This article is aimed at the construction of a taxonomy for global governance with an emphasis on the transnational arenas related to biodiversity governance. Firstly, the article presents the main approaches related to transnational arenas. Secondly, we move on to the taxonomy for global governance to finally present the case of biodiversity as we focus on the public-private dimension to analyze the role of non-state actors in the implementation of the biodiversity regulatory framework contemplated by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Nagoya Protocol. Biodiversity is a prominent research object for the environmental politics and governance agenda and sheds light on important issues and concepts that characterize the “new governance mechanisms” of international relations. Finally, we develop a typology of transnational private institutions aimed at biodiversity governance to empirically demonstrate how the interplay of private actors contributes to the implementation of the biodiversity agenda.

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