprecedented global event.

The Summit on ***Biodiversity*** 2020 has been convened by the President of the General Assembly, at the level of Heads of State and Government under the theme of Urgent action on ***biodiversity*** for sustainable development.

Prime Minister Imran Khan and German Chancellor Angela Merkel will co-chair ''Today Late Night'' a high-level joint session Leaders Dialogue today (Monday) through a video link at the Summit and call for a heightened global action to halt ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** for the sustainability of the planet earth and its inhabitants.

Described as a turning point by which future generations will judge their willingness to act on environmental destruction, the pledge includes a renewed effort to reduce deforestation, halt unsustainable fishing practices, eliminate environmentally harmful subsidies and begin the transition to sustainable food production systems and a circular economy over the next decade.

Malik Amin Aslam said The PM will also highlight that the world must act unitedly right now.

We have no chance to dither and delay, for ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** is happening today and it is happening at a much faster pace or face the catastrophic consequences for us all.

"The prime minister's special assistant Malik Amin Aslam said that while the United Nations first ever Summit for ***Biodiversity*** has begun today in New York, Prime Minister Imran Khan, Emmanuel Macron, Angela Merkel, Justin Trudeau, Jacinda Ardern and Boris Johnson are among 64 leaders from five continents, would warn during their keynote speeches that humanity is in a state of planetary emergency due to the climate crisis and the rampant destruction of life-sustaining ecosystems. He said that the Summit, in fact, aims to highlight the crisis facing humanity from the paced degradation of ***biodiversity*** and the urgent need to accelerate action on ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** for overall sustainable development. It also is geared towards providing an opportunity for Heads of State and Government from all five continents and other leaders to raise ambition for the development of the post-2020 global ***biodiversity*** framework to be adopted at the 15th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in 2021.This framework, and its effective implementation, must put nature on a path to recovery by 2030 to meet the SDGs and realize the Vision of Living in harmony with nature , Malik Amin added.

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