



# INVITATION TO KALPAVRIKSH WEBINAR SERIES

## From Global Commitments to Local Action: Community Perspectives on Key Biodiversity Issues in the Lead-up to CBD COP17

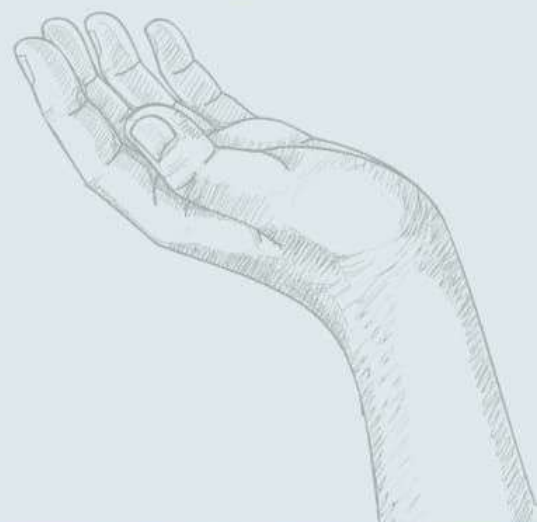
The 17th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP17), scheduled for October 2026 in Yerevan, Armenia, will review progress towards implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) and shape future biodiversity action. Recognising the need to connect international negotiations with on-ground realities, Kalpavriksh is organising a webinar series that brings together tribal and local communities, researchers, practitioners and responsible government representatives to discuss key biodiversity issues expected to feature at COP17.

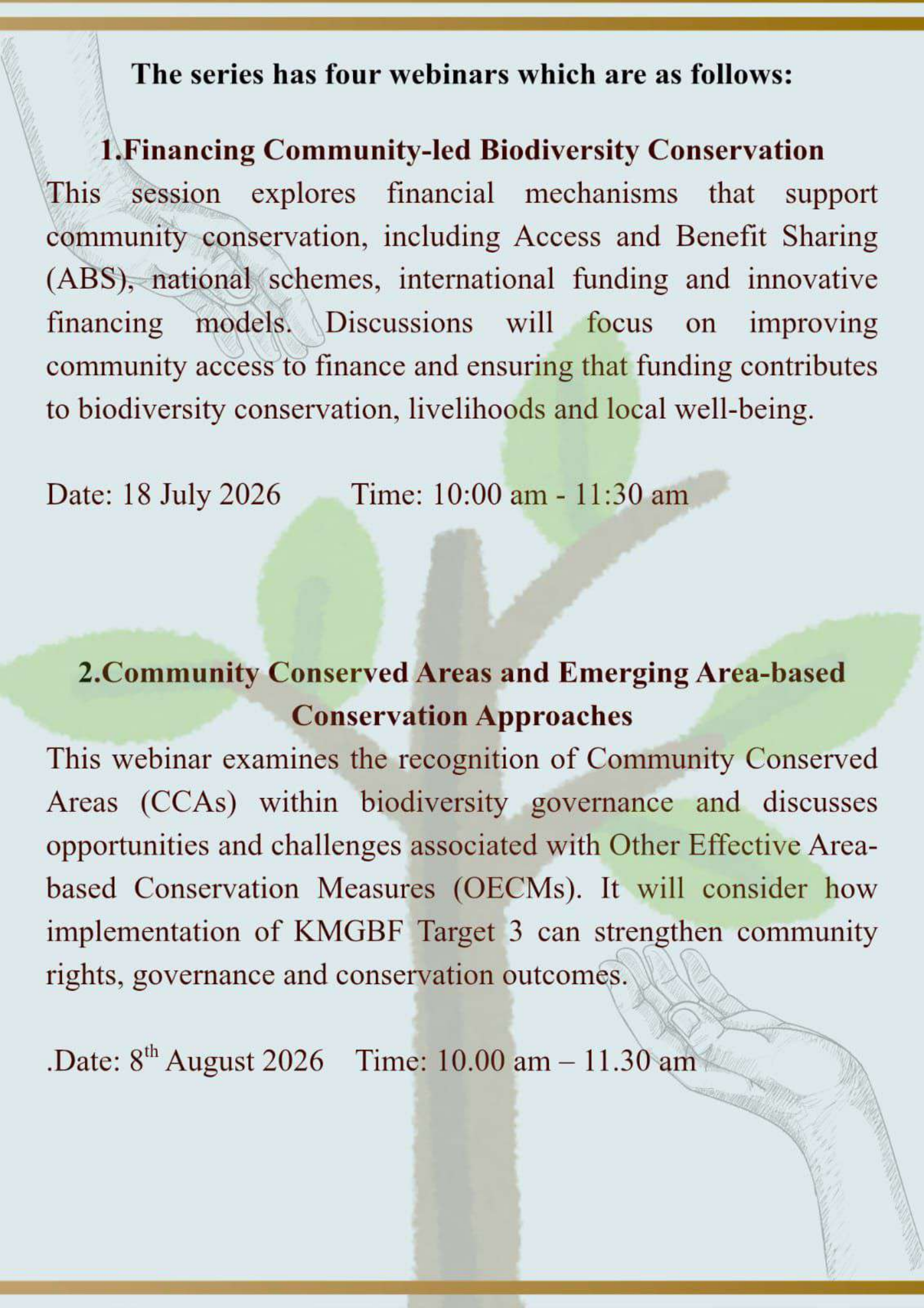
### Webinar Objectives:

The series aims to:

- Facilitate dialogue among communities, experts and government agencies on emerging biodiversity policy issues.
- Highlight practical opportunities and challenges in implementing the KMGBF.
- Generate evidence-based recommendations for inclusive, equitable and effective biodiversity governance.
- Ensure that community knowledge and lived experiences inform national and global biodiversity policy.

REGISTRATION LINK:





**The series has four webinars which are as follows:**

### **1.Financing Community-led Biodiversity Conservation**

This session explores financial mechanisms that support community conservation, including Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS), national schemes, international funding and innovative financing models. Discussions will focus on improving community access to finance and ensuring that funding contributes to biodiversity conservation, livelihoods and local well-being.

Date: 18 July 2026      Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

### **2.Community Conserved Areas and Emerging Area-based Conservation Approaches**

This webinar examines the recognition of Community Conserved Areas (CCAs) within biodiversity governance and discusses opportunities and challenges associated with Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs). It will consider how implementation of KMGBF Target 3 can strengthen community rights, governance and conservation outcomes.

.Date: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026      Time: 10.00 am – 11.30 am



### **3.Participatory Spatial Planning for Inclusive Area-based Conservation**

This session discusses how participatory and biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning can integrate Protected Areas, CCAs, OECMs and other governance systems at landscape and seascape scales. The focus is on achieving ecological connectivity while safeguarding community rights and equitable governance.

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2026

Time: 10.00 am – 11.30 am

### **4.Community Biodiversity Registers and People's Biodiversity Registers: Bridging Policy and Practice**

The final webinar compares Community Biodiversity Registers (CBRs) and People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs), examining community experiences, the emerging electronic PBR (e-PBR) process and opportunities to strengthen participatory biodiversity documentation through collaboration between communities and government agencies.

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026

Time: 10.00 am – 11.30 am





### **Target Participants**

The series is intended for Tribals and local communities, Biodiversity Management Committees, government officials, researchers, civil society organisations, conservation practitioners, development partners, donors, students and young professionals interested in biodiversity policy and governance.

### **Why Participate?**

Each webinar combines policy discussions with practical field experiences through expert presentations, panel discussions and interactive dialogue. The series seeks to bridge the gap between international biodiversity negotiations and local implementation, ensuring that the KMGBF is translated into rights-based, community-centred conservation action.

This webinar series is part of Kalpavriksh's project tracking the implementation of the KMGBF from the perspective of Tribal and Local Communities in India. The project is financially supported by Rohini Nilekani Philanthropies. Participants are invited to register and contribute to shaping more inclusive biodiversity policies in the lead-up to CBD COP17.

