

Santiago de Cali will host the COP16 on Biodiversity 2024

Details:

- Bogota and Cali were the pre-selected cities to host this event, which is expected to attract at least 12,000 people and where progress towards the fulfillment of 23 biodiversity protection goals will be discussed.
- Cali, as the capital of the Pacific, has the opportunity to elevate a multiethnic and multicultural region, with protected areas, National Natural Parks and rich biodiversity.

Colombia, 20 de febrero de 2023, @MinAmbienteCo. Santiago de Cali, capital of the Colombian Pacific, has been selected by President Gustavo Petro as the host city for the COP16 on Biodiversity, the most important international event ever held in the country.

The cultural and biodiversity richness, gave the city of Cali, extra values at the time of making the decision. This, commonly known as the 'Sucursal del Cielo', represents the diversity of the Pacific, where 30% of its inhabitants are recognized as Afro or indigenous. In addition, 40% of the region is made up of autonomous territories of ethnic communities.

The Pacific region has more than 200 protected areas, 11 National Natural Parks that make up 51,388 square kilometers of biodiversity, and habitat of 1297 species of fauna, as well as 14,000 species of plants.

The COP16 will be held from October 21 to November 2, 2024.