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## INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.

2. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has prepared this report, which contains a summary of key activities in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 January to 31 December 2018.

### I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

#### A. Participation in high-level events

3. In January, in her capacity as Executive Secretary of the Convention and UN Assistant Secretary-General, as well as a member of the System Initiative Stewardship Board, the Executive Secretary attended the 2018 World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland. This was the first time that an Executive Secretary of the CBD was invited to participate. The meeting gathered global representatives from multi-stakeholder communities committed to improving the state of the world through public-private cooperation and to shaping the global, regional and local agendas. The 2018 Annual Meeting, focusing on “Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World”, provided an opportunity to bring attention to the urgency of arresting biodiversity loss and raising the meaning and importance of biodiversity and the 25 years of work under the Convention, within the WEF community. Among the issues presented were the grave risks of continuing business as usual with mounting pressures and loss of biodiversity, and drawing attention to the opportunities and multiple benefits generated by nature. In particular, the UN Biodiversity Conference in November 2018 in Egypt was presented as a critical milestone to examine opportunities and enhance modalities for partnership engagement in the lead up to the conference. During the Annual Meeting, the Executive Secretary also took part in a number of events, including: Tropical Forest Alliance 2020 Partners meeting, IUCN’s “The Future of Earth: stable resilient, prosperous”, Harnessing the Fourth Industrial Revolution for the Earth, Securing our Natural Systems in a Fractured World, and the Women Leaders’ Dinner-The new wave of change. She also participated at the Stewardship Board for the System Initiative on the Future of Environment and Natural Resource Security, providing a brief presentation on the biodiversity agenda and areas for partnership with the World Economic Forum. As focal point for the Community of Ocean Action for Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Management, she also took part in the event on “Taking Action on Oceans”, highlighting the importance of the work of the Community to maximize the impact of the Friends of the Ocean Action, including in the context of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative. Bilateral meetings were also held with a number of WEF managers, including the Head of Industries to address issues on mainstreaming and potential engagement in CBD activities, along with other members, for example from the Council on Environment and Resource Security to learn about the Earth BioGenome Project.

4. In late February 2018, the Executive Secretary was in London, U.K. for the International Symposium on "Safeguarding space for nature and securing our future: developing a post-2020 strategy". The event, which was hosted by the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) and the National Geographic Society (NGS), in partnership with BirdLife International, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, reviewed the science informing future area-based conservation targets; evaluated the implications of various policy options; provided balanced, evidence-based recommendations; and raised awareness of the need for a more ambitious,

holistic and effective strategy to safeguard space for nature. At the symposium, the Executive Secretary delivered a keynote address on “Making Space for Nature in Our Lives”.

5. Building on the momentum and outputs of the First Bogis-Bossey Dialogue for Biodiversity, held in Bogis-Bossey, Switzerland, in November 2017, and the participatory road map for the post-2020 framework, the Second Dialogue was convened by the Secretariat on 4-6 March 2018, with the generous support of the Government of Switzerland. Gathering over 50 participants, including representatives of past presidencies of the Conference of the Parties, COP Bureau members, a number of government experts, as well as experts from other biodiversity-related conventions, and representatives of relevant United Nations organizations and stakeholder groups, the Dialogue helped to address the status of the agenda, limitations, barriers, and gaps, as well as to identify positive disruptions, enablers, levers and opportunities, for participants to discuss and explore ways to leverage the transformational changes needed to effectively arrest biodiversity loss. The meeting provided an outline of key areas of transformational change for the Convention in the short term (2020), medium term (2030) and long-term (2050) in order to advance pathways for the acceleration of sustainability transitions in the biodiversity agenda. The meeting also provided recommendations for further analysis of what “transition” and “transformation” meant in the biodiversity regime to complement consultations on the preparations for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Taking advantage of the presence of the Bureau members in Bogis-Bossey, a Bureau meeting was convened on 6 March. Items discussed included: update on the preparations for the 2018 UN Biodiversity Conference in Egypt; update on preparations for the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation; as well as status of contributions to the voluntary funds for approved activities and for facilitating participation. The theme of the next UN Environment Assembly and how the Bureau can effectively use the meeting as a stepping stone for the preparations for COP 15 and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as well as further collaboration with UN Environment for the upcoming COP 14, were also discussed.

6. In March, the Executive Secretary travelled to Switzerland to take part in a number of meetings. She attended a multi-stakeholder event organized by the Geneva Environment Network, on the occasion of World Wildlife Day. In her keynote address, the Executive Secretary acknowledged the theme “Big Cats – Predators under Threat” of the World Wildlife Day and its importance, while also highlighting the general state of biodiversity the relevance to biodiversity, with a particular focus on the next steps for the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Executive also attended the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE region, at the International Conference Centre Geneva. The event opened with a high-level policy segment, followed by a peer learning segment in the format of parallel round tables which addressed SDGs 6, 7, 11, 12 and 15. The Executive Secretary moderated the round table on “Biodiversity at the heart of Sustainable Development”, which provided a forum for discussion on main challenges, as well as approaches, solutions, lessons learnt and good practices. While in Geneva, a bilateral meeting was held with the Director General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, which provided an opportunity to give a briefing on the work of the Convention and the Executive Secretary's vision and strategy for raising the biodiversity profile.

7. In April, a biodiversity communications dialogue on “Many Voices – One Nature” was organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and led by the Executive Secretary, and hosted by the Cambridge Conservation Initiative, gathering the participation of various communications experts, journalists and representatives from key media organizations, and other relevant organizations and stakeholders. While raising awareness on the urgency of scaling up communications on biodiversity, the dialogue also aimed to identify biodiversity messaging challenges, and elements for an effective communication strategy in the lead up to 2020. Following the dialogue, the Executive Secretary travelled to Rome to attend the 13th session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures of the International Plant Protection Convention, at the FAO headquarters. She delivered the keynote address with a focus on the 2018 IPPC Annual Theme “Plant Health and Environmental Protection”, while also acknowledging the strong partnership between the CBD and IPPC Secretariats. While in Rome, bilateral meetings were held with the FAO's Assistant-Director-General for Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department, as well as the Deputy Director-General for Natural Resources

Management and Environment Department. A meeting was also held with the Chair of the IUCN Invasive Species Specialist Group (ISSG) of the Species Survival Commission (SSC).

8. During the third week of April, the Executive Secretary was in Washington, D.C. to attend the 2018 New Climate Economy Summit produced by the Global Commission on the Economy and Climate, where she made an intervention on biodiversity and its implications to the global economy. This meeting led to collaborative follow up initiatives with corporate leaders on business and biodiversity and innovative finance for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. Taking advantage of her presence in Washington, bilateral meetings were held with heads and executives of major partners and conservation organizations, with a view to strengthen and/or establish new partnerships and to explore opportunities for further engagement in the lead up to the UN Biodiversity Conference in November 2018 in Egypt. These include: Conservation International, The Nature Conservancy, National Geographic Society, The World Bank, World Resources International, Global Environment Facility, UN Foundation, and Inter-American Development Bank. A meeting was also held with the UNFCCC Executive Secretary who was also in Washington.

9. On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Convention on Biological Diversity's entry into force, a high-level celebration was organized by the Secretariat on 22 May 2018 in Montreal, Canada. The event was opened by a respected elder in the Mohawk Community of Kahnawake, and gathered the participation of senior officials from the Government of Canada, the province of Quebec, the City of Montreal, representatives of the diplomatic corps and dignitaries from around the world. Video messages were also shown from the Executive Director of UN Environment, the Environment Minister of Canada, the EU Commissioner for the Environment, and also a former Executive Director of UN Environment. The event also marked the International Day for Biological Diversity, which also commemorated the CBD milestone with its 2018 theme "Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity".

10. In June, at the kind invitation of the Minister of Environment of Finland, the Executive Secretary participated in the 5th European Congress for Conservation Biology in Jyvaskiya, Finland, where she delivered a keynote statement at the opening session. In the margins of the Congress, a bilateral meeting was held with the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, along with a working dinner with the Minister of Environment of Finland. Prior to the Congress, the Executive Secretary took the opportunity to travel to Helsinki to meet with the Biodiversity team in the Environment Ministry of Finland. During the visit, a working lunch was held with the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, as well as a meeting with media representatives.

11. The Executive Secretary also travelled to Paris to meet with the Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition, the Secretary of State to the Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition, and other senior officials in the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Environment of France, to explore ways France can further contribute to the implementation of the Convention, through high-level political engagement and political support to the biodiversity agenda at key meetings. Possible joint initiatives for awareness raising, and profiling cooperation and support to the agenda at the 2018 High-Level Political Forum in New York, and at the COP 14 in Egypt were also discussed. In addition, meetings with the Deputy Mayor of Paris also affirmed contributions at the sub-national level. A meeting was also held with the President of the French Constitutional Council to receive insights from the diplomatic channels to deliver the Paris Agreement. While in Paris, meetings were also organized with a number of heads and executives of partner organizations and civil society, with a view to strengthen partnerships and discuss opportunities for further engagement in the lead up to the 2018 UN Biodiversity Conference in Egypt. These include: the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, International Chamber of Commerce, Sustainable Development Solutions Network, WWF-France, UNESCO, UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Entreprises pour l'Environnement, and Danone. Media opportunities were also organized.

12. The Executive Secretary was invited to attend the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development in Brussels, Belgium. It was the first time that an Executive Secretary

of the CBD was invited to participate in the China Council. Formed in 1992, the Council was established as a high-level international advisory body with the approval of the Government of China, and comprises Ministers and directors from the Government of China and heads of UN agencies, NGOs, and other high-level experts and individuals. In highlighting the importance of the interlinkages and synergies between climate, biodiversity and ocean governance, the outcomes of the Council meeting provided suggestions to China on how to further enhance its contributions on the global environmental governance system. A UN Environment-European Commission High-level meeting was also held to discuss strengthened commitments in support to the biodiversity agenda and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

13. In June, the Executive Secretary was in Hanoi, Vietnam to represent the Secretariat at the 54th GEF Council, where she was part of several panel discussions and invited to deliver a statement on ways in which the GEF can help catalyse change, to promote an integrated approach to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, with inclusive, catalytic and transformative public finance for long term sustainability. The Executive Secretary took part in a number of high-level events and roundtables, and also met a number of key partners, including the Minister of Environment of El Salvador, Environment State Minister of Ethiopia, UN Environment Head, IUCN Director General, UN Foundation, corporate leaders, WEF and Chairperson of the GEF-STAP, among others. Follow up discussions on business support to biodiversity in the lead up to the September Sustainable Development Impact Summit, on the margins of the UNGA, were also convened.

14. The twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice was held on 2-7 July 2018 in Montreal, Canada. The meeting resulted with 10 recommendations, including: updated scientific assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets and options to accelerate progress; digital sequence information on genetic resources; risk assessment and risk management of LMOs; synthetic biology; protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures; marine and coastal biodiversity; biodiversity and climate change; invasive alien species conservation and sustainable use of pollinators; and second work programme of IPBES.

15. The second meeting of the Convention's Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) was held on 9-13 July 2018 in Montreal, Canada. The meeting adopted 20 recommendations on: progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets; assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol; mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors and other strategic actions to enhance implementation; global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol); specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol; resource mobilization; review of implementation of the financial mechanism (Article 21); capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer; cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and partnerships; mechanisms to facilitate review of implementation; national reporting under the Convention and its Protocols; assessment and review (Article 35 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety); (m) monitoring and reporting (Article 33 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety); enhancing integration under the Convention and its Protocols with respect to provisions related to biosafety and provisions related to access and benefit-sharing; review of the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols; integration of Article 8(j) and provisions related to indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention and its Protocols; taking the voluntary guidelines on safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanisms into account when selecting, designing and implementing financing mechanisms and when developing instrument-specific safeguards; elements of methodological guidance for identifying, monitoring and assessing the contribution of indigenous peoples and local communities to the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets; proposals for a comprehensive and participatory process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; and trust fund for facilitating the participation of Parties in the Convention process; allocation of resources and possibilities of engaging the private sector. The recommendations from SBSTTA 22 and SBI 2 will be submitted to COP 14 for its consideration.

16. Taking advantage of the SBSTTA 22 and SBI 2 participants, a half-day seminar on 8 July was organized by the Secretariat, building on the outcomes of the Bogis-Bossey Dialogues on Biodiversity, to provide an opportunity for a wider group of participants from all Parties and observers to share insights on issues addressed at these dialogues. The participants at the seminar were able to present and exchange views, while contributing to discussions relating to the lead-up to 2020 and preparations for the post-2020 period. Speakers invited made presentations including on: Transformational change in the climate regime in the lead up to the Paris Climate COP (by Senior Director for Intergovernmental Affairs, UNFCCC); Transitions research and transformational change - exploring elements for a transformative biodiversity agenda post-2020 (Director, Dutch Institute of Transitions) and Global context of interconnected risks and challenges in a fast-moving world - how is biodiversity emerging in this content? (Head, Public-Private Partnerships, World Economic Forum). The seminar also responded, to SBSTTA recommendation XXI/1 in which the Executive Secretary was requested to make provisions for sound analytical work when preparing proposals for the process of developing a post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

17. Prior to the SBI 2, a meeting of the COP Bureau was held on 8 July 2018. The meeting discussed the organization of work for the week ahead, the preparations for the 2018 UN Biodiversity Conference in Egypt, and the status of contributions to the voluntary funds for approved activities (BE) and for facilitating participation (BZ). At the meeting, the Chair of the Informal Advisory Group on Synergies among biodiversity-related conventions provided a brief update on the work of the group. Some members also raised concerns regarding the appointments of replacements of the substitute Bureau members that were still pending and suggested follow up with respective regional group to resolve the matter as soon as possible. A meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau was also held prior to SBSTTA 22 to discuss preparations and organization of work for the week.

18. A number of meetings were also held prior to and during SBSTTA 22 and SBI 2, including: Capacity-building Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming for Convention Delegates; Workshop on the outcomes of the sixth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; First meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas; Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness; and Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism.

19. In July, the Secretariat, led by the Executive Secretary, was in New York for the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, which gathered governments, UN and other organizations, civil society, NGOs and the private sector to review progress on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, among them SDG 15. In the margins of the Forum, the Secretariat organized a high-level dinner “Innovations and Solutions for Safeguarding Life on Earth” and, an evening reception with heads of the Biodiversity-related Conventions, with the participation of political leaders, including the Environment Minister of Egypt. Other meetings and bilaterals were also held including the Minister of Environment of Egypt, Vice-Minister of Global Environmental Affairs in the Environment Ministry of Japan, UNCCD Executive Secretary, and CEO of Birdlife, among others.

20. With a view to enhance partnership with key government officials and stakeholders, and ensure strategic engagement and contribution to the upcoming African Ministerial Summit and UN Biodiversity Conference in Egypt, an official mission to South Africa, Namibia and Botswana was organized for July and August 2018. Taking into account that the high-level segment of the Biodiversity Conference will discuss mainstreaming biodiversity into the sectors of energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing, and health, meetings were organized not only with Ministers in charge of the Convention but also those dealing with other relevant sectors. Field visits were also organized with partner organizations and stakeholders that provided an opportunity to showcase and demonstrate their experiences and best practices on implementation of the Convention at national and regional levels.

21. In October, at the kind invitation from the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina, the Executive Secretary attended the XXI Forum of Ministers of

Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean 2018. The Forum addressed issues including the fight against pollution, decarbonization of the economy, efficient use of natural resources and green financing, innovative solutions to enhance ecosystems' benefits, among others. The Executive Secretary was invited to moderate one of the ministerial dialogues as part of the Ministerial Segment of the Forum. The panel included the Environment Ministers of Costa Rica, El Salvador, as well as the UNCTAD Chief of Trade, Environment and Climate Change and also the Vice President for Latin America and Global Innovation of The Nature Conservancy. In her introductory remarks, she spoke about her vision for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the lead up to the post-2020 as well as the 2050 Vision of the Convention. Participation in the Forum, not only provided an opportunity to encourage Ministers to attend the high-level segment of COP 14, but it also contributed to the outreach efforts of the Secretariat, raising the political profile of biodiversity in the Latin America and Caribbean region, informing of the ongoing preparations for COP 14 in Egypt where Parties were expected to decide on the process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

22. The UN Biodiversity Conference was held on 17-29 November 2018, in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. The Conference opened with the high-level segment on 14-15 November 2018, under the theme "Investing in biodiversity for people and planet". Roundtable dialogues on energy and mining, manufacturing and processing and infrastructure allowed for an exchange of experiences in highlighting positive examples of the mainstreaming of biodiversity, as well as challenges and opportunities for each sector. The two-day high-level event resulted in the adoption of the Sharm El-Sheikh Declaration – Investing in Biodiversity for People and Planet, where ministers agreed to advance mainstreaming biodiversity, and use an integrated approach that would promote not only cross-sectoral linkages, but also linkages between efforts to implement national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in line with the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goal and regional and national development agendas. The Declaration also invited the United Nations General Assembly to organize a Heads of State Nature Summit in 2020 to highlight the urgency for action at the highest levels in support and full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and a post-2020 "New Deal for Nature".

23. Prior to the high-level segment, the African Ministerial Summit on Biodiversity was held, which was hosted by the Government of Egypt, in collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC) and with support from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Secretariat of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment and UN Environment. The Summit, under the theme "Land and ecosystem degradation and restoration: Priorities for increased investments in biodiversity and resilience in Africa", adopted the African Ministerial Declaration on Biodiversity, which endorsed the Pan-African Action Agenda on Ecosystem Restoration for Increased Resilience, and also biodiversity priorities in Africa.

24. The fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity was held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, from 17 to 29 November 2018, concurrently with the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CP COP-MOP 9) and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (NP COP-MOP 3). COP 14 adopted 38 decisions, with a focus on the preparation for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and on digital sequence information, synthetic biology, traditional knowledge, access and benefit-sharing and liability and redress, as well as on scientific and technical matters, as well as on procedural and organizational matters. CP COP-MOP 9 adopted 16 decisions, and NP COP-MOP 3 also adopted 16 decisions. Highlights from the conference included the Sharm El-Sheikh Declaration inviting the United Nations General Assembly to convene a Summit on Biodiversity for heads of State by 2020; governments agreeing to accelerate action to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets by 2020; agreement on a comprehensive and participatory process to develop post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the Sharm El-Sheikh to Beijing Action Agenda for Nature and People, which was launched to mobilize broad stakeholder engagement.



25. A number of meetings were also held prior to and during the UN Biodiversity Conference, including: the Business and Biodiversity Forum; Global Taxonomy Initiative Forum; the Communication, Education and Public Awareness Fair; the Rio Conventions Pavilion; Wildlife Forum; Sustainable Ocean Day; ABS Clearing-House Training Workshop; Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop; Science Forum; Nature and Culture Summit; and the 6th Global Biodiversity Summit of Local and Subnational Governments: Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Urban and Regional Development; as well as a series of exhibitions and side events. A meeting of the COP Bureau was held on 16 November 2018 to discuss the organization of work for the conference; daily meetings were also held to update members on the discussions.

26. The award ceremony for the MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity 2018 was held in the margins of the high-level segment. A biennial international prize co-organized by the AEON Environmental Foundation and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the MIDORI Prize honours individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. More information is available at: <http://www.midoripress-aeon.net/index.html>.

27. Prior to the UN Biodiversity Conference, the Executive Secretary was in Dubai to attend the Global Future Council on Biodiversity and the Economy, organized by the World Economic Forum, on 10-12 November 2019. She was invited to co-chair the event with WWF's Leader on Climate and Energy, who is also the former Environment Minister of Peru. The event aimed to explore ways to catalyze a biodiversity action agenda, and help shape and advance the World Economic Forum's Biodiversity Action Initiative.

28. In December, the Executive Secretary was in Katowice, Poland to attend the UNFCCC COP 24, as well as a number of events in the margins of the meeting. She was also invited to the event on "Climate change, biodiversity and human well-being", where she delivered a presentation on the importance of biodiversity in the perspective of combating climate change. Co-presenters included the Environment Minister of Finland and the Head of Programme, Climate Change & Biodiversity at UNEP-WCMC.

29. During the reporting period, the Executive Secretary also met with the Director-General of the International Organizations Bureau at Global Affairs Canada to discuss enhanced collaboration and Canada support to the work of the Convention and its Secretariat. A meeting was also held with senior officials from SNAP Quebec to discuss possible areas of collaboration. The Executive Secretary also welcomed the Director of the Dutch Institute of Transitions, who was invited to meet with the Secretariat staff. In the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the presentation focused on the research and management of transitions, as well as tools and approaches used in different systems to help foster sustainability transitions. The presentation was followed by a Q & A, which generated further inputs into the implementation of the current Strategic Plan and post-2020 process. In June, as part of UNOMS' overall conflict resolution outreach to provide in-person services to staff in the different duty stations, the Director of Mediation in the office of the UN Ombudsman and Mediation Services visited the Secretariat in June. A presentation was made on the informal resolution of workplace conflicts and on how the Office can provide support to staff and managers. Visitors also included the representatives of CIGNA and the President of the Nairobi Staff Union.

## **B. Memorandum of Cooperation/Understanding**

### International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources on Food and Agriculture

30. The objective of the agreement is to enhance cooperation between the CBD Secretariat and the International Treaty in areas of mutual interest and within their respective mandates. Areas for joint collaboration were agreed and specified in the annex to the agreement.

### National Geographic Society

31. The purpose of the agreement is provide a framework of cooperation and understanding, and to facilitate collaboration between the Secretariat and the National Geographic Society to further their

shared goals and objectives in regard to the effective messaging and communication of the transformational change needed to address the drivers of biodiversity loss and to promote the full integration of biodiversity into sustainable development in preparation for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

#### Healthy Urban Microbiome Initiative

32. The agreement aims to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding, and to facilitate collaboration between the Parties to further their shared goals and objectives in regard to the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of biological diversity and ecosystem services, in particular as a foundation for human health and in urban areas.

#### Meat-free Monday Limited

33. The purpose of this agreement is to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding, and to facilitate collaboration between the Parties to further their shared goals and objectives in regard to the effective messaging and communication of the transformational change needed to address the drivers of biodiversity loss and to promote the full integration of biodiversity into sustainable development in preparation for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

### C. Communication and Awareness

34. During the first half of 2018, Secretariat carried out the following CEPA-related activities:

#### *International Day for Biological Diversity 2018 (IDB2018)*

##### Theme

The year 2018 marked the 25th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Therefore, the theme for IDB2018 was: “Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity”. The theme was chosen to mark the 25th anniversary and to highlight progress made in the achievement of its objectives at the national and global levels. The Secretariat announced the theme by notification on 21 December 2017. More details are available at [www.cbd.int/idb/2018](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2018).

##### Participation worldwide

##### *Celebrations*

At least 91 countries, as well as 14 other organizations/entities, have celebrated the IDB to varying degrees, and held a variety of activities: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, European Union, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam. Details are available on the [website](#).

The official celebration took place on 22 May 2018 in Mount Royal Park, Montréal, Canada. The Executive Secretary of the CBD opened the event by welcoming senior officials from the Government of Canada, the province of Québec, the City of Montréal, representatives of the diplomatic corps and dignitaries from around the world. The event can be viewed at

<https://www.facebook.com/UNBiodiversity/videos/1696147693796589/>. The celebration was preceded by a tree planting with school children.

It is also worth noting that Mexico's CONABIO registered 233 activities across the country; [www.biomfdag.se](http://www.biomfdag.se) listed 120 activities all over Sweden; Slovakia has reported on 16 major activities around the country. Also worth mentioning is the participation of Mr. Leonardo DiCaprio on social media.

### *Messages & statements*

A number of governments and organizations have expressed their support to biodiversity by issuing messages to commemorate the IDB: Burkina Faso; Canada; CARICOM; Congo; European Commission; Finland; Ivory Coast; Ontario (Canada); United Nations Headquarters; AEWA; CITES; CMS; FAO; ICIMOD; IUCN; Ramsar Convention; UNESCO; UN Environment; UNDP; UN-Habitat.

As every year, as part of the CBD's outreach activities, the Executive Secretary of the CBD has also released a message: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAyDnPPJTqk>

### Communications Products

#### *Logo & branding*

The IDB2018 logo was also the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo of the Convention on Biological Diversity. More details are available on the website.



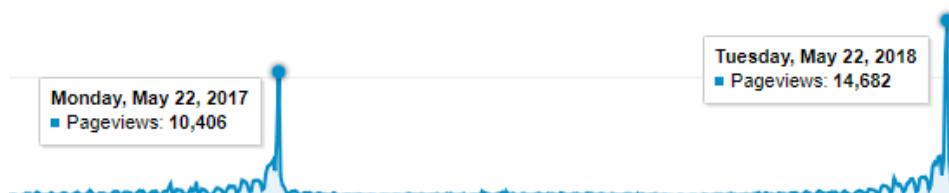
The logo was made available in the 6 United Nations languages at [www.cbd.int/idb/2018/logo](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2018/logo), and was also translated by Parties and others into 13 languages: Bulgarian, Farsi, Greek, Hangul, Hindi, Japanese, Kannada, Marathi, Mongolian, Polish, Portuguese, Tamil, Urdu.

The logo was used in outgoing emails (signature), and featured on the CBD homepage [www.cbd.int](http://www.cbd.int) (carousel & slider) as well as on CBD social media accounts.

Website - [www.cbd.int/idb/2018](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2018)

In 2018, celebrations were submitted online through an interactive form shared with the website of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity ([www.cbd.int/2011-2020/dashboard/submit/event/new](http://www.cbd.int/2011-2020/dashboard/submit/event/new)).

For the period 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018, Google analytics shows a peak of 14,682 pageviews on 22 May 2018, which is a 29% increase compared to IDB2017:



## Social Media

Twitter – On 22 May 2018, the page @UNBiodiversity earned over 130,000 impressions - a major increase from the 75,000 impressions in 2017. The initial tweet on 22 May ultimately had a total of 380,556 impressions, 965 likes and 375 retweets. 31 original tweets were published using the hashtags #IntlBiodiversityDay, #BiodiversityDay and #Biodiversity25years.

Facebook – The IDB2018 facebook campaign (leading up to and on 22 May 2018), reached more than 193,200 people - a 34% increase in comparison to 2017’s reach of 126,986. Notable posts mentioning the CBD came from UN Environment and National Geographic, WWF, IUCN, and others. The top facebook post on IDB2018 was by @bangladesh.usembassy, which received 13,000 likes.

Instagram – @UNBiodiversity made 3 posts on 22 May, which gathered 2,237 likes. Overall, 490 posts used the #IDB2018 hashtag, while 2,386 posts mentioned #biodiversityday, and another 447 posts used #biodiversity25years.

### *Report on social media performance (general)*

**The Programme of Work on CEPA was supported on social media.** During the reporting period 1 January to 30 June 2018, social media platforms performed as follows:

	followers on 1 Jan	followers on 30 Jun	increase
UNDB Facebook	156337	158597	1%
UNDB Twitter	14680	18110	23%
UNDB Instagram	24200	36208	50%
UNDB LinkedIn	1172	1767	51%
ES Facebook	14474	14585	1%
ES Twitter	1215	2180	79%

35. During the second half of 2018, the Secretariat also carried out the following CEPA-related activities:

### CEPA Fair 2018

The Fair on experiences and best practices in Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA Fair) took place during the UN Biodiversity Conference, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, 17-29 November 2018. 31 events took place over 9 days. The Secretariat organized or co-organized 4 of these events. The full programme and other details are available at [www.cbd.int/cepa/fair/2018](http://www.cbd.int/cepa/fair/2018). During the period 17-29 November 2018, the CEPA Fair 2018 webpage ranked as 39th most visited page of the CBD website.

The CEPA Fair 2018 was made possible thanks to the contribution of 140 representatives of 28 countries (61 organizations), the Government of Egypt, local Volunteers and Staff, the CBD Conference Services Team, IT Team, Registration Team and Communications Team. The CEPA Fair was funded by the Government of Egypt. This was one of the smoothest running CEPA Fair since 2010.

### UN Biodiversity Conference – media coverage/press conferences

The UN Biodiversity Conference in Sharm El Sheikh generated close to 1,000 articles in publications worldwide. The greatest reach came from The Guardian, with an estimated reach of 46 million readers.

Key media featuring articles on the conference included The Guardian, Independent, TIME, Xinhua, Agencia EFE, Nature, BBC, National Geographic, and Science.

The UN Biodiversity Conference featured 19 press conferences, as well as 8 press briefings by the Secretariat. The press conferences and the daily press briefings are available at <https://cslide.ctimeetingtech.com/cop14/attendee/confcal>

*Report on social media performance (general)*

**The Programme of Work on CEPA was supported on social media.** During the reporting period 1 July to 31 December 2018, social media platforms performed as follows:

	followers on 1 Jul	followers on 31 Dec	increase
UNDB Facebook	158597	159880	1%
UNDB Twitter	18110	23900	24%
UNDB Instagram	36208	57000	37%
UNDB LinkedIn	1767	3300	47%
ES Facebook	14585	14865	2%
ES Twitter	2180	3800	43%

## II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

### A. Personnel Arrangements

36. During the period January to December 2018, 41 of the 49 professional posts approved under the core budgets of the Convention, the Biosafety Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol, were regularized. The recruitment of 8 professional posts is currently in progress.

37. Of the 29 General Service posts approved under the core budget for 2017-2018, 25 posts were regularized, with 4 vacant posts under recruitment.

38. In addition to the posts funded under the core budgets, 19 posts (4 Professionals and 15 General Services) are filled with funding from the Programme Support Costs (PSC) charged by the UN Environment Programme. There are 2 additional vacant posts funded from PSC that are under recruitment.

39. There were a total of 6 professional project or seconded staff and 3 General Service project staff working in the Secretariat during the period under review. Additionally, 2 Professional project posts are under recruitment.

40. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex I, Appendix 1, and Annex II respectively). This organigram reflects the structure in place following the organizational adjustments introduced by the Executive Secretary in October 2018 and the outcomes of COP 14.

### B. Financial Arrangements

41. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 December 2018, of the total pledged contributions of US\$12,706,000 for 2018 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounts to US\$10,843,357 of which US\$935,369 were received in 2017 and US\$9,907,988 has been received in 2018. Total unpaid pledges for 2018 and prior years to the BY Trust Fund is US\$3,263,203. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

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42. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 December 2018, the total pledges for 2018 amounts to US\$3,458,110 of which US\$3,168,915 has been received. In addition, US\$239,936 has been received with regards to prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2018 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$541,566. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

43. As at 31 December 2018, the total pledges for 2018 amounts to US\$1,025,816 of which US\$928,429 has been received as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

44. As at 31 December 2018, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,674,991 for 2018 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$2,132,386 of which US\$236,573 was received in 2017 and US\$1,895,813 has been received in 2018. In addition, US\$111,571 was received in 2018 for the prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2018 and prior years to the BG Trust Fund, amount to US\$1,120,889. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

45. As at 31 December 2018, several parties have pledged to the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**) in 2018. The total pledges amount to US\$205,413 and have all been paid as well as all unpaid pledges from previous years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the VB Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

46. As at 31 December 2018, of the total pledged contributions of US\$1,342,322 for 2018 to the Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (**BB Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$ 1,209,316 of which US\$65,978 were received in 2017 and US\$ 1,143,338 has been received in 2018. Total unpaid pledges for 2018 and prior years to the BB Trust Fund, amount to US\$334,386. Details of the BB Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

### C. Conference Services

#### Conference Services

47. During the six months of the period under review (July to December 2018), the Conference Services Unit conducted the following activities:

- (a) Planning and coordination of logistical arrangements for the convening of the UN Biodiversity Conference 2018 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt,<sup>i</sup> including continuous liaison with the Host Government to provide instructions, share know-how and to follow up on progress;
- (b) Liaising with UNON to ensure the availability of the required interpretation teams;
- (c) Liaising with UNDSS to support negotiations with the host country for the completion of the security agreement for the meetings in Egypt, monitoring implementation as well as following up to ensure that the security team was recruited and available on-site in a timely manner;
- (d) Liaising with internal programme managers and external partners to share information and identify needs for the COP meeting, following up with planning and organizing to provide for such requirements;
- (e) Processing applications for side events during the meetings, following up regarding the selection process and communication with organizers;
- (f) Receiving and processing requests for COP registration, following up with accreditations and completing the process on-site. Over 12,000 registration requests were received, and 7,222 badges were issued at the venue;

- (g) Organizing and monitoring the shipment of CBD equipment and publications sent for the meetings in Egypt;
- (h) During the conference, the Conference Services team coordinated and supported the execution of 40 plenary and working group meetings with six-language interpretation, 55 contact group meetings, 245 side events and 324 other meetings and events. These were held and served as scheduled at the five different locations within the blue zone;
- (i) In collaboration with the IT and media teams, Conference Service staff participated in the successful live webcasting of more than 200 sessions in English, French and Arabic. Starting on 13 November with the African Biodiversity Summit, continuing with the high-level segment and finally covering the entire Conference and its press conferences, CBD staff guided the service provider in indicating the time of sessions, subject matters, agenda items and titles in a regular and timely manner. Sessions were viewed from all continents live and are now available on demand from the CBD website;
- (j) Initiated arrangements with ICAO for the booking of space for the intersessional meetings of 2019 and 2020;
- (k) Logistical assistance, planning and arrangements (including procurement) were provided for the convening of 20 meetings and workshops in Montreal and worldwide.

48. The full list of meetings organized by the Secretariat in the second half of 2018 is attached as Annex XI to this report.

#### Editorial and Translation Services

49. During the period under review, editorial and translation services finalized editing, translation and posting of the pre-session and in-session documents for the SBSTTA 22 and SBI 2 meetings in July 2018 and for COP 14, CP COP-MOP 9 and NP COP-MOP 3 and associated meetings held in November 2018, as well as the processing and posting of the adopted outcomes of those meetings both as part of the reports emanating from those meetings and as individual documents on the Convention's website. Additional editorial and translation services were provided in respect of the meetings listed in annex XI to this report.

50. Translation teams in five languages were secured for the SBSTTA 22 and SBI 2 meetings in July 2018 and for COP 14 and associated meetings held in November 2018.

51. Work on translation also involved administrative tasks related to monitoring of the work done by each translator and collecting data for administrative and financial/payroll purposes. The roster of translators for all languages was updated on an ongoing basis.

### **III. IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT**

#### **A. Monitoring, Review and National Reporting**

##### ***Progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets***

52. In response to decision XIII/1 (as well as decisions XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10 relating to NBSAP support), the Secretariat:

- (a) Updated its assessment of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and made it available for the consideration of the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

- (a) Prepared, based on views submitted by Parties and Observers to the Convention and its Protocols in response to two notifications, a proposal for a comprehensive and participatory preparatory process and timetable for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and made it available for the consideration of the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.
- (b) Reviewed, at the request of Parties, draft updated NBSAPs and provided inputs on their finalization (as of 30 June 2018, 159 “post-Nagoya” NBSAPs have been received, of which 6 were received during this reporting period). These NBSAPs are posted at the country profile webpages, as well as summarized at the Latest NBSAPs webpage (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/about/latest/default.shtml>). In addition, all national targets contained in these NBSAPs have been loaded in the targets database (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/targets/default.shtml>). Information presented on the NBSAP Portal (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/>) has been updated and maintained, as have records on NBSAP submissions in the CBD database.
- (c) Provided comments on the draft publication on “Law and National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans” prepared by UN Environment.
- (d) Continued to provide support to the JBF Team in relation to the Voluntary Peer Review (Montenegro) (decision XII/29), including the provision of comments on relevant text contained in the document on mechanisms to facilitate review of implementation submitted to the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for its consideration.
- (e) Supported a workshop for ASEAN member states on prioritizing Aichi Targets for NBSAP implementation held in March 2018 in Manila, the Philippines.
- (f) Supported an international workshop on mainstreaming biodiversity into production landscapes-the design and implementation of NBSAPs, which was organized by the Institute of Advanced Studies of the United Nations University (UNU-IAS) and Tokyo University in January 2018 in Tokyo, Japan.
- (g) Supported the revamping of NBSAP Forum, which provides support for updating and implementation of NBSAPs.
- (h) Contributed to two side events related to NBSAPs organized during SBI 2, one organized by UNEP on experiences and lessons learned from updating NBSAPs, and another organized by UNU-IAS on using landscape approaches in the development and implementation of NBSAPs.

***Enhancing integration among the Convention and its Protocols and the organization of meetings***

53. In response to decision XIII/26 the Secretariat:

- (a) Reviewed the experiences in holding concurrent meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols based on the results of two online surveys and other sources of information and made this review available for the consideration of the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.
- (b) Provided support for the preparation of the annotated agenda and the organization of work of the concurrent meetings of COP-14, CP/MOP-9 and NP/MOP-3.

***National Reporting***

54. In response to decision Decisions XIII/27, XII/29, XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10, the Secretariat:

- (a) Continued to facilitate the submission of the fifth national reports. As of the end of June 2018, a total of 192 countries had submitted their final fifth national reports (1 report had been received during this reporting period);
- (b) Held conversations with the GEF Secretariat, UN Environment and UNDP regarding their support to the preparation of the sixth national reports;



- (c) Held conversations with around 70 Parties regarding their plans for the preparation of their sixth national reports, including the use of the online reporting tool; and forwarded requested information on capacity needs and challenges identified by Parties to UNDP and UNEP;
- (d) Facilitated access to funding by eligible countries for the preparation of the sixth national reports;
- (e) Updated and further developed the information portal for the sixth national report and the sixth national report online reporting tool on the CHM (including updating, as necessary, the User Manual for the tool in all six UN languages);
- (f) Provided support to countries on the use of the on-line reporting tool, including answering related questions and registering persons to the roles of Publishing Authority and/or National Authorized User in regard to the sixth national report online reporting tool on the CHM, upon receipt of official nominations from the CBD National Focal Point;
- (g) Continued to raise awareness on the CHM, including the sixth national report online reporting tool, in formal acknowledgements of receipt of NBSAPs and national reports submitted to CBD National Focal Points;
- (h) Supported the inception workshop and technical webinar series on the sixth national report hosted by UNDP; and the establishment of a portal devoted to the sixth national report on the NBSAP Forum;
- (i) Contributed to the development of technical support materials prepared by UNDP for the preparation of the sixth national reports;
- (j) Contributed to the development of the United Nations Biodiversity Lab, a tool which supports the use of spatial data by countries for the preparation of the sixth national reports, among others;
- (k) Supported a workshop for ASEAN member states for prioritizing Aichi Targets for NBSAP implementation and the preparation of the sixth national reports, which was held in March 2018 in Manila, the Philippines.
- (l) Further developed the content of webpages related to the harmonization of biodiversity-related reporting (<https://www.cbd.int/reports/harmonization.shtml>);
- (m) Provided feedback on the decision-tracking tool (under development) in regard to elements of decisions related to NBSAPs and national reports recorded in tool;
- (n) Continued to provide support to the ABS Unit by updating and maintaining an Excel analysis document containing data on the global status of ratification of the Nagoya Protocol, planned and/or implemented legislative, administrative or policy measures for access and benefit-sharing, extracted from NBSAPs and 5NRs.
- (o) Prepared proposals for increasing alignment of national reporting between the Convention and its Protocols, and synergies in the reporting to the biodiversity-related Conventions and the Rio Convention, and presented them for consideration for SBI 2 (in the document CBD/SBI/2/12)

***Indicators and monitoring progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan***

55. In response to decision XIII/28 the Secretariat:

- (a) Participated in relevant meetings of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership.
- (b) Reviewed indicators with updated data points and newly identified indicators relevant to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and made this information available for the consideration of the twenty second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
- (c) Provided updates on indicator 15.6.1 (“Number of countries that have adopted legislative, administrative and policy frameworks to ensure fair and equitable sharing of benefits”) of the Sustainable Development Goals.

- (d) Contributed to the workshop assisting UN Environment to prepare an Implementation Plan “Towards a pollution-free planet” as requested by UNEA-3.

***The Global Biodiversity Outlook and Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services***

56. In response to decision XIII/29 the Secretariat reviewed relevant deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

*Scientific assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets*

57. In response to decision XIII/30 the Secretariat prepared an updated scientific assessment of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets on the basis of recent scientific literature, indicators information and the regional assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific and Europe and Central Asia and the summary for policymakers of the land degradation and restoration assessment prepared by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and made this information available to the twenty second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

***Global Strategy for Plant Conservation***

58. In response to decision XII/15, XI/26 and X/17 the Secretariat:

- (a) Liaised with the Secretariat and members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation regarding the organization of a Conference of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation supporting the worldwide implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.
- (b) Prepared, in collaboration with the Secretariat and Chair of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, the sixth meeting of the Liaison Group on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.
- (c) Developed and distributed an online survey to gather views on how issues related to plant conservation could be reflected in a post-2020 global biodiversity framework

**B. Stakeholder Engagement**

***Major Groups***

*Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations*

59. During the reporting period, and in response to decision XIII/24 on Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations, the Secretariat undertook a range of cooperative activities aimed at enhancing coherence, cooperation and synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the international level.

60. The Executive Secretary facilitated the work of the informal advisory group on synergies by organizing a series of webinars in support of the preparation of advice by the Group regarding the prioritization and implementation of the key actions of the road map for enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the international level 2017-2020. This work was reported to the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in CBD/SBI/2/10/Add.1. The advice of the informal advisory group to the Executive Secretary, the Bureau of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and the Liaison Group on Biodiversity-related Conventions on the implementation of the desirable key actions of the road map was presented in the Group’s report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (CBD/SBI/2/INF/14) and to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, contributing to decision 14/34.

61. During the reporting period, the implementation of several key actions in the road map in annex to decision XIII/24 has been advanced through work undertaken in partnership between the Secretariat, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring

Centre (UNEP-WCMC) with support from the government of Finland. Information on the objectives and outputs of this work is provided in information document CBD/SBI/2/INF/13. The results of the work were also presented in a side-event at the margins of the thirteenth meeting of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention. This work has resulted in the following outputs:

- (a) Three compendia of guidance synthesising information available on the following topics as a means to make them more accessible to users:
  - Synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions at the national level;
  - Capturing, managing and using data and information;
  - Key global databases related to the biodiversity-related conventions;
- (b) A report providing an overview of initiatives for enhancing coordination and collaboration at various levels across biodiversity-related conventions;
- (c) Case studies sourced in response to a CBD notification and as a result of a side-event held in the margins of the twenty-first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, held in December 2017 in Montreal;
- (d) Development of initial ideas for the creation of an online library of case studies/success stories on synergies among biodiversity-related conventions as a means to share experience;
- (e) Development of an updated presentation with notes and a concept for a webinar on the UNEP Sourcebook of opportunities for enhancing cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions at national and regional levels, in order to facilitate further sharing of experiences;
- (f) Recommendations on how to enhance access to data and information related to cooperation and synergies among biodiversity-related conventions;
- (g) Recommendations on possible next steps to help address CBD decision XIII/24.

62. The Executive Secretary and the heads of the biodiversity-related conventions jointly convened a reception themed “The Living Planet – the foundation of sustainable development” at the margins of the 2018 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, on 17 July 2018 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event gathered over 40 participants including 8 high-level speakers who focused their interventions on the critical importance of biodiversity and healthy ecosystems to the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; how the implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions contributes to the implementation and attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and on the complementarity and synergies between the conventions in these regards.

63. The Secretariat facilitated the convening of, and participated in, the thirteenth meeting of the Liaison Group on Biodiversity-related Conventions was held on 18 and 19 September 2018, at UNESCO, Paris, France.

64. The Executive Secretary and the heads of the biodiversity-related conventions jointly delivered a statement at the High-level Segment of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### *Stakeholder engagement and participation*

65. During the reporting period, the Secretariat:

- (a) facilitated engagement and participation of civil society and youth organizations in the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- (b) entered into a project cooperation agreement with the German NGO Forum on Environment and Development (Forum Umwelt und Entwicklung) on behalf of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network to implement the project “Building capacity of youth to support implementation of

NBSAPs, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”, funded by the Japan Biodiversity Fund. As part of the project, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network launched the second edition of “CBD in a Nutshell” at the occasion of a side-event at the margins of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

66. At the occasion of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Secretariat and stakeholder organizations held side-events, special events and parallel events on issues of relevance to the Convention. Among others: the Nature and Culture Summit was held on 23 and 24 November 2018, the Sixth Global Biodiversity Summit of Local and Subnational Governments was held on 23 and 24 November 2018; the Wildlife Forum was held on 21 November 2018; the 4th Science Forum was held on 23 and 24 November 2018; and the Biodiversity Law and Governance Day 2018 was held on 23 November 2018.

### *Financial mechanism*

67. During the reporting period, the Secretariat:

- (a) Attended the third meeting of the GEF-7 replenishment in Brasília, Brazil on January 23-25, 2018;
- (b) Attended the 54th GEF Council Meeting in Da Nang, Vietnam from 24-26 June 2018, where the Executive Secretary delivered a much-welcome statement;
- (c) Attended the Sixth GEF Assembly and Associated Meetings in Da Nang, Vietnam from 25-29 June 2018, where the Executive Secretary was a key-note speaker at the plenary and several roundtables;
- (d) Consulted on the GEF-7 programming directions document and related operational policy documents, including on safeguards and gender;
- (e) Provided inputs to the GEF Council document on relations with conventions;
- (f) Prepared requisite documentation for the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and serviced the negotiations under this agenda item.
- (g) Attended the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of the Green Climate Fund and developed a CBD webpage on biodiversity-related information to promote use of the Green Climate Fund for biodiversity at <https://www.cbd.int/financial/gcf.shtml>
- (h) Provided inputs to the GEF Council document on relations with conventions, and updated the CBD webpages on GEF-related contents
- (i) Provided inputs on biodiversity for the GCF’s Methodology for the Accredited Entities to report the impacts generated by the mitigation and adaptation projects in the Accredited Entities portfolio
- (j) Organized the CBD-GEF inter-secretariat meeting on 12 September 2018, and facilitated the GEF SEC presentation on operationalizing the GEF-7 programming directions and operational policies
- (k) Provided secretariat service to the intergovernmental negotiations on financial mechanism at the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, leading to the adoption of recommendation SBI-2/7 on review of implementation of the financial mechanism (Article 21)
- (l) Prepared the document CBD/COP/14/8 regarding financial mechanism (review of effectiveness and preparation for the determination of funds required for the eighth replenishment period of GEF Trust Fund) for the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- (m) Facilitated the circulation of document CBD/COP/14/7 regarding the report of the Global Environment Facility to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

- (n) Provided secretariat service to the intergovernmental negotiations on financial mechanism at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, leading to the adoption of decision XIV/23 on financial mechanism
- (o) Provided pertinent elements for document CBD/CP/MOP/9/12 regarding financial mechanism and resources (Article 28) for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- (p) Provided pertinent elements for document CBD/NP/MOP/3/5 regarding financial mechanism and resources (Article 25) for the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing
- (q) Participated in, and prepared draft talking points to, the GEF 55th Council Meeting in Washington DC in December 2018
- (r) Contacted with the International Development Finance Club (IDFC) on potential engagement with financial institutions
- (s) Monitored the evolution of the Rio Project Preparation Facility

### **C. Capacity Building and Knowledge Management**

#### ***Capacity Building***

68. During the reporting period, the main activities undertaken and the achievements made include:

*Facilitation of exchange of information regarding capacity development and technical and scientific cooperation and communication of capacity development work and achievements under the Convention and its Protocols*

- (a) The fourth and fifth issues of BioCAP: Biodiversity Capacity Development Update were produced and disseminated to Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities. BioCAP is designed to provide periodic updates on the implementation of the short-term action plan on capacity-building. All previous issues of BioCAP are available on the CBD Periodical Publications page.
- (b) A brown-bag lunch series on capacity development and technical and scientific cooperation was launched on 27 March 2018. The first brown-bag discussion focused on the Bio-Bridge Initiative and how it is contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity. Follow-up discussions focusing on different capacity development approaches, including e-learning, will also be scheduled in 2018.
- (c) The sixth issue of BioCAP: Biodiversity Capacity Development Update was produced and disseminated to Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities. All previous issues of BioCAP are available on the CBD Periodical Publications page.
- (d) A capacity-building page and technical and scientific cooperation page were created and deployed under means of implementation on the CBD website. These pages serve as an entry point to the work undertaken in support of the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols.

#### ***Facilitation of Learning***

- (a) On 7 March 2018, a webinar on pollinators was organized in collaboration with the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD) on the Regions for Biodiversity Learning Platform.

- (b) Through the collaborative partnership with IPBES, biodiversity-related information, including traditional knowledge, is being made available on the IPBES Policy Support Platform.
- (c) Three regional training courses on Establishing Legal Frameworks to Implement the Nagoya Protocol, facilitated by the Secretariat in partnership with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), were organized between March and June 2018. As part of these courses, an online course was conducted through the Biodiversity e-Learning Platform.
- (d) An online e-learning survey was sent to the 1,359 registered users of the Biodiversity e-Learning Platform to gather input on how to improve their learning experience on the platform and their e-learning preferences.
- (e) As part of the two regional face-to-face training courses on Establishing Legal Frameworks to Implement the Nagoya Protocol, organized in September 2018 in partnership with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), a mandatory six-week online training was conducted through the Biodiversity E-learning Platform.
- (f) In preparation for the African regional training workshop on national arrangements for traditional knowledge and to maximize the face-to-face component of the training, an online course room containing relevant background information was customized and made available to participants in July and August 2018 through the Biodiversity E-learning Platform.
- (g) In partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), a course on Sustainable Consumption and Production was made available through the Biodiversity E-Learning Platform.

#### *Facilitation of Technical and Scientific Cooperation*

- (a) The Secretariat continued to support the implementation of the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI), including maintaining the help-desk service and maintaining (populating and updating) the Bio-Bridge web platform.
- (b) The Regional Bio-Bridge Initiative Round Table for Central and Eastern Europe and the Central Asian Republic was successfully organized in Minsk, Belarus, from 26 to 28 February 2018. A total of 34 participants from 12 countries, including indigenous peoples and local communities, and resources people attended the three-day meeting. A subsequent round table will be organized for Western Europe and Others Group in September 2018.
- (c) Eight (8) demonstration projects, which received seed funding support from the Bio-Bridge Initiative (Belarus, China, Colombia, Ghana, India, Malawi, Morocco and Zimbabwe), were successfully activated as part of the second round of proposals. The third round for proposals for seed funding was launched on 15 May 2018 through Notification 2018-49.
- (d) Other technical and scientific cooperation streams of work were also activated, including reviving activities of the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity, development of a video game prototype linked to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and preparatory logistics for a biodiversity innovation and solutions fair to be held at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP14) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.
- (e) Seven demonstration projects (Belarus, China, Colombia, Ghana, India, Morocco and Zimbabwe), which received seed funding support from the Bio-Bridge Initiative, were successfully implemented. One more demonstration project (Malawi) from the second round of proposals is currently ongoing.
- (f) In response to the third round for proposals, launched in May 2018 through Notification 2018-49, the following 10 countries were selected (as per Notification 2018-11-23) to receive catalytic seed funding from the Bio-Bridge Initiative: Benin, Brazil, Liberia, Moldova, Namibia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

- (g) Other technical and scientific cooperation streams of work were also activated, including supporting the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity, who met in July 2018 (during SBSTTA 22) and in November 2018 (during COP14), and the finalization of a video game prototype linked to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets that was launched at COP14 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.
- (h) A side-event on technical and scientific cooperation, with a focus on the Bio-Bridge Initiative, was organized on 10 July 2018 in the margins of SBI 2.
- (i) A Regional Bio-Bridge Initiative Round Table for Western Europe and Others Group was successfully organized in Brussels, Belgium, on 21 September 2018 in collaboration with the Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences. A total of 39 participants attended the meeting.
- (j) The first Biodiversity Innovation and Solutions Fair was organized in the margins of COP14 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. A total of sixteen exhibitors were given the opportunity to present innovative solutions in support of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and engage with over 4,000 delegates from around the world.
- (k) The Secretariat continues to support the implementation of the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI), including maintaining the help-desk service and maintaining (populating and updating) the Bio-Bridge web platform.

***Facilitation of strategic partnerships, coordination and networking for capacity development***

- (a) The second and third virtual meetings of the Capacity Development Coordinators for Biodiversity-related Convention Secretariats and Relevant International Organizations were convened on 13 March 2018 and 15 May 2018, respectively.
- (b) A preliminary review of existing capacity development strategies, resources and programmes was undertaken and the following three areas were identified as possible initial joint activities among the conventions: 1) data collection and management, 2) biodiversity project design and resource mobilization, and 3) gender mainstreaming. A task force for each proposed joint-action will be created to delineate the plans of action.

***Support for the post-2020 process with respect to capacity-building***

- (a) In response to a request from SBI 2, the Secretariat designed and disseminated two questionnaires inviting Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations to submit capacity-building needs, lessons from relevant initiatives and views regarding the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020.

***Clearing-house Mechanism***

69. During 2018, the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM) Unit underwent many changes that affected the dynamics of the entire Unit. With the tragic loss of the Head of Unit and the internal organizational changes, the CHM team delivered the following activities:

- (a) A “Regional Workshop for Asia on the clearing-house mechanism” was held in Bangkok, Thailand (29 January - 2 February 2018) attended by 14 Parties (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Cook Islands, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam), 7 ASEAN staff and 2 Secretariat staff members. A “Sub-regional Workshop for Arabic-speaking Parties on the Clearing-House Mechanism” was also held in Egypt (5-9 March 2018) attended by 9 Parties (Egypt, Palestine, Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Oman) and 2 Secretariat staff members. The workshops included country presentations to share national experiences, guidance for the development of national CHMs, training sessions on the new Bioland Tool (<https://demo.chm-cbd.net>) to facilitate the establishment of a national CHM, and a demonstration of the CBD Online Reporting Tool.

- (b) The CHM-IAC met during SBI 2 to review the programme of work for the CHM and made recommendations to the Executive Secretary on the CHM Award process. It also established a sub-committee on Bioland and requested that information related to interoperability be included in future agendas of the IAC.
- (c) Development continued on Bioland, version 3, including support to Canada and France for the rollout of their new sites based on the Bioland platform, and preparation for PTK migration to Bioland.
- (d) The CHM Awards Jury met in September 2018 in Cambridge to select the winners of the CHM Awards and the CHM Awards event was held at COP 14. Awards were presented in two categories, and several certificates of achievement were also presented.
- (e) The Unit contributed to the implementation of the Web Strategy via the Task Force throughout the year and provided guidance on search and terminology.
- (f) Web Translation: During the first half of the year, 131,454 new words were translated in all 6 official UN languages, and in the second half of the year, 131,075 were translated.
- (g) Online training on CBD Online Reporting Tool was delivered as a part of the 6<sup>th</sup> National Report Webinar Series (March 2018). A recording can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpWR6Bx4T1w>

70. During the period, 114 records were added to the CBD virtual and physical libraries. Additionally, a new project to provide a “virtual display table” for publications at COP 14 (<http://virtual-kiosk.cbd.int>) was built with assistance from the IT team. The records have been maintained and will be transferred to the CBD virtual library.

71. The Secretariat was represented at the following meetings:

- IAMLADP (International Annual Meeting on Language Arrangements, Documentation and Publications) meeting held at ICAO in Montreal (26-28 June 2018)
- Ninth MEA-IKM (Information and Knowledge Management) Initiative Steering Committee meeting (MEA-IKM 9), held in June in Switzerland. More details available at: <https://www.informea.org/about>
- InforMEA Working Group meetings, as well as DART Subgroup meetings through the whole year
- UNSIF (Akoma Ntoso) global group participation, including sharing business cases for Decision Tracking system (post MEA-IKM 9)

### *Information Technology*

72. During this reporting period the IT team has been affected by the global office reorganization initiated by the Executive Secretary. In effect, the Information Technology (IT) Unit is now split into two units: the Development Team (IT/Dev) that remains under the Implementation Support Division and the IT System Administrator and Helpdesk team who are now part of the Administration Division. The two teams have lost a resource person (Team Manager P4) who is now leading change management projects in the Administrative and Finance division. With its limited resources, the IT/Dev team has delivered a number of mission critical milestones in relation with its Clearing Houses and CBD’s major events, in particular the UN Biodiversity Conference.

- (a) IT/Dev colleagues ensured the successful organization of the UN Biodiversity conference by delivering a number of new meeting applications and features, expanding the already large portfolio of its meeting management software Kronos.
- (b) At COP 14, the first mobile App called “CBD Events” was launched. The app, available on mobile phones and tablets, allows meeting participants to find practical meeting information, schedules and download official documents.



- (a) To further enhance the conference participants' experience, the IT team worked on the meeting overview and parallel events calendar interface available on the CBD website. According to the positive user feedback received, this new layout that integrates seamlessly the document workflow of all three CBD Instruments has greatly helped the delegations in keeping track of the fast-paced negotiation processes. It allowed the efficient running of concurrent meetings and the ease of finding relevant in-session document swiftly.
- (c) For the UN Biodiversity Conference in Egypt, due to the particular large meeting venue floor plan, the IT Dev team had to add some logic in its Print Smart software to allow printing to multiple documentation distribution counters.
- (d) For the first time, computer screens were used as meeting signage at the door of each meeting rooms (ca. 40). The IT Dev team extended the general meeting CCTV software to synchronize the content of those screens directly from the meeting schedule database, allowing a fast and efficient management of room reservation and a better public information.
- (e) The IT Dev team has expanded the meeting registration online application to Media accreditation. Thanks to several automation put in place, a single staff can now easily manage the entire meeting accreditation process of a major meeting. This application is integrated to the meeting registration software Kronos and ensures properly accredited participants from the media can access the meeting venue securely.
- (f) In an effort to reduce plastic use at meetings, the IT team has started the innovative pilot project of printing badges on a wooden support. Different methods and material were explored, and the team interacted with a private wooden badge provider. While tests done in Montreal looked promising, the wooden cards shipped to Egypt would bend in the printers due to a different humidity and temperature environment and therefore could not be used for all meeting participants. Further tests and research with the card providers will be done to get rid of plastic cards.
- (g) To avoid paper waste at the meeting venue, the IT team has set up a digital virtual kiosk where meeting participants and presenters could upload the digital versions of their leaflets and publications. It is using the popular Omeka, an open-source web publishing platform for sharing digital collections and creating media-rich online exhibits. Source: <https://virtual-kiosk.cbd.int/>
- (h) In order to increase synergies with other UN Environment entities and to increase the efficiency of other conference service at lower cost, the IT Dev team has extended the Kronos software to outside, allowing CITES and the Ozone Convention to use the same application and infrastructure. A formal internal agreement is now signed between the CBD and the above entities to further service and enhance this ambitious tool.
- (i) Apart from the meeting management software described above, the IT Dev team has collaborated with the Marine Team to launch the Coral Portal. This portal provides a window to various sources of information on the status of coral reefs and the range of commitments, initiatives, and actions at different scales to protect and sustainably manage coral reef ecosystems in support of the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Sustainable Development Goals. Source: <https://www.cbd.int/coral-reefs/>
- (j) The IT Dev team developed a first demonstration version of the next Biosafety Clearing House Mechanism and presented it at various workshops at the COP-MOP. In an effort of unifying all information systems, this new BCH is using the same engine as the ABS Clearing House and the CHM that hosts the 6th National Report and the Financial Reporting Framework. BCH IAC members were introduced to the new features of the tool and encouraged to comment already at an early stage of development.
- (k) Two new Common Formats have been added by the IT development team to the ABS Clearing House Mechanism: Model Contractual Clauses and National ABS Procedure that can now be searched on <https://absch.cbd.int/search>.

- (l) To rapidly implement the web and communication strategies, the CBD Secretariat is the initial phase of building a dynamic, attractive, engaging and user-friendly “one-stop-web platform” that supports the overall strategy of the Secretariat to increase the visibility and political profile of biodiversity and engage multiple actors to take action to ensure that biodiversity is valued, conserved, wisely used and maintained to deliver benefits essential for all people. The purpose is to maximise the power of the web to reach to various audiences, communicate the work and achievements of the Convention and its Protocols as well as their contributions to sustainable development and human wellbeing. To reach this overall purpose in a timely manner, the Secretariat has contracted a professional Communication and Web Design Service company that is actively collaborating with the CBD IT and Communication teams. They have now delivered a first version of the new CBD website. The design and information architecture have been presented during a working group session at the UN Biodiversity Conference in Egypt.
- (m) The CBD IT development team has prepared a secure and highly available server architecture to host the Bioland website. The Bioland tool was recently developed by the CBD Secretariat with the support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF), to provide a more modern platform for establishing new national CHMs while also allowing existing national CHMs based on the PTK to migrate to it.
- (n) Finally, to reduce its carbon footprint, the CBD Secretariat invested in a new Air Conditioning system for its server room. This new system has a far higher energy efficiency and uses environment-friendly refrigerants.

#### IV. SCIENCE, SOCIETY AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

##### A. Biodiversity Science, Policy and Governance

###### *Protected Areas*

73. Pursuant to decision XIII/2 (para. 5 to 10) of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention and decisions XI/24 (para.10), X/31 (para. 3 and 7, and IX/18 (para.15 to 20), following the Program of Work on Protected Areas and the Phase II Strategy on protected areas (2017-2020), as well as observations in the fourth Global Biodiversity Outlook regarding Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, the Secretariat concentrated its activities on facilitating effective and decentralized implementation of the national priority actions (roadmaps) identified by Parties to the Convention and other commitments, such as those in their NBSAPs, in order to enhance progress in the elements<sup>1</sup> of Target 11 and achieve this target by 2020 through concerted efforts. Highlights of the main activities are found below.

###### *Technical Expert Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures*

74. In response to paragraphs 9 (a(i)), 10(b) of decision XIII/2, the Executive Secretary convened the Technical Expert Workshop on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 (2017-099)<sup>2</sup>, held at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization, in Montreal, from 6 to 9 February 2018. This workshop was held in parallel with the Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas and OECMs for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in Marine and Coastal Areas (2017-098)<sup>3</sup> that was organized pursuant to decision XIII/9, with joint breakout and plenary sessions on relevant topics.

75. The revised *Draft Guidelines for Recognizing and Reporting Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures* prepared by IUCN-World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Task Force was made available to the participants of the workshops as background for deliberation. IUCN-Global

<sup>1</sup> The elements of Target 11 include governance and equity, integration into wider land- and seascapes and sectors, areas important for biodiversity, connectivity and corridors, key biodiversity areas, ecological representativeness etc.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/PAEM-2018-01>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/MCB-EM-2018-01>

Protected Areas Programme (GPAP) collaborated in the provision of additional information and animation during the workshop.

76. An information document on the contributions of OECMs to Target 11, other Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and relevant targets of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as a summary of the submissions to notification [2017-065](#) were prepared by the Secretariat to inform the participants of the multiple benefits from OECMs and related experiences of Parties respectively.

77. In line with paragraph 10(a and c) of the same decision, the scientific and technical advice on definition, management approaches and identification of OECMs and their role in achieving Target 11 that resulted from these parallel workshops was submitted to the twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 22), as Annex III of the presession document for adoption or recommendation to the fourteenth meeting of COP.

*Documents Prepared to Inform SBSTTA-22 and SBI 2 and Salient Aspects*

78. In collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and pursuant to paragraphs 9 (a(ii and iii)) and 10(a and c) of decision XIII/2<sup>4</sup>, the Secretariat prepared voluntary guidance on the integration of protected areas and OECMs into the wider land- and seascapes, and on mainstreaming protected areas and OECMs across sectors to contribute, *inter alia*, to the SDGs and as natural solutions to combat climate change. Within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding with the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and in collaboration with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and pursuant to paragraphs 9 (a (iv)) and 10 (a and c) of the same decision, the Secretariat also prepared voluntary guidance on effective governance models for management of protected areas, including equity. These were presented in annex I and II of the presession document presented to SBSTTA 22. Three information documents, on integration, mainstreaming and governance, were also prepared and submitted to provide further information in support of the voluntary guidance.

79. The Secretariat also prepared the information document, Updated Status of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 for SBSTTA 22 and the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 2). It also collaborated with IUCN to submit "Identifying and scaling local solutions for achieving global targets: the Panorama-Solutions for a healthy planet initiative"; and with IUCN Species Survival Commission to present "Supporting achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 12 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020", and the outcomes of the international symposium on "Safeguarding space for nature and securing our future: developing a post-2020 strategy" held in London on 27 and 28 February, 2018 as information documents to SBSTTA 22. The symposium was hosted by the Zoological Society of London and the National Geographic Society, in partnership with BirdLife International, IUCN, UNEP-World Conservation and Monitoring Centre, as well as the Secretariat of the CBD.

80. SBSTTA 22, held from 2 to 7 July 2018, recommended to COP 14 to adopt the definition and welcome the scientific and technical advice on OECMs, the voluntary guidance on governance/equity, as well as mainstreaming and integration of protected areas and OECMs into the wider land- and seascapes, and the considerations in achieving Target 11 in marine and coastal areas ([CBD/SBSTTA/REC/22/5](#)).

81. SBSTTA 22 also recommended, *inter alia*, that Parties be encouraged and other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities be invited to apply the various guidance as appropriate; the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with others, to provide capacity building and training workshops to facilitate the application of the advice and guidance; donors, particularly those in a position to do so, to provide resources for these activities; and Parties to mainstream protected areas and other OECMs into key sectors, e.g. agriculture, fisheries, forestry, mining, energy, tourism and transportation.

82. In response to a formal request from the current president of the Group of LMMC, Malaysia, which held presidency from 2016-2018, logistical and administrative support was provided by the

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<sup>4</sup> Taking into account submissions received in response to notification, [2017-065](#), and other available information as well as noting lessons learned from the relevant biodiversity-related conventions and agreements.

Secretariat for organizing the LMMC Expert Meeting that was held on Monday, 2 July 2018, on the margin of SBSTTA 22, in preparation for COP 14.

83. In addition to presenting the [Updated Status of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11](#) as information document to SBI II, a side event on Transboundary Conservation for Biodiversity and Peace was organized on the margin to exchange information on best practices and other topics related to the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative (PBDI).

#### *Salient Aspects of COP 14 and Events held on the margins*

84. SBSTTA 22's recommendation regarding protected areas and OECMs was presented, in item 24, to the COP 14 and was adopted with only minor adjustments ([Decision 14/8](#)).

85. The [Rio Conventions Pavilion – Target 11 Day](#), held on 22 November 2018, on the margins of COP 14, in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, was organized by the Secretariat of the CBD, IUCN-WCPA, IUCN-GPAP and UNDP with the generous financial contribution of the European Commission. The principal aim of the event was to launch the global *Partnership for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 with Attendant Multiple Benefits* that would enhance engagement and motivation to facilitate effective and decentralized implementation of focussed actions; share information on enabling sub-regional implementation support networks for translating paragraph 9(d) of decision XIII/2 and sub-regional experiences; showcase synergies between Target 11 actions and other globally agreed goals and targets; raise awareness of the multiple benefits from the achievement of Target 11; as well as discuss issues related to OECMs, among others.

- 100-150 participants attended the all-day [programme](#) which culminated into the launch of the global Partnership by 37 member countries and organizations and the European Union, which joined the Partnership (see the [Declaration](#)). More than 25 [presentations](#) were made during the day, by coordination agencies of different sub-regions, as well as key partners and experts. A [press conference](#) was, then, held on 25 November 2018 sparking very keen interest among the public and various stakeholders regarding the importance of achieving Target 11 with its multiple benefits and of concerted efforts by all.
- As only two years remain to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, this global Partnership is expected to provide a platform for all partners to reiterate their commitments to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 by 2020, at the global level, and stimulate regional implementation support networks to align their activities towards the decentralized implementation of focused actions as called for by the COP in paragraph 9(d) of Decision XIII/2.
- The [website](#) for the Partnership is then launched to share information among member [Partners](#) and invite more members to further strengthen the Partnership and achieve or surpass Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, even before 2020.

86. The [Ministerial Breakfast Meeting](#) of the Group of Like-minded Megadiverse Countries (LMMC) was convened by Malaysia on 15 November 2018 on the margins of the High-level Segment, at COP 14. The LMMC adopted an important [Declaration](#) that they have been working on since SBSTTA 22 and presented it as an information document to COP 14. They indicated their position and engagement to contribute to the three objectives of the Convention and, *inter alia*, emphasized their potential role and importance to the post-2020 implementation framework of the CBD. They also acknowledged the need for positioning biodiversity at the highest level of the international agenda and for increasing the visibility of the development process of this framework. The presidency for the next biennium, 2018-2020, was handed over to Ethiopia with co-presidency to Malaysia and Brazil. The Secretariat provided various support including media coverage to this meeting and translation of the Declaration into French and Spanish.

87. A side event was organized to officially launch the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative - [Peace and Biodiversity E-learning Module](#) on the margins of COP 14, on 25 November 2018. Peace Parks are transboundary protected areas (TBPAs) dedicated to the protection and maintenance of

biological diversity and associated cultural resources, and the promotion of peace and co-operation. The Module will help understand important elements of Peace Parks not only in terms of their establishment but also sustainable management. [Registration has already started](#).

*Facilitating the Implementation of National Priority Actions and other Commitments*

88. The Secretariat continued to regularly share updates and other results of analyses with Parties, partners, and various funding and conservation agencies, in different sub-regions, to strengthen cooperation and engagement in concerted efforts and implement commitments and priority actions to achieve Target 11 by 2020. In order to speed up progress in the elements of Target 11, the Secretariat continued to work with different coordination agencies different UN sub-regions, including the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP) for Pacific Region, Asean Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) for East and Southeast Asia and REDPARQUES/Pronatura Mexico for Latin American countries. These agencies have prepared an Action Plan and enabled a regional implementation support network for their respective sub-region to facilitate the effective and decentralized implementation in the countries of their sub-region. A small scale funding agreement (SSFA) is signed to speed up the work in the Pacific Island and Latin American countries. Two SSFAs for East and Southeast Asia and for South Asia will be signed soon.

89. These efforts are geared towards mapping and aligning activities to fill any gap, and enhance progress to achieve Target 11 with its attendant multiple benefits and synergies, including poverty eradication; livelihood; water, food and health security; and adaptation and resilience to changing socio-economic and environmental conditions, among which, disaster risk reduction. However, there are still about six more sub-regions which will need support. Although these sub-regions are also highly motivated to get involved in the efforts to achieve Target 11, funding to support coordination agencies to facilitate decentralized implementation on the ground is still needed.

*Studies on Protected Areas and Articles for Publication*

90. Different types of analyses and studies were undertaken at the Secretariat. These included:

- Updating the commitments of the group of LMMC, in addition to their national priority actions to enhance the qualitative elements of Target 11 and assessing the implications of progress in these countries to the achievement of Target 11;
- Identifying synergies between national commitments/priority actions for achieving Target 11 and the requirements of other biodiversity-related conventions, the SDGs and other Aichi Targets, among others, with a case-study on the LMMC;
- Compiling and evaluating the status of the elements of Target 11 at a sub-regional level (for 12 UN sub-regions<sup>5</sup>) to facilitate the work of coordination agencies and regional implementation support networks for achieving Target 11;
- Analysing GEF 5 and GEF 6 biodiversity projects as well as NBSAPs by identifying commitments pertaining to the elements of Target 11 in the different sub-regions;
- Reviewing the literature to compile the multiple benefits of protected areas in the 12 UN sub-regions in order to raise awareness about the substantial contributions of protected areas, *inter alia*, to food/water security, poverty alleviation, livelihood and well-being, disaster risk reduction, climate change mitigation and adaptation, as well as the importance of achieving Target 11.

91. A paper updating and analysing the progress in the status of the elements of Target 11 in the LMMC entitled “*Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in the Like Minded Megadiverse Countries*” is prepared by the Secretariat and submitted to Journal for Nature Conservation and is in press. By focussing, among other, on the results from LMMC commitments to their [Carta for achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11](#)

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<sup>5</sup> The sub-regions are: East and Southeast Asia; Pacific Islands; Latin American Countries; South Asia; Middle East and North Africa (MENA); Central Asia and Eastern Europe (Russian Speaking); Southern Africa; Eastern and Central Africa; Western Africa; Caribbean; Eastern and Central Europe; and North America.



and the implications of the progress in this Group of countries, the paper highlights the potentially substantial contribution of the Group to the achievement of Target 11, at the global level.

92. The article “*Contributions of socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (SEPLS) to the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in the group of Like-minded Megadiverse Countries (LMMC)*” was prepared by the Secretariat and presented at the International Partnership of the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI) Case Study Workshop convened by the IPSI Secretariat, in Tokyo, Japan, from 22-24 May 2018. The article is published in chapter 10 of the “[Satoyama Initiative Thematic Review \(SITR vol.4\)](#)”. The results indicate that some of the LMMC’ commitments to Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 are aligned with the perspectives of the Satoyama Initiative and that implementation these commitments through the SEPLS approach can have a globally positive impact on biodiversity and promote societies in harmony with nature.

#### *Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative (PBDI)*

93. Work related to PBDI has progressed. Activities include compilation of information on established and planned transboundary protected areas with peace elements, and Peace Parks in different countries through a survey and communication with CBD National and PoWPA Focal Points.

94. Awareness about the PBDI is increased through communication with Focal Points in the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries, Asia and Africa, as well as identifying countries interested in the support from the PBDI to facilitate the establishment of Peace Parks.

95. Peace Parks E-learning module is being prepared in collaboration with UNDP and a link will soon be provided on the [PBDI Website](#).

96. A side event was organized for SBI II and another side event for the opening of [registration](#) to the Peace Parks [E-learning module](#) on the margin of COP 14 (*see the relevant sections*).

#### ***Marine and coastal biodiversity***

97. In response to decisions XIII/3, XIII/9, XIII/10, XIII/11, XIII/12, XII/22, XII/23, XI/17, XI/18 and X/29, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized the *Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity-building Workshop Cameroon*, held from 17 to 19 January 2018 in Yaoundé, Cameroon. This workshop was convened by the Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative (GOBI), together with the Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development of Cameroon. The workshop provided an opportunity for different stakeholders to describe and map out areas in Cameroon’s waters that may meet the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs).
- (b) Convened the *Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in Marine and Coastal Areas* in Montreal, Canada, from 6 to 9 February 2018. It was held in conjunction with the Technical Expert Workshop on Protected Areas and Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11, with joint sessions on relevant topics.
- (c) Convened the *Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas in the Baltic Sea*, from 19 to 24 February 2018 in Helsinki, Finland.
- (d) Co-organized a *special event on the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies during a meeting of the European Parliament Intergroup on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development*, held at the European Parliament, on 28 February 2018 in Brussels, Belgium. This event attended by 70 European stakeholders, including members of European Parliament.

- (e) Convened the second meeting of the *Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies on Accelerating Progress Towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals* in Seoul, Republic of Korea, from 10 to 13 April 2018 in collaboration with UN Environment, FAO and many other international and regional partners. The meeting resulted in ‘Seoul Outcome Plus 2’, identified concrete ways and means to further enhance cross-sectoral cooperation at the regional scale, in particular between Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies, together with various other regional initiatives and includes concrete roadmaps to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration at the regional scale.
- (f) Participated in the *World Conference on Marine Biodiversity* from 13 to 16 May 2018 in Montreal, Canada. This includes drafting the keynote address delivered by the Executive Secretary and speaking at various events during the conference.
- (g) Delivered a presentation as a special invited lecturer at the Sea Education Association, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Massachusetts, USA, on 15 June 2018, and held various meetings with researchers and scientists at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute regarding developments under the CBD and potential opportunities for collaboration.
- (h) Attended the *Nineteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea* from 18 to 22 June 2018 in New York, USA. During this meeting, which was on the theme of “anthropogenic underwater noise”, the Secretariat delivered a presentation and other remarks as a plenary panellist on the panel on “Sources and environmental and socioeconomic aspects of anthropogenic underwater noise”.
- (i) In support of the deliberations of SBSTTA 22 on various marine issues, the Secretariat produced a number of relevant information documents, including: (i) Compilation of submissions on experiences in the use of measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate the significant adverse impacts of anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity (CBD/SBSTTA/22/INF/13); (ii) Compilation of submissions on experiences in the implementation of marine spatial planning (CBD/SBSTTA/22/INF/14); (iii) synthesis and compilation of submissions on experiences in mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries (CBD/SBSTTA/22/INF/15); (iv) Compilation of national experiences in achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in marine and coastal areas, including area-based management measures used in marine fisheries and other ocean sectors (CBD/SBSTTA/22/INF/27); and (v) Draft scientific assessment of progress towards the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 6 (CBD/SBSTTA/22/INF/28).
- (j) Convened the *First meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas* from 30 June to 1 July 2018 in Montreal, Canada.
- (k) Supported the deliberations of SBSTTA 22 from 2 to 7 July 2018 in Montreal, Canada, in particular with regards to the agenda item on marine and coastal biodiversity, leading to the adoption of recommendations by SBSTTA. Convened and co-organized various side events during SBSTTA 22, including on marine litter, mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries, and ecologically or biologically significant marine areas.
- (l) Published booklets on the Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas described in (i) the North Pacific and (ii) the Southern Indian Ocean.
- (m) Attended the 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the *FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI)*, from 7 to 14 July 2018 in Rome, Italy to provide input to these intergovernmental negotiations related to developments and work under the CBD. The Secretariat also organized a side event during the meeting, in collaboration with various partners.
- (n) Organized the *Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop for the Coral Triangle*, held from 31 July to 3 August 2018 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The workshop aimed to identify tools and approaches to support cross-sectoral management of various pressures on coral reefs and associated ecosystems, in the context of the Priority Actions to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity

Target 10 for Coral Reefs and Closely Associated Ecosystems, as well as national, regional and global goals and initiatives.

- (o) Attended the first session of the *Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (General Assembly resolution 72/249)*, which took place in New York from 4 to 17 September 2018, to provide input to these intergovernmental negotiations related to developments and work under the CBD. The Secretariat also organized a side event during the meeting, in collaboration with various partners.
- (p) Organized the *Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop For Northern Africa and the Mediterranean*, held from 15 to 19 October 2018 in Tangier, Morocco. The workshop brought together experts and practitioners from the biodiversity and fisheries communities to discuss opportunities and experiences in cross-sectoral approaches to planning and management of marine biodiversity.
- (q) Launched the *CBD Global Coral Portal*, an online portal that provides a window to various sources of information on the status of coral reefs and the range of commitments, initiatives, and actions at different scales to protect and sustainably manage coral reefs and closely associated ecosystems in support of the achievement of the Aichi Targets and the SDGs.
- (r) Supported the deliberations of CBD COP 14 from 17 to 29 November 2018 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, in particular with regards to the agenda item on marine and coastal biodiversity, leading to the adoption of COP decisions. Convened and co-organized various side events during COP 14, including on the SOI Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies, area-based fisheries management, mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries, ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, and UN-Oceans.
- (s) Co-organized a high-level reception on coral reefs on the margins of the UN Biodiversity Conference High-Level Segment on 15 November 2018, which served as a soft launch of a new communications campaign with various partners, which the Secretariat is participating in.
- (t) Convened Sustainable Ocean Day: Ocean Voices on the margins of COP 14 on 23 November 2018. This event provided a unique forum for diverse ocean stakeholders and partners to share stories conveying a range of “voices,” such as those of coral reefs, mangroves/seagrass, deep-sea habitats, marine mammals/migratory species and fish, together with the voice of ocean peoples whose life is closely inter-connected with marine and coastal biodiversity.
- (u) Attended the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) *Forum on Fisheries Science in the Mediterranean and Black Sea* from 10 to 14 December 2018 in Rome, Italy. During this meeting, the Secretariat (i) delivered a presentation during a workshop on “Complementarities between MPAs and fisheries spatial measures for area-based management”, (ii) spoke as a panellist during the side event on the “Launch of the State of Mediterranean and Black Sea Fisheries”, (iii) delivered a presentation during the main thematic session on “Healthy Seas and Sustainable Fisheries”, (iv) delivered a presentation during the side event on “Implementation of the ecosystem approach at the regional level for the coordinated achievement of SDG 14”, and (v) organized a side event on “Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies”.
- (v) Co-coordinated the SDG 14 Community of Ocean Action on Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Management, together with The Nature Conservancy. This includes various modes of communication and engagement with the Community, including the convening of webinars and disseminating newsletters.
- (w) Supported the Executive Secretary in her role as a member of the high-level Friends of Ocean Action, including through the drafting of input and briefing notes for various events organized by the Friends of Ocean Action.



- (x) Collaborated with FAO and the IUCN-Fisheries Expert Group to identify opportunities for synergies in reporting on fisheries and biodiversity issues under CBD and FAO, leading to the revision of the FAO Questionnaire for the Code of Conduct on Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) and the COFI decision to make this information available for GBO-5.
- (y) Developed various modalities and options for the improvement of the EBSA website (serving as the EBSA repository and information-sharing mechanism) in order to improve the functionality of the EBSA website and to support the use of EBSA information. These improvements will be implemented in 2019 with the support of IT.
- (z) Undertook various means of outreach and communications (including through social media), including through (i) conducting expert interviews and disseminating through social media channels, (ii) launching the Ocean Voices digital platform, (iii) developing various brief films for ocean-related work under the CBD and (iv) disseminating information and updates on various work on marine issues through CBD social media channels.

### ***Biodiversity and Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction***

98. In response to decision XIII/4, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared, under the guidance of a technical reference group, the voluntary guidelines for the design and effective implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction;
- (b) Prepared documentation, including suggested recommendations, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-second meeting (CBD/SBSTTA/22/8 and CBD/SBSTTA/22/INF/1). SBSTTA 22 approved recommendation SBSTTA-22/7 on biodiversity and climate change;
- (c) Serviced the item on biodiversity and climate change during the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 14), which adopted decision 14/5, including the Voluntary guidelines.
- (d) Organized, in collaboration with partners, a full day of events on nature-based solutions in the Rio Conventions Pavilion at COP14.
- (e) Organized a Rio Conventions Pavilion at the twenty-fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Katowice, Poland, where it collaborated with partners on a number of events to highlight the links between biodiversity and climate change.
- (f) Organized, in collaboration with SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre, a series of regional dialogues on ecosystem-based approaches, for the regions of North, West and Central Africa and Asia (in 2018);
- (g) Organized, in collaboration with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the IPBES and UNFCCC, a workshop to enhance collaboration between the climate and biodiversity science and policy communities, in Paris, France (October 2018). The co-chairs prepared key messages from the workshop which were made available to COP14 as document COP/14/INF/22.
- (h) Collaborated with the Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation (FEBA), the Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (PEDRR) and Nature4Climate, including communication and outreach activities on issues related to climate change and biodiversity.
- (i) Participated in the number of meeting related to climate change to raise awareness of the links between biodiversity and climate change and to disseminate the voluntary guidelines, including the Global Climate Action Summit, the Ramsar COP 13, and Research Dialogue 10 of the UNFCCC.
- (j) Facilitated the participation of CBD National Focal Points in the UNFCCC NAP Expo 2018 to increase synergies between biodiversity and climate change planning.

- (k) Contracted the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), with the generous support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, to undertake, in close collaboration with the Secretariat, a project entitled “Resilience through investing in ecosystems – knowledge, innovation and transformation of risk management,”<sup>6</sup> or RELIEF-Kit in short. The project has accomplished the following:
- (i) Published regional eco-DRR and biodiversity assessments for West and Central Africa, East and Southern Africa, Asia, Central America, South America and Oceania;
  - (ii) Conducted training needs assessments in four regions, followed by five regional training workshops for – Africa, Asia, Oceania, Central America and the Caribbean, and South America –as well as a two-day global training at the IUCN World Conservation Congress;
  - (iii) Published a global report on the role of biodiversity in disaster risk reduction.

### *Biological Diversity of Inland Waters*

99. In response to decision XI/23, X2, the Secretariat:
- (a) Participated in and contributed to the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of UN-Water held 1-2 February 2018 at IFAD headquarters Rome, Italy including discussions on:
    - (i) overview of preparations for the High-Level Political Forum and review of the draft Secretary-General’s report “Repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda”;
    - (ii) The SDG 6 Integrated Monitoring Initiative;
    - (iii) Global campaigns including World Water Day and World Toilet Day;
    - (iv) World Water Week 2019;
    - (v) Work Programme 2018-2019;
  - (b) Provided biodiversity-related inputs and general support to the plans and products of UN Water including:
    - (i) Delivering a successful event with outreach in the millions of people, celebrating World Water Day 2018 “nature-based solutions for water”, and scoping for World Water Day 2019;
    - (ii) Provided comments to the World Water Development Report 2018 “nature-based solutions for water” and on the preparations for its launch;
    - (iii) Acted on a task force on developing the UN International Decade for Action – Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028;
    - (iv) SDG 6 synthesis report;
  - (c) Collaborated with David Clark Cause to arrange for a high-quality photo exhibit on nature and water to be publicly displayed in the World Trade Building Montreal (Secretariat building) during the SBSTTA 22 and SBI.

### *Agricultural biodiversity*

100. In response to decision X/34, the Secretariat contributed to the document CBD/SBI/2/INF/24 prepared by FAO - Progress report on the implementation of the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity (Decision COP 14/30)
- (a) In response to decision XIII/30, the Secretariat - contributions to the document CBD/SBSTTA/22/5

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.iucn.org/theme/ecosystem-management/our-work/environment-and-disasters/relief-kit-project>

Updated scientific assessment for SBSTTA related to target 7

101. In response to decision XIII/24, the Secretariat

(b) Contributions to the document CBD/SBI/2/10

Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and partnerships

102. In response to decision XIII/15, the Secretariat:

(c) Developed “Plan of Action 2018-2030 for the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators” and produced the “Review of pollinators and pollination relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in all ecosystems, beyond their role in agriculture and food production” (Recommendation SBSTTA-22/9, Decision COP 14/6)

(d) Presented a webinar on “The Sustainable Use of Pollinators” for the Regions for Biodiversity Learning Platform (nrg4SD)

103. In response to decision XIII/3, the Secretariat:

(e) Contributed to the Joint initiative for on-farm conservation, sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (PGRFA) and protected areas (ITPGRFA/CBD/GB7)

(f) Joined the Scaling up Agroecology Initiative organized by FAO.

## **B. Biodiversity Economy Transformation and Innovation**

### *Resource mobilization*

104. In response to decision XIII/20, the Secretariat continued implementation of its work plan on resource mobilization and incentive measures pursuant to the various requests in the decision. In particular:

(a) The Secretariat prepared pertinent documentation for the Second Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI2), held from 9 to 13 July 2018 in Montreal and serviced the subsequent negotiations.

(b) The Secretariat participated at the Third Global BIOFIN Conference, held from 6-8 March 2018 in Chennai, India; contributed actively to the discussions; presented, in the pertinent session, the work under the Convention on harmful incentives, in the context of its resource mobilization, and provided forward-looking final remarks in the closing plenary.

(c) The Secretariat participated at the Twelfth meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Working Party on Biodiversity, Water, and Ecosystems (WPBWE), held from 23-24 May 2018 in Paris, France. The Secretariat contributed to the discussions on the various work streams and the planned programme of work 2018-2020 with a view to contribute CBD’s perspective and align the work with the CBD agenda.

(d) The Secretariat attended the Forum of Experts in SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting on 18 to 20 June 2018 held in Glen Cove (NY, USA) as well as the Thirteenth Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEAA) held on 21 to 22 June 2018 in New York, USA. The Forum reviewed progress made in compiling ecosystem accounts; identified methodological and technical advances and ongoing challenges, discussed opportunities for developing agreed methods and practices to be included in practical guidelines, and provided pertinent recommendations for the revision of the SEEA EEA. The topics considered by the thirteenth meeting of the UNCEEAA that are of particular relevance to the Convention include the status of experimental ecosystem accounting and its revision process; progress under a EU funded project on SEEA-EEA in five countries, as well as further work to strengthen SEEA in the context of SDG indicators.

- (e) The Secretariat actively participated at the WTO 2018 Fourth Advanced Course on Trade and Environment that was held from 25 June to 6 July 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland, specifically, in the module on biodiversity on 5 July 2018. The Secretariat provided a keynote presentation into the biodiversity-trade linkages; with an overview of the CBD and its work as well as the institutional linkages to the relevant WTO topics and agreements.

***Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including with respect to mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors***

105. In response to decision XIII/13, activities included the following:

***Mainstreaming***

- (a) As part of its preparations for the consideration by COP-14 of mainstreaming biodiversity into infrastructure, energy and mining, manufacturing and processing, and health, as requested by paragraph 103 of the decision, the Secretariat prepared the pertinent documentation for the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI2), held from 9 to 13 July 2018 in Montreal, serviced the subsequent negotiations, and co-organized in collaboration with partner organizations, several side-events on the topic.
- (b) The Secretariat, in collaboration with the Government of Egypt, also convened an international expert workshop, “Biodiversity Mainstreaming in the Sectors of Energy and Mining, Manufacturing and Processing and Infrastructure”, from 20-22 June 2018 in Cairo, Egypt, with the generous support of the Government of Germany and the European Union. The report of the workshop was made available to the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (CBD/SBI/2/INF/37).

***Sustainable development and poverty alleviation***

- (a) The Secretariat responded to a series of formal requests for input to the meeting of the 2018 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), including from the President of Economic and Social Council, the Undersecretary General of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the UN Environment Assembly, and an informal request for information relevant to the co-chairs of the HLPF’s draft ministerial declaration.
- (b) The Secretariat contributed to several preparatory events for the 2018 HLPF, including: facilitating a series of round table discussions at the Regional Sustainable Development Forums hosted by the UN Economic Commission for Europe in Geneva and the UN Economic and Social Commission for West Asia in Egypt and Lebanon; participating in the UN Economic Commission for Africa’s regional forum in Senegal; setting up an information booth at the regional sustainable development forum of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; and coordinating and moderating the biodiversity panel at the Expert Group Meeting on SDG 15 in partnership with UNDESA.
- (c) The Secretariat prepared several products for the 2018 HLPF, including: a 2-page brochure on ‘Biodiversity and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’; a 4-page brochure on ‘The Very Nature of Economic Sectors’; a Reuters television program interview on Business and HLPF; and a Guest Article for the Knowledge Hub of the International Institute for Sustainable Development. Notification 005/2018 of 12 January 2019 informed Parties with regard to the 2018 HLPF, and urged them reflect biodiversity in their National Voluntary Reviews. Information note CBD/SBI/2/INF/32, made available to the subsidiary body on Implementation at its second meeting, provided draft guidance for reporting progress on biodiversity to the High-Level Political Forum through Voluntary National Reviews.
- (d) During the HLPF itself in July 2018, the Secretariat hosted three special biodiversity dinner and lunch side events with key partners and stakeholders; spoke at side events hosted by IUCN and UNDP, and at the Local and Regional Governments’ Forum; participated in media events including

the ‘Guest at Noon Press Briefing’ and the ‘SDG Media Zone Panel’ as well as various special events and sessions, including the SDG 15 Review, Voluntary National Reviews, the SDG Business Forum, the Meeting of Chief Sustainability Officers, and info labs on Voluntary National Reviews.

### ***Business and biodiversity***

- (a) The Secretariat finalized documentation on the typology of actions on business reporting, for consideration by the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. This work was also presented at the mainstreaming workshop in Cairo, co-organized with the government of Egypt.
- (b) The Secretariat continued provision of support to, and liaising with, the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity (GP), including by organizing teleconferences for the Executive Committee, webinars for the GP and its members, as well as the drafting and dissemination of the e-newsletter.
- (c) The Secretariat initiated planning for the Business and Biodiversity Forum to be co-organized with the Government of Egypt back-to-back the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including outreach to key partners and stakeholder in developing the agenda, identifying speakers, and organizing logistics.

## **C. People and Biodiversity**

### ***Article 8(j) and related provisions***

106. In light of the decisions adopted by COP 13, relevant developments and activities carried out by the Secretariat during this period include:

#### ***Capacity-building***

- (a) Implementation of the first two regional training workshops of the project “Capacity Development Programme on national arrangements for achieving traditional knowledge elements of targets 18 and 16 of Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020”, thanks to the financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF) and other donors and partners. The aim of the workshops was to train trainers from indigenous peoples and local community’s organizations and Parties to develop possible elements for national action plans for traditional knowledge, to support the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 16 and 18. An online course was developed for each workshop to maximize the face-to-face component of the training.
  - The Regional Training Workshop for the Latin American and the Caribbean region was held in Tepoztlán, Mexico, from 2 to 6 April 2018. It was organized jointly with the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico, the Indigenous Network on Tourism of Mexico, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, the Sotzil Association, the Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network, UNDP’s Equator Initiative and UNDP’s Global ABS Project.
  - The Regional Training Workshop for the Pacific region was held in Whangārai, New Zealand, from 21 to 25 May 2018. It was organized jointly with the Environment Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Te Kōpu - Pacific Indigenous and Local Knowledge Centre of Distinction.
- (b) Preparation of the two last regional training workshops of the project “Capacity Development Programme on national arrangements for achieving traditional knowledge elements of targets 18 and 16 of Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020”.
  - The Asian Regional Training Workshop will be held from 27 to 31 July 2018 in Kandy, Sri Lanka.
  - The African Regional Training Workshop will be held from 8 to 12 October 2018 in Marrakesh, Morocco.

#### ***Inter-sessional activities***

- (a) Preparation of the twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to be held 2-7 July 2018 in Montreal, Canada, including the preparation of the official documentation relevant to Article 8(j) and related provisions.
- (b) Preparation of the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, to be held from 9 to 13 July 2018 in Montreal, Canada, including the preparation of the official documentation relevant to Article 8(j) and related provisions.

*Participation in meetings and workshops organized by relevant organizations and partners*

- (a) Project Access 13th Annual Global Capacity-Building Training Workshop for Indigenous Peoples, facilitated in partnership with NGO Tribal Link Inc., Colombia University and the UNPFII on 13 April 2018 in New York. Training focussed on the work of the Convention on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, facilitated by John Scott.
- (b) United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), 17th session, UN Headquarters, 16-24 April 2018. Included presentation of the Executive Secretary's statement and progress report to the UNPFII and meetings with the indigenous Global, Women's, Youth and regional Asian Caucuses. Also included facilitation of a side event with the Government of Sweden, the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous peoples, on Biodiversity and Human Rights on Wednesday 26 April 2018.
- (c) UN Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples Issues (IASG), coordination, collaboration and planning meetings 16-24 April, including a 3-hour bilateral meeting between Agencies and the 16 experts of the UNPFII (28 April).
- (d) The First Global Dialogue on Biocultural Diversity and Indicators for well-being, facilitated by the American Museum of Natural History in partnership with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biodiversity and UNESCO (NYO), 21-22 April 2018 and promotion through a side event at UNPFII held on Friday 20 April 2018.

***Mainstreaming Gender Considerations***

107. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Planned and coordinated a capacity-building workshop on gender mainstreaming under the Convention for delegates attending SBSTTA 22 and SBI 2 meetings, in collaboration with UN Women (workshop held on 1 July, 2018 in Montreal, Canada). This included putting out a notification to Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, and other organizations to identify participants for the workshop. A discussion paper was also drafted in collaboration with UN Women to support delegate's participation in the workshop.
- (b) Prepared a report on the progress in the implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action for consideration at SBI 2. This involved undertaking an analysis of gender integration in national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) received by the Secretariat following the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, through to February 2018. An analysis was also undertaken of the results of the survey to identify joint capacity-building needs for gender mainstreaming in the implementation of the three Rio Conventions. This official document (progress report) was also accompanied by an information document made available to for SBI 2, with further details on actions undertaken by Parties and the Secretariat to implement the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/fcc3/ac3d/e5a5d8364f8e8d5950fef9bf/sbi-02-02-add3-en.pdf> and <https://www.cbd.int/doc/c/c572/a4bb/e1b090171a370050c3738876/sbi-02-inf-11-en.pdf>).
- (c) Prepared and delivered a presentation on gender considerations for implementation and reporting, as part of a UNDP webinar on gender and biodiversity (webinars delivered on 31 May and 4 June 2018).

- (d) Undertook an extensive review of UNDP's online module on 'Women's Empowerment and Biodiversity' lessons 1 and 2, providing considerable inputs for revision.
- (e) Carried out mission to meet with Rome-based partners, including FAO, IFAD and Bioversity from 10-11 May. Discussions identified opportunities for collaboration, including through new and current programming at each institution.
- (f) Carried out follow-up work related to regional gender-biodiversity training in South East Asia (following a workshop carried out in late November 2017, in Bangkok, Thailand).
- (g) Undertook further extensive review and provision of comments for the gender-biodiversity module that will form part of the GEF/GEF-SGP/UNITAR online course on gender and environment (course module launched at the GEF Assembly in June 2018).
- (h) Held a capacity-building workshop on gender mainstreaming under the Convention for delegates attending SBSTTA 22 and SBI 2 meetings, in collaboration with UN Women (workshop held on 1 July, 2018 in Montreal, Canada). Co-organized and participated in SBSTTA 22 side event based on the outcomes of the workshop, and prepared summary report of the workshop. Participant feedback from the workshop was highly positive.
- (i) Serviced negotiations on the gender plan of action during SBI 2 and COP 14, and supported key partners and Parties in considering text. These negotiations resulted in new and robust commitments by Parties on gender actions, including in regards to the process for development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- (j) Held a gender seminar for senior management and provide gender training to Secretariat staff on 20-21 September, and also prepared and delivered a webinar on gender considerations and biodiversity as part of Environment and Climate Change Canada's webinar series "Celebrating 25 years of Action for Biodiversity", on 27 September (<https://biodivcanada.chm-cbd.net/webinar-series>).
- (k) Undertook a further extensive review of UNDP's online module on 'Women's Empowerment and Biodiversity' lessons 1 and 2, providing considerable inputs for revision (module was to be launched during COP14).
- (l) Represented the CBD Secretariat in the first gender technical working group meeting of the newly established For All Coalition – a member state-led initiative headed by Costa Rica, to address gender equality and human rights in multi-lateral environmental agreements. Prepared an outline for possible inputs from members of the Coalition to advance gender equality considerations in CBD processes over the next year, with a focus on the post-2020 process. The meeting further provided an opportunity to discuss with UN counterparts from different agencies, in support of planning activities related to COP14 and beyond. The meeting was held at UN Women offices in New York City, on 6-7 November 2018.
- (m) Prepared and led a series of side events on gender and different topics for COP14, engaging a wide range of Parties and partners. Events included an informal discussion on COP14 issues and desired outcomes; a discussion of best practices in cross-sectoral collaboration; pilot projects in South East Asia; capacity tools and practices; as well as a reception introducing some new initiatives, and an event on gender mainstreaming in Access and Benefit Sharing value chains. Events were well-attended and involved a diverse range of participants.
- (n) Continued to engage closely with the UN system, Parties and partner organizations and networks on gender, including through information sharing, the development of joint planning and work, and providing input into various documents and information materials being prepared.

## V. ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING AND THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL

***Decisions of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization***

108. In light of the decisions adopted by COP-MOP 2, relevant developments and activities carried out by the Secretariat during this period include the following:

***Status of Ratification***

- (a) Letters from the Executive Secretary to relevant Ministers responsible for CBD related issues were prepared for 85 countries with a view to promote further ratifications.
- (b) Follow-up with CBD NFPs, ABS NFPs and other national contacts regarding ratification and encouraging countries to finalize their national processes as soon as possible.
- (c) In 2018, the following twelve countries ratified or acceded to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing: Afghanistan, Austria, Central African Republic, Estonia, Malaysia, Nepal, Palau, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Serbia, Tuvalu, United Republic of Tanzania and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. By the end of 2018, 116 countries had ratified or acceded to the Nagoya Protocol.
- (d) Ratification process is underway in 24 countries, 37 countries are planning to ratify the Protocol and 19 countries either have no intention to ratify or no information is available on their intent to ratify.

***Interim National Report and first assessment and review***

- (a) Follow-up and support to Parties for submission of the interim national reports due by 1 November 2017. 100 Parties to the CBD were Parties to the Nagoya Protocol by the reporting deadline. As of 30 June 2018, 80 interim national reports received, 74 from Parties and 6 of non-Parties.
- (b) Interim national reports and other sources of information were analysed in preparation for the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to inform the first assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol to be undertaken by COP-MOP 3. Documents prepared for the assessment and review included the following:
  - Document CBD/SBI/2/3 contains an analysis and synthesis of information for all elements assessed, as well as the draft framework of indicators for measuring progress in the future;
  - Documents CBD/SBI/2/INF/3 and CBD/SBI/2/INF/4 provide an analysis of information contained in the interim national reports and the ABS Clearing-House as of 22 February 2018;
  - Document CBD/SBI/2/INF/8 takes stock of the use of model contractual clauses, codes of conduct, guidelines, best practices and standards as well as indigenous peoples and local communities' customary laws, community protocols and procedures;
  - Document CBD/SBI/2/INF/7 reviews the implementation and operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House.

***Intersessional meetings organized by the Secretariat***

- (a) Prepared and convened the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources from 13 to 16 February 2018, in Montreal, Canada, with the financial support of Canada, the European Union and Switzerland.
- (b) Prepared and convened the third meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol from 20 to 22 March 2018 in Montreal, Canada.
- (c) Prepared and convened the second meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol from 24 to 26 April 2018.



- (d) Prepared documentation and contributed to preparations for the twenty second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, held from 2-7 July 2018, in particular with respect to agenda item 3 of the meeting on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources.
- (e) Prepared documentation and contributed to preparations of the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, held from 9-13 July 2018, in particular with respect to the agenda items related to: assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol (item 4), global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism – Article 10 of the Protocol (item 6), specialised international access and benefit-sharing instruments – Article 4.4 of the Protocol (item 7), enhancing integration under the Convention and its Protocols (item 14).

### *Capacity-building activities*

- (a) With support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the European Union and other partners, the Secretariat and the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) is carrying out a capacity-building course on “Establishing Measures to Implement the Nagoya Protocol” in six regions (Central Africa, West-Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, the Pacific, and Latin America). Each course is comprised of three components: (1) a mandatory six-week preparatory e-learning session; (2) a five-day intensive face-to-face workshop; and (3) follow-up peer-to-peer learning and knowledge sharing through an online discussion and networking forum. During this period, the following three training workshops were carried out:
  - Central Africa (French): the face-to-face workshop took place in Duala, Cameroon from April 9-13 with the support of the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC) and GIZ. In total 15 participants were trained from 9 countries.
  - Asia (English): the face-to-face workshop was hosted by the government of Vietnam in Da Nang from May 28 to June 1 with the support of UNDP. In total 20 participants from 13 countries attended.
  - Latin America (Spanish): the workshop was hosted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, Chile from June 18-22 with the support of UNDP. Twenty-two participants representing 13 countries participated.
- (b) The e-learning modules on “Establishing Measures to Implement the Nagoya Protocol” were made available as self-paced learning courses on the biodiversity e-learning platform in English, French Spanish and Russian (see <https://scbd.unssc.org/course/index.php?categoryid=4>).
- (c) The Secretariat continued to work with the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), Bioversity International and the ABS Capacity Development Initiative to promote mutually supportive implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and the ITPGRFA. This included the development and publication of fact sheets presenting scenarios that may arise at the interface of the two instruments and how national focal points can respond which are available at: <https://www.bioversityinternational.org/research-portfolio/policies-for-plant-diversity-management/mutual-implementation-of-nagoya-protocol-and-plant-treaty/>.
- (d) Finalization of the translation of two e-learning modules “Introduction to Access and Benefit-sharing” and “The ABS Clearing-House” developed in collaboration with the UN Staff College.
- (e) Finalization of the ABS component of the CEPA toolkit.
- (f) Developing and finalizing a short video in cooperation with the ABS Capacity Development Initiative to explain the system for monitoring the utilization of genetic resources implemented through the ABS Clearing-House. The video is available on the CBD website at the following link: <https://absch.cbd.int/database/VLR/ABSCH-VLR-SCBD-240572>.

- (a) Support to Parties, as well as other stakeholders, in the population of relevant information and the use of the ABS Clearing-House.
- (b) Capacity-building and awareness-raising for the ABS Clearing-House including three related projects: (1) ongoing outreach and awareness raising campaign; (2) providing users of the ABS Clearing-House with immediate technical support through the ABS help desk; and (3) finalizing a number of guidance materials, such as an online information section as well as a number of step-by-step instructional guides outlining how to submit information and use the ABS Clearing-House website. Much of our work on these projects has been made possible thanks to generous support provided by the Japan Biodiversity Fund.
- (c) A number of the features and functionalities of ABS Clearing-House website improved. For example, significant progress was made on the translation of the website into the six official UN languages, the automated national report analyser, a new common format for ABS procedures and the work being done to integrate the Convention's Central Clearing-House, the Biosafety Clearing-House and ABS Clearing-House under one common platform.

***Participation in meetings and workshops organized by relevant organizations and partners***

- (a) Participated in, presented at and contributed to the published proceedings of the “International Workshop on Access and Benefit-Sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture” organized by the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations from 10 to 12 January 2018 in Rome, Italy.
- (b) Participated in and presented at the Steering Committee meeting of the ABS Capacity Development Initiative from 6 to 7 March 2018 in Brussels, Belgium.
- (c) Met with the ABS Capacity Development Initiative at the Secretariat of the CBD on 23 March 2018.
- (d) Participated in and presented at the third International Conference of the Global Genome Biodiversity Network on 25 May 2018 in Vienna, Austria.
- (e) Participated in and presented at the “Third ABS Dialogue on Key Challenges and Practical Ways Forward for the full implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and its contribution to the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda”, held on 24 to 25 May 2018 organized by the Government of Mexico with support of the ABS Capacity Development Initiative in Mexico City, Mexico.
- (f) Participated in and presented at regional training / exchange of experiences on the “Monitoring of genetic resources and traditional knowledge at the international level” organized in the framework of the Global GEF-UNDP “Strengthening human resources, legal frameworks, and institutional capacities to implement the Nagoya Protocol” Project, held from 5 to 6 June in Panama City, Panama.
- (g) Participated in and presented at the workshop on “Facilitating Access and Benefit-Sharing for Pathogens Support Public Health” organized by World Health Organization from 11 to 12 June 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- (h) Participated in and presented at the UEBT-Conference “Beauty of Sourcing with Respect” from 19 to 20 June 2018 in Paris, France.
- (i) Participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee on the Global Information System (SAC-GLIS) of Article 17 of the ITPGRFA held in Rome, Italy, on 21-22 June 2018.

## **VI. BIOSAFETY AND THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL**

### Programme areas under the Cartagena Protocol

#### ***Mainstreaming and integrated implementation of biosafety***

109. During the reporting period, the Secretariat

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- (a) Held two regional workshops to strengthen capacities for the integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity. The first workshop, for the African region, was held in Lilongwe, Malawi, from 19 to 23 February 2018 and was attended by 26 participants from 10 Parties. The second workshop for the Latin American and the Caribbean region took place in Mexico City, Mexico from 16 to 20 April 2018 and included 42 participants from 11 Parties. The objective of the workshops was to enable Parties to implement the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity in an integrated manner. Participants were expected to analyse relevant national policies, laws and institutional frameworks, identifying opportunities, and thereby develop a draft national mainstreaming strategy that set out steps to achieve integrated implementation of biosafety concerns in a variety of sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, laws and institutional frameworks. The workshops were also intended to raise awareness and understanding about the objective and provisions of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol to identify needs and requirements by Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, including by identifying steps towards its ratification, with a view to expedite its entry into force and implementation. Both workshops were organized with the generous support of the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund.
- (b) Developed, in collaboration with Strathclyde University in Glasgow and with the financial support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund, an interactive online application to develop a biosafety mainstreaming strategy which will be made available through the Secretariat's Biodiversity E-Learning Platform, at (<https://scbd.unssc.org/course/index.php?categoryid=3>). The application, together with a module and toolkit on mainstreaming already available on the platform, are currently being developed in French and Spanish and will also be made available shortly.
- (c) Updated the webpages related to mainstreaming biosafety.
- (d) Provided assistance and guidance to the 10 Parties carrying out a number of activities at the national level, in the context of the second phase of the project on "Integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level", funded by the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund.
- (e) During COP-MOP 9, the Secretariat held a side event entitled, "Capacity building for mainstreaming biosafety: integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity". The side event provided an opportunity for Parties to the Cartagena Protocol to share their achievements in biosafety mainstreaming in the context of the Project for Strengthening Capacities for the Integrated Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol, the Supplementary Protocol and the Convention, funded by the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

### ***Capacity-building***

110. During the reporting period, the Secretariat convened the twelfth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety. The Group concluded, among other things, that the operational objectives relating to the development of national biosafety legislation, risk assessment, detection and identification of living modified organisms (LMOs), and public awareness, education and participation, as identified in decision VIII/3, continued to be relevant for the remaining period of the Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-Building and that Parties should also prioritize capacity-building activities on liability and redress. The Liaison Group decided on a tentative process for the lead-up to the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation with regards to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and specific follow-up to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol, including global consultation workshop(s) to provide input to the biosafety component. The Group advised the Executive Secretary to ensure that dedicated sessions would be convened to discuss biosafety matters during the global consultation workshop(s) and to ensure that an adequate number of biosafety experts

are supported to participate in the workshop(s). The Group also decided to provide inputs throughout the entire development of the draft long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, in close collaboration with the Secretariat and the consultant to be engaged for this purpose. The Liaison Group also noted the importance of developing a specific action plan for capacity-building for biosafety, covering the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol that is aligned with the specific follow-up to the Strategic Plan and decided to take a leading role in the development of this plan.

111. COP-MOP 9 agreed that Parties, for the remaining period of the Framework and Action Plan, should prioritize and focus on national biosafety legislation, risk assessment, detection and identification of LMOs as well as public awareness, education and participation. They also deliberated on the importance of biosafety mainstreaming and capacity-building activities on liability and redress regarding the Protocol. Parties also agreed to a process for preparing a specific action plan for capacity-building with an indicative schedule of activities for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan and to complement the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020.

### *Cooperation with other Organizations, Conventions and Initiatives*

112. During the reporting period, the Secretariat

- (a) Continued to collaborate with secretariats of other international instruments and international organisations in the context of the Green Customs Initiative and attended (by phone) a coordination meeting held in Brussels.
- (b) Continued its collaboration with the International Plant Protection Convention Secretariat, the World Organisation for Animal Health and the Codex Alimentarius Commission, as well as the Food and Agriculture Organisation and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in the context of a preparation of a glossary of terms of relevance to Article 18 of the Cartagena Protocol (handling, transport, packaging and identification).
- (c) Continued to collaborate with the Secretariat of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) through joint activities. As a result of the second round table discussions on public awareness, access to information and public participation regarding living modified organisms/genetically modified organisms held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 15 to 17 November 2016, the two secretariats worked together in developing a joint biosafety newsletter issue entitled, "Joint CBD/Aarhus Convention Cooperation on Public Access to Information and Public Participation". The newsletter is available at <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/outreach/newsletter/bpn-13-low-en.pdf>. The Secretariat also developed a statement from the Executive Secretary for the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Aarhus Convention.
- (d) Collaborated with the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) by providing a statement of the Executive Secretary of the SCBD for the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Aarhus Convention regarding the importance of the Aarhus Convention and most critical the aspects of the Aarhus Convention in the context of modern challenges.
- (e) Participated in the thirteenth meeting of the Green Customs Initiative, a partnership of a number of multilateral environmental agreements and organizations concerned with regulating trade in environmentally sensitive substances and commodities. At the meeting, the Secretariat coordinated the organization of capacity-building activities targeting customs officers and national focal points.

### *Compliance*

113. During the reporting period, the Secretariat

- (a) Organised an online discussion on the Portal of the Compliance Committee related to contained use. Discussions were held on the collaborative portal of the Compliance Committee from 22 January to 9 February 2018.
- (b) Held the fifteenth meeting of the Compliance Committee from 8 to 10 May 2018 in Montreal, Canada. The Committee considered the following:
- The consistency between information in third national reports and the information provided by Parties to the BCH. It agreed on several follow-up actions to encourage and assist Parties to update relevant records and documents submitted to the BCH;
  - The status of submission of third national reports on the implementation of the Protocol, which were due in November 2015;
  - Compliance by Parties with the obligation to introduce the necessary and appropriate measures to implement the Protocol. It considered what additional actions could be taken to assist Parties that reported not having taken any measures, or only having taken draft or temporary measures for the implementation of the Protocol;
  - The information that had been submitted to the Biosafety Clearing-House by Parties regarding final decisions taken on the importation of living modified organisms destined for contained use and assessed whether the information was in accordance with Article 6 of the Cartagena Protocol;
  - The possible contribution to the development of the post 2020 framework, and stressed the need for ensuring that biosafety experts are included in the process.
- (c) Followed-up on a number of compliance issues with several Parties, including in relation to the submission of third national reports, the provision of information to the Biosafety Clearing-House and the development of measures to implement the Protocol.

114. COP-MOP 9 reminded Parties of a number of responsibilities and obligations under the Protocol, in particular those related to: taking the necessary and appropriate measures to implement the Protocol, and; making available to the Biosafety Clearing-House all required information. COP-MOP recalled that Parties facing difficulties in complying with their obligations are encouraged to seek assistance from the Compliance Committee. COP-MOP urged Parties and invited other Governments to provide voluntary funds in support of those Parties requested by the Committee to develop and implement compliance action plans. The COP-MOP, furthermore, requested the one Party that has not submitted its national reports over multiple reporting cycles to submit its third national report as a matter of urgency. In the reporting period, follow-up with Parties was carried out, under the guidance of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

#### *Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House (Article 20)*

115. During the reporting period, the Secretariat:

- (a) Initiated the process of migrating the Biosafety Clearing-House to a new platform, as requested in decision CP VIII/2, paragraph 8(c). The migration was not completed due to the limited resources allocated to this task. A meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House was scheduled to take place in June 2018 to test the new platform of the Biosafety Clearing-House, but had to be cancelled due to the delay.
- (b) Co-organized with the “UNEP GEF Project for Sustainable Capacity Building for Effective Participation in the Biosafety Clearing House” (BCH III Project), a BCH training workshop on the margins of COP-MOP 9.

116. COP-MOP 9 agreed on operation and activities of the BCH, including to allocate adequate and specific resources, both human and financial, for the management, improvement and maintenance of the BCH.

***Risk Assessment and Risk Management (Articles 15 and 16)***

117. During the reporting period, the Secretariat

(a) Convened the open-ended online forum on risk assessment and risk management from 29 January to 12 February 2018. The following topics were discussed:

- Experiences on risk assessment of living modified organisms;
- Information and views on existing guidance materials on risk assessment;
- Perceived gaps in existing guidance materials on risk assessment, and proposals to address any gaps identified.

(b) Assisted the lead moderator in preparing a report of the information provided in the online forum and published it for peer-review with a view to present the information to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its twenty-second meeting. SBSTTA is expected to recommend a way forward to address the needs, priorities and gaps identified by Parties for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its ninth meeting, including the possible establishment of a new ad hoc technical expert group.

(c) Began preparations to hold two regional training courses on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms. The first is scheduled to be held in Panama City, Panama for the Latin American region from 20 to 24 August 2018. The second is scheduled to be held in Minsk, Belarus for the Central and Eastern European region from 24 to 28 September 2018.

(d) Convened two regional training courses on risk assessment of LMOs. The first was held in Panama City, Panama for the Latin American region, from 20 to 24 August 2018. The second was held in Minsk, Belarus for the Central and Eastern European region, from 24 to 28 September 2018. The objectives of the two courses were to provide theoretical and practical training for participants on:

- i. The risk assessment process (concepts, steps, methodology, key issues to consider);
- ii. The evaluation of case studies of LMOs for environmental release, identifying protection goals and applying the risk assessment methodology to develop risk scenarios to assess.

118. COP-MOP 9 agreed to an AHTEG on risk assessment and an online forum on risk assessment and risk management as well as in establishing a process for identification and prioritization of specific issues regarding risk assessment of LMOs for consideration of the COP-MOP. They also called for a broad international cooperation, knowledge sharing and capacity-building to support, among others, Parties in assessing the potential negative effects on biodiversity from living modified fish and other LMOs produced through new developments of modern biotechnology, including LMOs developed through genome editing and LMOs containing engineered gene drives.

***Socio-economic considerations (Article 26)***

119. During the reporting period, the Secretariat prepared the pre-sessional document for the related agenda item for the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol.

120. COP-MOP 9 took note of the Guidance on the Assessment of Socio-Economic Considerations in the Context of Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. COP-MOP agreed on a way forward to supplement the voluntary Guidance with examples of methodologies and applications of socio-economic considerations in light of the voluntary Guidance, including moderated online discussions and a face-to-

face meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-Economic Considerations, for consideration by COP-MOP at its tenth meeting.

***Monitoring and reporting (Article 33)***

121. During the reporting period, the Secretariat

- (a) Had received a total of 147 third national reports, one of which was received during the reporting period (Armenia).
- (b) Began preparations for the revised format for the fourth national reports, to be submitted for review by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) at its second meeting in July 2018.
- (c) Issued a notification, inviting for comments on the draft format for the fourth national report and compiled submissions made.
- (d) Received a total of 154 third national reports, seven of which were received during the reporting period (including the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Myanmar, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Turkmenistan, Greece, Comoros and Marshall Islands).
- (e) Issued a notification, inviting comments on the draft format for the fourth national report and compiled submissions made.

122. COP-MOP 9 adopted the revised format for the fourth national report and stressed the importance of timely submission of reports. COP-MOP-9 accepted the invitation of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and decided to have a synchronized national reporting cycle commencing in 2023. Furthermore, COP-MOP 9 agreed that the fourth assessment and review of the Protocol will be combined with the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol and on the steps for this process.

***Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17)***

123. During the reporting period, the Secretariat:

- (a) Held the "Asia-Pacific Science-Policy Dialogue" webinar on 26 January 2018 in response to requests made during the Asia-Pacific Workshop on the Detection and Identification of LMOs, which was held in Kuala Lumpur on 20 to 24 March 2017, for the Secretariat to facilitate the exchange of views among policymakers and scientists to discuss the strengths and limitations of methods for the detection of LMOs in order to inform policymaking and implementation, including those policies that set requirements for identification and quantification of LMOs by the exporters.
- (b) Convened a workshop on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms for francophone Africa in Tunis, Tunisia from 5 to 9 March 2018. The workshop was attended by 19 participants from 17 Parties in the region. The objectives of the workshop were to provide theoretical and hands-on training on:
  - Sampling, detection and identification of living modified organisms in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;
  - Laboratory methodologies used for the analysis of samples;
  - Sharing experiences and assessing national needs and gaps for the effective implementation of the relevant outcomes under the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol.
- (c) Facilitated an online discussion on the training manual from 2 to 16 April 2018 with a view to implementing decision CP-VIII/16, where the Secretariat was requested to continue working on the draft training manual, in an expeditious manner, in collaboration with the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms. Views will be synthesized in preparation for the ninth meeting of the COP-MOP. A draft manual will be available in all six official languages.

- (d) Received submissions as per notification SCBD/SPS/DC/MM/DA/87054, which invited Parties to provide information regarding their capacity and needs in the detection and identification of living modified organisms, including a list of laboratories and their specific activities.

124. COP-MOP 9 took note of the draft training manual on detection and identification of LMOs and requested the Executive Secretary to review and finalize the manual. COP-MOP 9 agreed that Parties, in the context of Article 17 of the Protocol, and in accordance with national legislation, require the responsible operator to provide information or access, direct or indirect, to reference materials to enable the laboratory work on detection and identification of such organisms for regulatory purposes.

***Contained Use (Article 6)***

125. During the reporting period, the Secretariat

- (a) Issued a notification inviting Parties and other Governments to submit practical guidance on specific measures for contained use of living modified organisms that effectively limit their contact with and impact on the external environment. The Secretariat had received 28 submissions of information as of 30 June 2018. Views will be synthesized in preparation for the ninth meeting of the COP-MOP.
- (b) The Compliance Committee addressed the issue (as reported under Compliance, above).

126. COP-MOP 9 reminded Parties that a field trial, confined field trial or experimental introduction is to be regarded as intentional introduction into the environment when the conditions specified in the Protocol are not met and that intentional introduction into the environment can include introduction both for experimental or for commercial purposes.

***Public awareness, education and participation (Article 23)***

127. During the reporting period, the Secretariat

- (a) Facilitated an online discussion on public awareness regarding LMOs from 15 March to 5 April 2018. A total of 278 participants comprised of representatives of Parties to the Protocol, non-Parties, relevant organizations, UN agencies and media participated in the online discussion. A total of 162 messages were posted for the forum. The discussions also had eight partners to foster cooperation and coordination from Parties, UN agencies, private sector and a non-governmental organization. In addition, 49 resource documents on best practices and lessons learned on awareness-raising efforts from Governments and other stakeholders were made available prior to the discussion in a resource section. Themes for the online discussion included:

- Messages and communication channels for the celebration of the 15th anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and beyond;
- Collaboration for the Future: Mobilizing partnerships and funding for awareness;
- Follow-up to the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation.

The major outcome, according the moderators of the discussions, included (a) messages and activities to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol and; (b) the need to include all elements under Article 23 public awareness, education, participation, including access to information, regarding LMOs, in a potential post-2020 tool for guiding the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol. The summaries from the moderators are available at [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art23/pa\\_forum.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art23/pa_forum.shtml)

- (b) Published the thirteenth issue of the Biosafety Protocol News, entitled "Joint Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety/Aarhus Convention Cooperation Public Access to Information and Public Participation" at [http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb\\_newsletter.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_newsletter.shtml)
- (c) Began preparing information for the 15th anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol including: re-designing the Portal on Public Awareness and Participation with a Bulletin Board and Resource page with infographics, video clips of experts and a national communication template at [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art23/pa\\_main.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art23/pa_main.shtml)



- (d) Developed a downloadable/printable poster and a factsheet for the entry into force of the Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress at [https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/supplementary/NKL\\_workshops.shtml#tab=1](https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/supplementary/NKL_workshops.shtml#tab=1)
- (e) Published the COP-MOP 8 decisions booklets in all six official languages. They are available at: [https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb\\_publications.shtml](https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_publications.shtml)
- (f) Held an exhibition at McGill University, in collaboration with the Redpath Museum, highlighting the UN Decade on Biodiversity and the entry into force of the Supplementary Protocol with about 3,000 visitors.

***Preparation for the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety***

128. COP-MOP 9 agreed to a specific Implementation Plan to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety as a follow-up to the Strategic Plan for the period 2011-2020 to complement the post-2020 biodiversity framework. COP-MOP decided that a biosafety component would be included in the framework and to involve biosafety experts in the development of the framework. The COP-MOP also agreed on an outline for a process for the development of the Implementation Plan and for providing input to the biosafety elements within the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

***Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress***

129. During the reporting period, the Secretariat

- (a) Welcomed the entry into force of the Supplementary Protocol on 5 March 2018 following the deposit of the fortieth instrument to the Supplementary Protocol by Japan on 5 December 2017. As of 31 December 2018, there were 43 Contracting States to the Supplementary Protocol (including the European Union, which does not count towards the entry into force). The status of signature, and ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Supplementary Protocol is available at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/#tab=1>.
- (b) Developed an e-learning module on the Supplementary Protocol, in collaboration with Strathclyde University and with the financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund. The module was made available in English on the Secretariat's e-learning platform. A Spanish and French version of the module has also been developed and will be made available shortly.

130. At COP-MOP 9, a celebration event of the entry into force of the Supplementary Protocol was held. The Parties to the Supplementary Protocol welcomed the entry into force of the instrument. They requested Parties to the Supplementary Protocol to designate a competent authority to perform the functions set out in the Supplementary Protocol. They also requested the Executive Secretary to undertake a comprehensive study, subject to the availability of funds, from the Voluntary Trust Fund related to financial security.

***Status of Ratification or Accession to the Cartagena Protocol***

131. As of 31 December 2018, 171 countries had ratified or acceded to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The list of Parties to the Protocol is available on the Protocol's website at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.

Programme areas under the Convention

***Synthetic biology***

132. During the reporting period, the Secretariat
- (a) Accepted comments for the peer review process on the report of the AHTEG on Synthetic Biology which held its meeting in Montreal, Canada, from 5 to 8 December 2017. The information was synthesized and submitted for consideration by SBSTTA at its twenty-second meeting. As of 30 June, the Secretariat had received 21 submissions.
  - (b) Generated an information document (CBD/SBSTTA/22/INF) as per paragraph 13 of decision XIII/17. The document was submitted for consideration by SBSTTA, and contains an initial analysis performed by the Secretariat of synthetic biology against the criteria set out in decision IX/29.

## **VII. JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND**

### *Secretariat portfolio projects*

133. In February 2017, the Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOEJ) kindly approved the “Japan Biodiversity Fund Workplan 2017-2018 towards 2020”. Since the approval of the Secretariat portfolio for the present biennium, most of the Programme Officers made important progress in activities for the following approved projects. Some projects requested extensions to complete their activities, and they are under the consideration of MOEJ.

134. The JBF team has been managing the 2017-2018 portfolio based on the progress reports submitted by the SCBD Programme Officers and through cross checking any contracts, notifications and travel plans under the projects with the original proposal, before authorizing them. Additionally, the JBF team has been serving as a daily help desk for the respective Programme Officers to support their projects.

- (a) 1718-IMS-1 – CHM: Support to the Development of National Clearing-House Mechanisms
- (b) 1718-MCO-1 – Youth: Building capacity of youth to support implementation of NBSAPs, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- (c) 1718-OES-1 – GSPC: Capacity building to support the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation as a cross-cutting initiative of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011- 2020.
- (d) 1718-OES-2 – Decision tracking tool /Development and maintenance of decision-tracking tool in the clearing-house mechanism.
- (e) 1718-SPS-1 - Sustainable Ocean Initiative: Sustainable Ocean Initiative: Capacity Building and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity through Partnerships in support of achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
- (f) 1718-SPS-2 – Protected Areas: Facilitate the achievement of as many elements of ABT 11 by 2020 as well as showcase their contribution to other ABTs and other globally agreed goals, through implementation of road maps identified in JBF project SAM-5 (2015-2016) in developing countries, least developed countries, and SIDS (in GRULAC, Asia and Pacific regions) by providing targeted capacity development, in a decentralized manner.
- (g) 1718-SPS-3 – Biosafety : Science and Policy Support/Biosafety and Biosecurity
- (h) 1718-SPS-4 – GTI: Filling capacity gap for application of DNA technologies in taxonomy - GTI trainings/workshops driven by the trained trainers.
- (i) 1718-SPS-5 – Invasive Alien Species: Programme for International Island Initiative towards achieving ABT 9 and related tools development.
- (j) 1718-SPS-6 – ABS-CH : Support to the capacity-building program for the ABS Clearing-House (ABS-CH).
- (k) 1718-SPS-7 – ABS: Capacity-building programme to support the establishment of legal frameworks for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

- (l) 1718-SPS-8 – ABS : Regional and sub regional training for the use of the ABS Awareness raising toolkit
- (m) 1718-SPS-9 – ABS: Capacity-building for implementing the Nagoya Protocol in a mutually supportive manner with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.
- (n) 1718-SPS-10 – Indigenous People and Local Communities: Capacity Development Programme on national arrangements for achieving traditional knowledge elements of ABT 18 and 16 of Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

### *Pilot projects*

135. In 2018, the JBF Team collaborated closely with National Focal Points and key partners to implement projects in Burundi, Botswana, Ethiopia, and Malawi. The project on institutional development in Burundi made some tangible progress during 2018, but it was delayed due to the unfortunate passing away of its coordinator.

136. The pilot project implemented by the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and the World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP/WCMC) to pilot (test) their methodology for mapping biodiversity in three African countries is now well on its way and several outputs have been delivered.

137. During the COP 14 in Egypt, the JBF organized on 21 November 2018 a side event to discuss the JBF small scale targeted pilot projects. These projects, their outcomes and lessons learned were shared with the wider group of Parties during this side event. “Tackling Common Challenges in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) Implementation – Examples from Japan Biodiversity Fund’s (JBF) Pilot Projects” <http://enb.iisd.org/biodiv/cop14/side-events/21nov.html>

### *Projects Implemented by External Partners*

The JBF team has monitored and backstopped the implementation of the following projects implemented by external partners:

- (a) *IPBES-IGES: Capacity building project for the implementation of IPBES Asia Pacific Regional Assessment:*

A small group meeting for Component 3 of the Project was held on 24-25 July in Kobe, Japan. A 2-day structure and content for a series of sub-regional science-policy dialogues has been discussed with the Advisory Committee and IPBES experts. Based on the discussion at the meeting, a questionnaire was distributed in late August to IPBES/CBD national focal points in the region for better understanding of the needs of participants. Tentative scheduled date for South Asia/West Asia sub-regional dialogue is 27-28 February 2019 in Nepal, for Oceania/Pacific in Australia is 4-5 April. The dates for Southeast Asia/Northeast Asia dialogue was scheduled on 28-29 January in Thailand, however, there was an informal consultation with the Ministry of the Environment Japan and the Secretariat of CBD in late September to postpone the dialogue to a later date to avoid overlap with the CBD regional consultation meeting on post-2020 global framework that will take place in Nagoya in late January 2019. Following the re-scheduling of the dialogue, IGES and APN will develop revised work plan and timeline of the Project and have a necessary consultation with the Secretariat of CBD in due course.

- (b) *COMDEKS: Community Development and Knowledge Management for the Satoyama Initiative Project*

April 2018, the project compiled the best practices and lessons learned and developed the publication, “Assessing Landscape Resilience” which is available at the following link of COMDEKS project website; <https://comdeksproject.files.wordpress.com/2018/06/resilience-indicators-publication-web.pdf>. Also, during 2-13 July 2018, COMDEKS/SGP team at UNDP participated at the 22nd Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 22) and 2nd Meeting of

the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 2), which was held in Montreal, Canada. During the conference, UNDP in partnership with Conservation International and the Secretariat of the International Partnership on Satoyama Initiative (IPSI) at UNU-IAS, has organized a side event titled Financing Landscape Management Approaches: Replication and Upscaling for Biodiversity and Sustainable Development. From 21-24 August 2018, COMDEKS/SGP team participated at the GEF-Satoyama Project Consolidation Workshop Program, held in Mauritius. Finally, the team also participated at the Seventh IPSI Global Conference in Kanazawa, Japan on 29-30 September 2018, and presented the concrete community actions and results generated from the COMDEKS, and their contributions toward the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Participants at these events, including governments, civil society organizations, and private sector, recognized the important role of community-based activities in strengthening resilience of the socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes, and the innovation and sustainability of the over 200 small grants that were supported by COMDEKS with the support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund. Discussion is ongoing with the CBD, CI, IPSI Secretariat, MOEJ, and other partners to further consolidate the lessons and results from the COMDEKS and ensure sustainability and scaling up of the initiatives up to and beyond Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

(c) *Develop a methodology for voluntary peer review of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) preparation and implementation:*

Sri Lanka was selected to participate in this process for the further testing and development of the methodology, including its applications through a pilot phase. A desk study was implemented through studying the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), the Sri Lanka's 5th National Report to the Convention, and a significant number of other documents identified and listed by Sri Lanka and the Secretariat. This desk study, combined with the scoping document prepared by Sri Lanka, provided the basis for an in-country visit. The agenda of the visit was prepared by the CBD Secretariat in close cooperation with the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, and the visit took place in Colombo and Kandy, Sri Lanka from 31 October 2018 to 6 November 2018.

138. During the COP 14 in Egypt, the JBF organized on 18 November 2018 a side event to provide a brief overview of the VPR mechanism for NBSAP revision and implementation, now in its pilot phase\*. This side event highlighted the usefulness of the VPR methodology in developing/updating of NBSAPs and improving implementation, including integrating biodiversity into broader policy frameworks. It also highlighted the experiences of and lessons learned by Parties who have undergone a review, as well as those of the review teams and the Secretariat based on the results, Switzerland made a new pledge to continue funding VPR activities - "Experiences to Date with the CBD Voluntary Peer Review (VPR) for NBSAPs" - <http://enb.iisd.org/biodiv/cop14/side-events/18nov.html>.

*Analysis of contents of the revised Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)*

139. The JBF team has developed an ongoing internal analysis of the revised (post-2010) national biodiversity strategies and action plans submitted to the Secretariat. During 2018, 10 NBSAPs were reviewed. In addition, the team prepared a pre-session document for SBI 2 on this analysis based on 163 NBSAPs that were received by 31 December 2018. The analysis considered the following categories: (a) basic information; (b) revision process; (c) mainstreaming; and (d) different components of the NBSAP.

***Support to the CBD thematic activities***

140. Through collaboration with other SCBD Programme Officers, JBF provided support on various issues including:

- (a) Research, translation, liaising with partners related to pertinent language skills;
- (b) Assistance in preparing background material pertaining to activities of the Secretariat;

- (c) Support to the secretariat to improve its Environment Management System (EMS) and to report on GHG emissions, energy audit, water and waste management to SUN initiative aiming at producing Greening the Blue report for 2017 ;
- (d) Representation of the Secretariat in the Steering Committee meetings of the CONNECT project on mainstreaming biodiversity information into the heart of government decision making.
- (e) S to the Registration and Security team for SBSTTA 22, SBI 2 and COP14.
- (f) Organization of the Business and Biodiversity Forum during COP14 to invite business representatives from developing countries.
- (g) Coordination of the UNDB Day for the CEPA Fair during COP14. JBF supported the reporting of the event. 'From Aichi to Post-2020 – What We Should Do Next Decade 2021-2030 toward Biodiversity 2050 Vision “Living in Harmony with Nature” - Presented by the Japan Committee for UN Decade on Biodiversity (UNDB) and Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Ministry of Environment, Japan, with support from the Nature Conservation Society of Japan and Japan Committee for IUCN: <http://enb.iisd.org/biodiv/cop14/side-events/19nov.html>.

## ANNEXES

### ANNEX I

#### Status of Implementation of the Agreed Administrative Arrangements

##### I Personnel Arrangements

1. In summary, during the reporting period, the Secretariat had 41 Professional staff members and 25 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 8 Professional vacant posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress and 4 vacant General Service posts. Additionally, 10 professional posts and 18 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigrams (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

##### II Contributions and Funds

2. During 2018, 22 pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Egypt pledged USD 852,080 for IPLC participation to COP14, COP-MOP 9 and COP-MOP 3. Finland has pledged USD 5,331 for participation of CBD staff members to support & service the Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of EBSA in the Baltic Sea, held in Helsinki, Finland in February 2018. France pledged EUR 38,500 for GIEC-IPBED workshop 2018. GEF pledged USD 40,000 for production of the 2018 Rio Pavillion at COP14 and UNFCCC COP and USD 60,000 for production of the 2018 commemorative publication for the CBD 25 years celebration. Germany pledged EUR 66,280 for the International Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Sectors of Energy and Mining, Infrastructure, and Manufacturing and Processing held in Cairo, Egypt in June 2018 and EUR 39,550 to facilitate achievement of Aichi Biodiversity target 11 for reporting to COP15. Italy has pledged EUR 114,000 for Expert meeting on Climate Change and Dry and sub-humid lands and Workshops on ecosystem restoration. Korea Forest Services pledged USD 476,120 for implementation of the Forest Ecosystem Initiative. Monaco pledged EUR 35,000 to support the Secretariat's two phased strategy on Aichi target 11. Netherlands have pledged USD 46,348 to support activities under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as approved by COP-MOP for 2017-2018. The Province of Quebec has pledged CAD 6,000 as a contribution for CBD's 25 anniversary. The Republic of Korea has pledged KRW 400 million for Implementation of the Acton Plan for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (2015-2020) and organization of SOI Global Dialogue and KRW 550 million as their 3<sup>rd</sup> year contribution to the Bio-Bridge Initiative for 2016-2020. Sweden has pledged SEK 200,000 for production of technical reports on Invasive Alien Species, SEK 3,000,000 for EBSA, Marine spatial planning and SOI and SEK 500,000 in support of 2017-2020 gender mainstreaming activities. Switzerland pledged CHF 36,000 for the 2nd Boggis-Bossey Dialogue for Biodiversity held in 2018, USD 100,000 to support Voluntary Peer Review (VPR) process for post 2020 global biodiversity and CHF 100,000 as a contribution towards the Post 2020 workshop among biodiversity related MEAs. The United Kingdom pledged GBP 24,950 to support international negotiations on a post-2020 global biodiversity strategy and GBP 65,000 to support the African Regional Post 2020 workshop.

3. As at 31 December 2018, a total of US\$3,458,110 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund in 2018 of which 91.6% has been collected. Additionally, US\$ 239,936 has been collected in 2018 for prior year pledges. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

4. As at 31 December 2018, the total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2018 is US\$12,706,222. A total of US\$10,843,357 has been received for the 2018 pledges. Of this amount, a total of US\$ 935,369 was received as advance payments in 2017 and a total of US\$9,907,988 has been received in 2018. The total amount received represents 85,3% of the total pledges for 2018. Additionally, US\$1,492,938 has been received in 2018 for prior year pledges and US\$457,329 was

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received in 2018 for future years. Additional pledges of USD 945,360 were also received from the host country Canada and the Province of Quebec in 2018. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

5. As at 31 December 2018, Austria, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Tourisme Montreal Canada and the United Kingdom have respectively pledged EUR15,000, EUR 40,000, USD 170,000, NZD 20,000, NOK 850,000, SEK 2,700,000, CHF 105,000, CAD 91,098 and GBP 150,000 to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). Details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

6. As at 31 December 2018, the total amount pledged for the **BG Trust Fund** in 2018 is US\$2,674,991. A total of US\$2,132,386 has been received for 2018 pledges. Of this amount, US\$236,573 was received as advance payments in 2017 and US\$ 1,895,813 has been received in 2018. The total amount received represents 79,7% of the total pledges for 2018. Additionally, US\$111,571 has also been collected in 2018 for prior years' pledges and a total of US\$13,544 was collected in 2018 for future years. Additional pledges of US\$198,392 were also received from the host country Canada and Province of Quebec in 2018. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

8. As at 31 December 2018, the total amount pledged for the Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (**BB Trust Fund**) in 2018 is US\$1,342,322. A total of US\$1,209,316 has been received for 2018 pledges. Of this amount, US\$65,978 was received as advance payments in 2017 and US\$1,143,338 has been received in 2018. The total amount received represents 90% of the total pledges for 2018. Additionally, US\$191,992 has also been collected in 2018 for prior years' pledges and a total of US\$12,962 was collected in 2018 for future years. Details of the BB Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

9. As at 31 December 2018, five Parties have pledged a total of US\$205,413 to the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**) in 2018. Australia pledged AUD 30,000, Egypt pledged USD 60,000, Germany pledged USD 58,000; New Zealand pledged NZD 30,000, Norway pledged NOK 150,000 and Sweden pledged SEK 325,000. All 2018 pledges were paid in 2018. Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

### III Accounting and Reporting

#### Status of Expenditure

1. COP-13 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, COP/MOP-8 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and COP/MOP-2 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing approved an integrated budget of US\$18,794,200 for the year 2018. As at 31 December 2018, a total of US\$17,608,191 was spent or committed. This represents 93.7% of the total approved budget.

2. Staff costs during the period under review amounted to US\$10,224,766 or 88.3% of the approved staffing budget. A total of US\$482,196 was spent on Travel on Official Business, or 120.5% of the approved on this object of expenditure line ; US\$111,053 or 148% of the approved amount for 2018 were spent on Consultants and Subcontracts; US\$2,669,700 or 113% was spent on Meeting Costs, including bureau and expert meetings and US\$760,637 or 105% of the approved budget on this object of expenditure was spent on General Operating Expenses.

3. Expenditures referred to above include the 13% programme support charges

#### Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

13. The following twenty (21) posts are funded by UNEP from the Programme Support funds (PSC): Chief of Section, Programme Budget (P-5); Budget and Finance Officer (P-4); Administrative Officer (P-4); two (2) Finance and Budget Officers (P-3); Senior Finance Assistant (G-7); two (2) Finance Assistants (G-5); Finance Assistant (G-4); Senior Documents Assistant (G-7); Meeting Services Assistant (G-6); five (5) Administrative Assistants (G-6); two (2) Travel Assistants (G-6); Programme Management Assistant (G-6), Mail Assistant (G-5) and Team Assistant (G-3).



## Appendix 1

### Staffing table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

**January – December 2018**

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
1.	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. C. Paşca Palmer
2.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (OES)	Mr. D. Cooper
3.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (SSSF)	Mr. Alexander Shestakov
4.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (IMS)	Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp
5.	D1	Principal Programme Management Officer (DES)	Ms. A. Fraenkel
6.	P5	Chief of Section, Programme Budget (AFC)	Ms. Gudrun Fosse (Post funded by PSC)
7.	P5	Senior Legal Officer (DES)	Mr. W. Yifru
8.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (Economist) (SSSF/EPRM)	Mr. M. Lehmann
9.	P4	Programme Management Officer (OES)	Ms. Catalina Santamaria
10.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (Indigenous Knowledge) (SSSF/PB)	Mr. J. Scott
11.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (Reports & Reviews) (IMS/SEC)	Mr. N. Pratt
12.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. E. Tamale
13.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (Scientific/Tech. Assessments) (IMS/MR&R)	Mr. R. Hoft
14.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (Access & Benefit Sharing) (DES/ABSP)	Ms. V. Normand
15.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (Scientific, Technical Information) (DES/BP)	VACANT
16.	P5	Senior Programme Management Officer, (In situ & ex situ conservation) (SSSF/BSPG)	Mr. V. Gidda
17.	P4	Public Information Officer (OES/C&A)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
18.	P4	Programme Management Officer (IMS/SEC)	Mr. Y. Xiang
19.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (SSSF/BSPG)	VACANT
20.	P4	Programme Officer (IMS/CHM)	VACANT
21.	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer, (Jakarta Mandate) (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. J. Lee
22.	P4	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by PSC)
23.	P4	Administrative Officer (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. Jacinta Mukui (Post funded by PSC)

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
24.	P4	Editor (AFC/CS)	Mr. Orestes Plasencia
25.	P4	Programme Management Officer (Taxonomy), (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. J. Shimura
26.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Dry & Sub-humid lands) (SSSF/BSPG)	VACANT
27.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Reports) (IMS/MR&R)	Mr. L. Cai
28.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Sustainable Use & Tourism) (IMS/SEC)	Mr. O. Hillel
29.	P4	Programme Management Officer, (Legal & Policy Affairs) (DES/BP)	Ms. Kathryn Garforth
30.	P3	Special Assistant, Administration (OES/SS)	Ms. A. Rego
31.	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Ms. M. Christin (Post funded by PSC)
32.	P3	Documentation Management Officer (IMS/CHM)	Ms. K. Koppel
33.	P3	Conference Services Officer (AFC/CS)	Mr. Paulo Tagliari
34.	P3	Website Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. A. Rafalovitch
35.	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (DES/BP)	Mr. P. Deupmann
36.	P3	Information Systems Officer (AFC/IT)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
37.	P3	Programme Management Officer (Inland Waters) (SSSF/BSPG)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)
38.	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Post vacant (Post funded by PSC)
39.	P3	Programme Management Officer, (Scientific Assessments) (DES/BP)	Ms. M. Araya
40.	P3	Information Systems Officer, (IMS/CBKM)	VACANT
41.	P3	Legal Officer (OES)	VACANT (recruitment in progress)
42.	P3	Programme Management Officer (Capacity-building) – (DES/ABSP)	Ms. K. Taboulchanas
43.	P3	Programme Management Officer (Monitoring) – (DES/ABSP)	Ms. B. Gomez Castro
44.	P3	Programme Management Officer ABS-CH (DES/ABSP)	Mr. M. Dias
45.	P2	Assoc. Information Systems Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. Randy Houlahan
46.	P2	Associate Information Officer (OES/C&A)	Mr. J. Hedlund
47.	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (DES/BP)	Ms. U. Nilsson
48.	P2	Assoc. Information Systems Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. S. Bilodeau
49.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. B. Fonseca
50.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer - Indigenous Knowledge (SSSF/PB)	VACANT

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
51.	P2	Associate Programme Management Officer – (Marine)- (SSSF/BSPG)	Mr. J. Appiott
52.	P2	Programme Management Officer – (Gender)- (SSSF/PB)	Ms. T. McGregor
53.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer – (Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism) (IMS/SEC)	Ms. C. Robichaud
54.	P2	Assoc. Programme Management Officer – (Risk Assess.) (DES/BP)	VACANT
55.	G7	Senior Finance Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Ms. R. Alum (Post funded by PSC)
56.	G6	Staff Assistant (OES/SS)	VACANT
57.	G5	Staff Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Mrs. D. Ibragimova
58.	G6	Programme Management Assistant - (SSS/BSPG)	Ms. A. Cung
59.	G6	Programme Management Assistant - (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. J. Grekin
60.	G7	Senior Programme Management Assistant - (IMS/SEC)	Ms. S. Meehan
61.	G5	Staff Assistant - (DES/PB)	Ms. M. Willey
62.	G7	Senior Programme Management Assistant - (IMS/MR&R)	Ms. M. Chiasson
63.	G7	Senior Programme Assistant - (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. D. Monnier
64.	G6	Administrative Assistant - (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. P. Azevedo (Post funded by PSC)
65.	G7	Meeting Services Assistant (AFC/CS)	Mr. N. Ibrahim
66.	G6	Programme Management Assistant (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. L. Janishevski
67.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. G. Alexandre (Post funded by PSC)
68.	G5	Staff Assistant - (SSSF)	Ms. V. Allain
69.	G5	Staff Assistant - (IMS)	VACANT
70.	G6	Public Information Assistant (OES/SS)	VACANT
71.	G7	Senior Information Systems Assistant (IMS/CBKM)	Mr. V. Gopez
72.	G6	Programme Management Assistant (OES/C&A)	Mr. M. Banski
73.	G6	Programme Management Assistant, (DES/ABSP)	VACANT
74.	G6	Programme Management Assistant (DES/BP)	Ms. P. Scarone
75.	G7	Programme Management Assistant, (AFC/IT)	Ms. X. Liang
76.	G6	Programme Management Assistant (SSSF/BETI)	Ms. G. Dosen
77.	G4	Information Clerk - (IMS/CBKM)	Ms. L. Allain
78.	G5	Finance Assistant - (AFC/FIN)	Mr. N. Diallo (Post funded by PSC)

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
79.	G5	Mail Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Mr. L. Rekik (Post funded by PSC)
80.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. L. Piscopo (Post funded by PSC)
81.	G4	Finance Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Vacant (Post funded by PSC)
82.	G5	Finance Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by PSC)
83.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. G. Del Carpio (post Funded by PSC)
84.	G7	Senior Documents Assistant – (AFC/CS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by PSC)
85.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (IMS/CBKM)	Ms. C. Paguaga (post Funded by PSC)
86.	G6	Travel Assistant – (AFC/FIN)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Post funded by PSC)
87.	G6	Travel Assistant – (AFC/FIN)	Ms. G. Sabatini (Post funded by PSC)
88.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (SSSF/BSPG)	Ms. J. Martinez
89.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (OES/SS)	Ms. M. Crespo
90.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (DES/C&A)	Ms. F. D'Amico
91.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (DES/ABSP)	Ms. R. Kipper
92.	G6	Programme Management Assistant – (DES/BP)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
93.	G7	Editorial Assistant (AFC/CS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
94.	G7	Programme Management Assistant (IMS/MR&R)	Mr. K. Noonan-Mooney
95.	G6	Meeting Services Assistant (AFC/CS)	Ms. L. Pedicelli (Post funded by PSC)
96.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by PSC)
97.	G6	Programme Management Assistant (OES/SS)	Ms. C. Estrada
98.	G3	Team Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Mr. Hai Li (Post funded by PSC)
99.	G6	Programme Management Assistant (DES/ABSP)	Ms. Lydia Zemke

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No.	Level	Title	Staff member
1.	D1	Principal Coordination Officer (DES/JBF)	Mr. Wataru Suzuki
2.	P4	Programme Mgmt. Officer (DES/JBF)	Mr. N. Van Der Werf
3.	P4	Programme Mgmt. Officer (DES/JBF)	Ms. N. Saad
4.	G6	Programme Mgmt. Assistant (DES/JBF)	Ms. G. Talamas
5.	G6	Programme Mgmt. Assistant (DES/JBF)	Mr. M. Abi Chahine

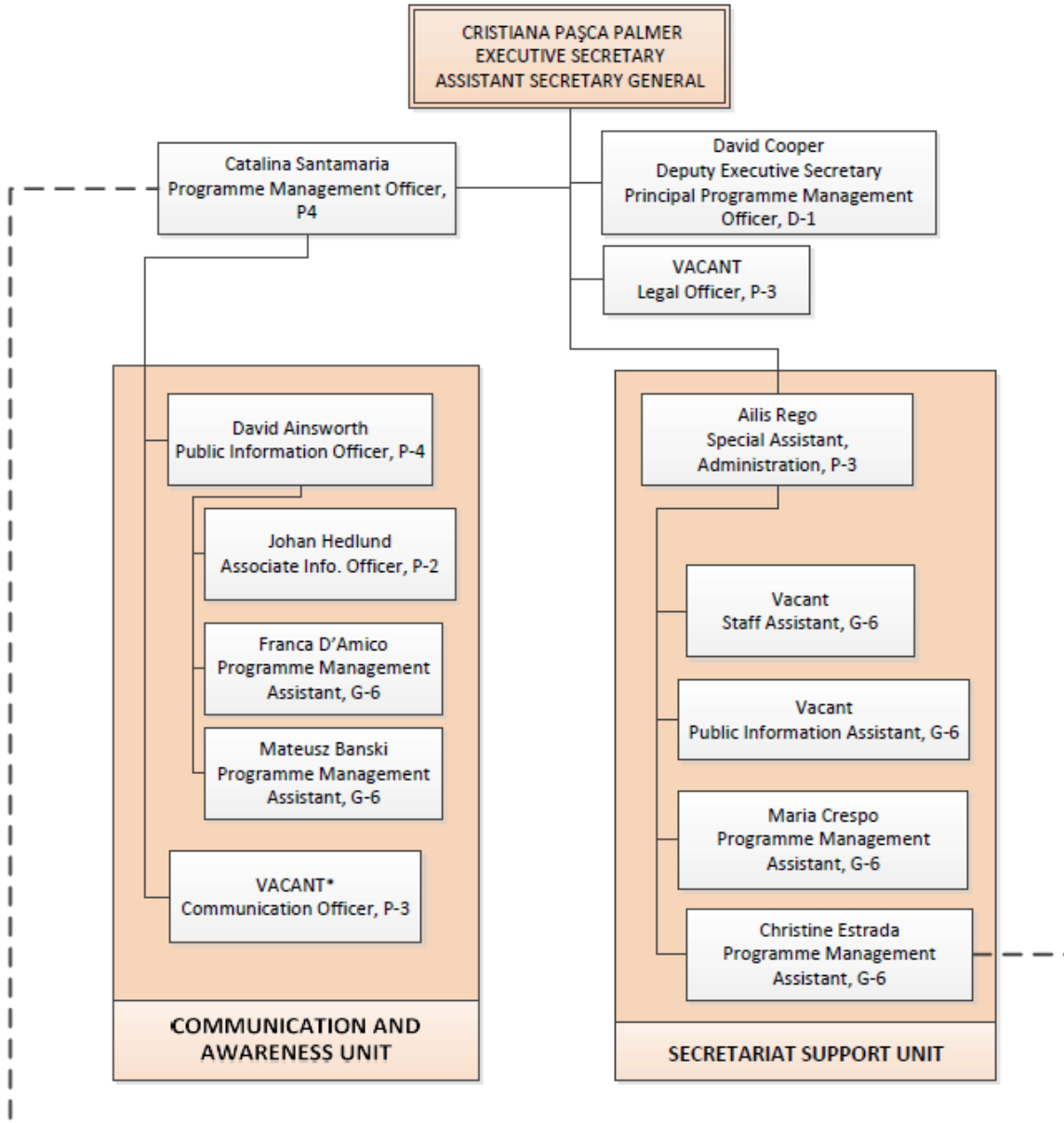
<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Seconded/Funded from</b>
1.	Ms. M. Yanagiya, JPO (DES/JBF-P2)	Japan	Government of Japan
2.	Mr. Camillo Ponziani, Prog. Mgmt. Officer (BBI) (IMS/CBKM-P4)	Canada	Government of the Republic of Korea
3.	Communications Officer (OES/C&A-P3)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)	European Commission
4.	Prog. Mgmt. Officer (Business) (SSSF/BETI-P3)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)	European Commission
5.	Ms. Claire Parois, Prog. Mgmt. Assistant (BBI) (IMS/CBKM- G6)	Canada	Government of the Republic of Korea

## Interns working at SCBD during the period Jan to Dec 2018

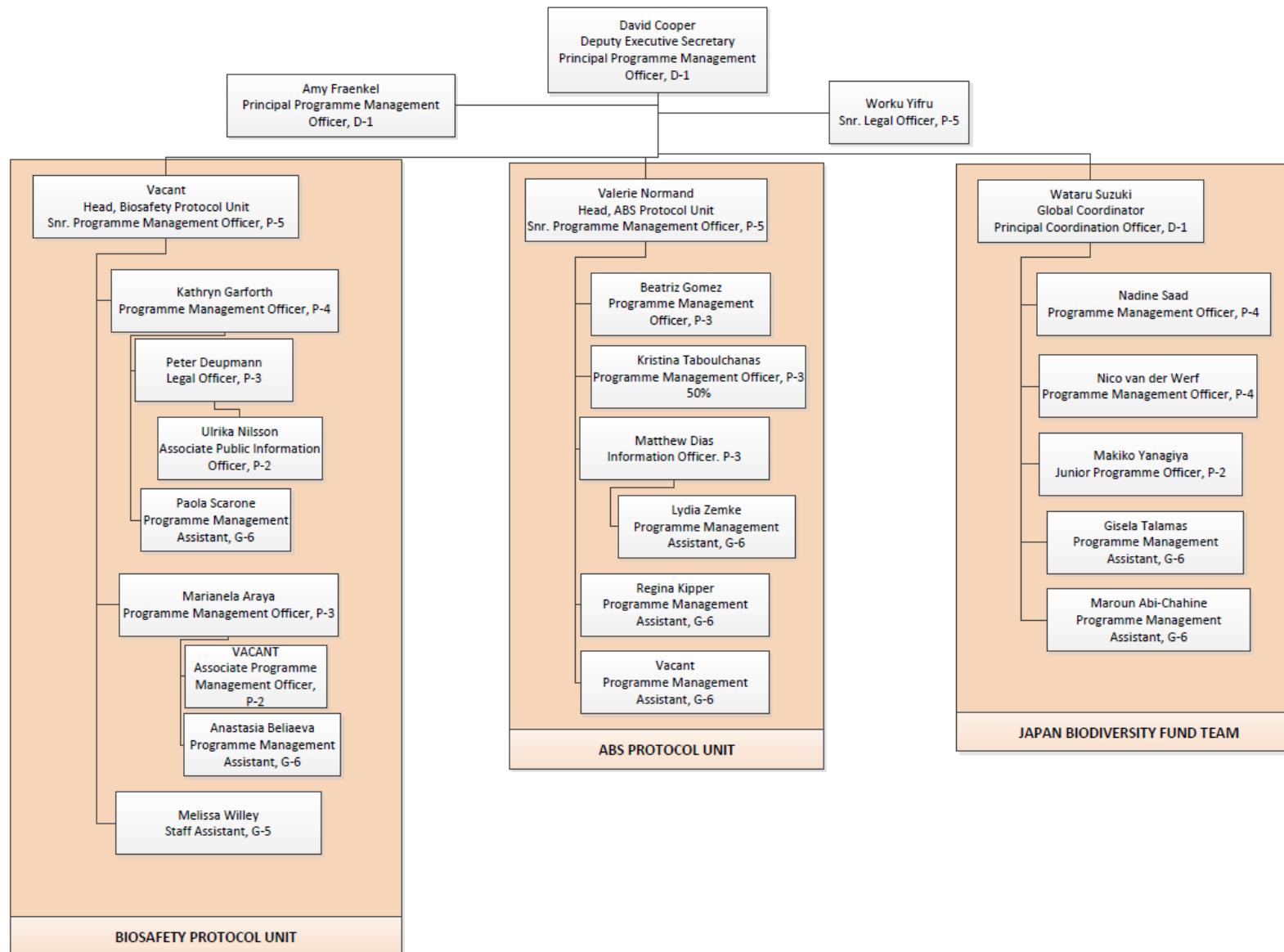
Name	Nationality	University	Programme Area	Entry Date	Departure Date
Sara El-Nounou	Canada	Concordia University	Scientific Assessment	01-Aug-17	30-Jan-18
Kexin Li	China	The College of William and Mary	Funds Management	11-Sep-17	09-Feb-18
Christopher Pereira	Canada	University of Toronto	Dry and Sub humid Lands	28-Aug-17	27-Feb-18
Bruno Leles	Brazil	Sao Paulo State University	Protected Areas	04-Jul-17	16-Mar-18
Lara Said	Pakistan	McGill University	Media and Communications	08-Jan-18	30-Mar-18
Ana Werkstetter	Costa Rica / Germany	Chulalongkorn University	Gender Mainstreaming	08-Jan-18	06-Apr-18
Alice Teboul-Boquet	France	McGill University	Mainstreaming and Partnerships	01-Nov-17	08-May-18
Clara Prip	Denmark	Université de Sherbrooke	Media and Communication	08-Jan-18	29-Jun-18
Emily McIntosh	Canada	McGill University	Traditional Knowledge and Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity	13-Feb-18	13-Jul-18
Saba Hajizadeh	Canada	McMaster University	Capacity Building	16-Apr-18	13-Jul-18
Jeffrey Lee	China	University of London - London School of Econ. & Pol. Science	Business and Biodiversity	07-Feb-18	27-Jul-18
Yasmeen Shahzadeh	Canada / Jordan	McGill University	Capacity Building	20-Feb-18	03-Aug-18
Antonia Macris	Canada / Greece	McGill University	Assistant in the Office of the Executive Secretary	07-May-18	03-Aug-18
Frédérique Lacroix-Dion	Canada	University of Ottawa	Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use	07-May-18	03-Aug-18
Katrina Gibbs	United States	Concordia University	Capacity Building	01-May-18	15-Aug-18
Megan Stanley	Canada	Concordia University	National Reports	07-May-18	31-Aug-18
Elise Huber	France / Canada	Institut d'Études politiques de Paris-Sciences "Po"	National Reports	28-May-18	31-Aug-18
Abby Munro	Canada	McGill University	Media and Communication	04-Jun-18	31-Aug-18
Felipe Moreno Cabrera	Colombia	Concordia University	Media and Communication	04-Jun-18	31-Aug-18
Benedetta Sala	Italy	University of Amsterdam	Media and Communication	19-Jun-18	10-Sep-18
Daniel Laperriere	Canada	Bishop's University	Media and Communication	28-May-18	27-Sep-18
William N'Gom	Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, Canada	McGill University	Capacity Building	16-Aug-18	15-Nov-18
Allan Yopez	Ecuador	Université de Montreal	Economics and Finance	16-Aug-18	15-Nov-18
Laurène Barmaz	Switzerland	Imperial College London	Law / Access and Benefit Sharing	20-Aug-18	16-Nov-18
Marco Sanelli	Canada / Italy	University of British Columbia	Media and Communication	06-Sep-18	04-Dec-18
Oumaima Zaki	Morocco	Concordia University	Economics and Finance	06-Sep-18	05-Dec-18
Bailey Cordrey	Canada	University of Waterloo	Media and Communication	06-Sep-18	16-Jan-19

**ANNEX II**  
**Organization Chart of the CBD Secretariat**

**Office of the Executive Secretary**

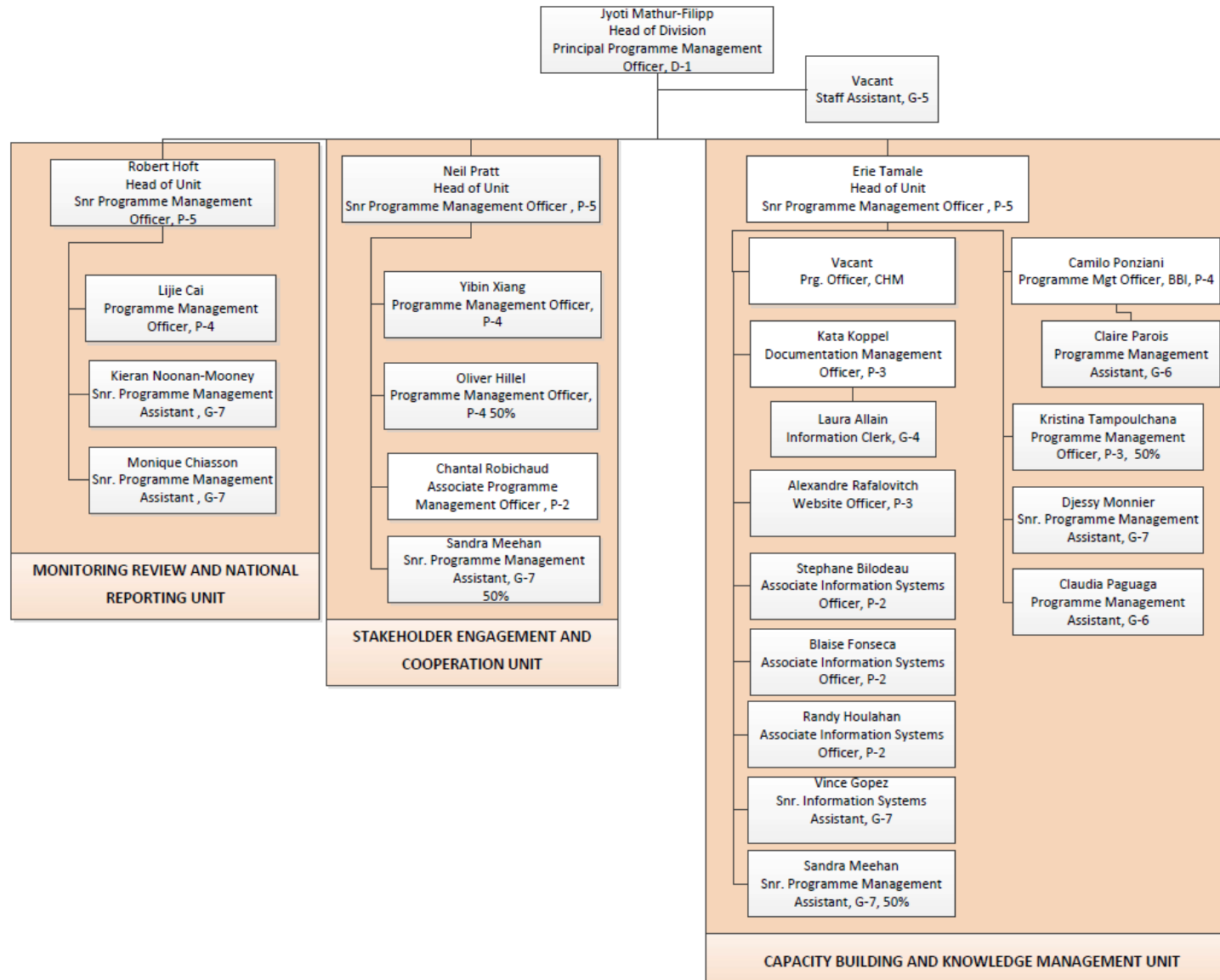


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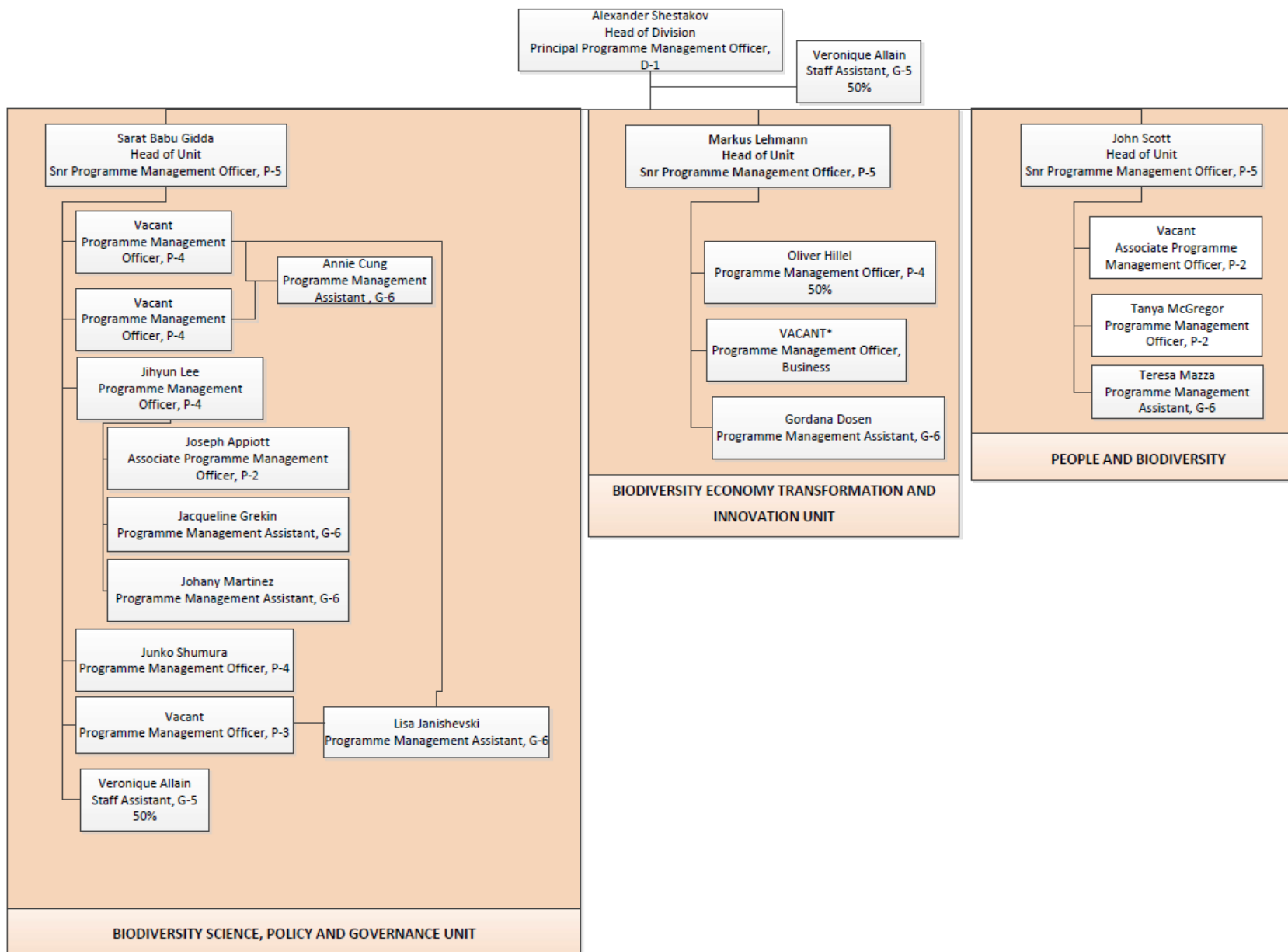




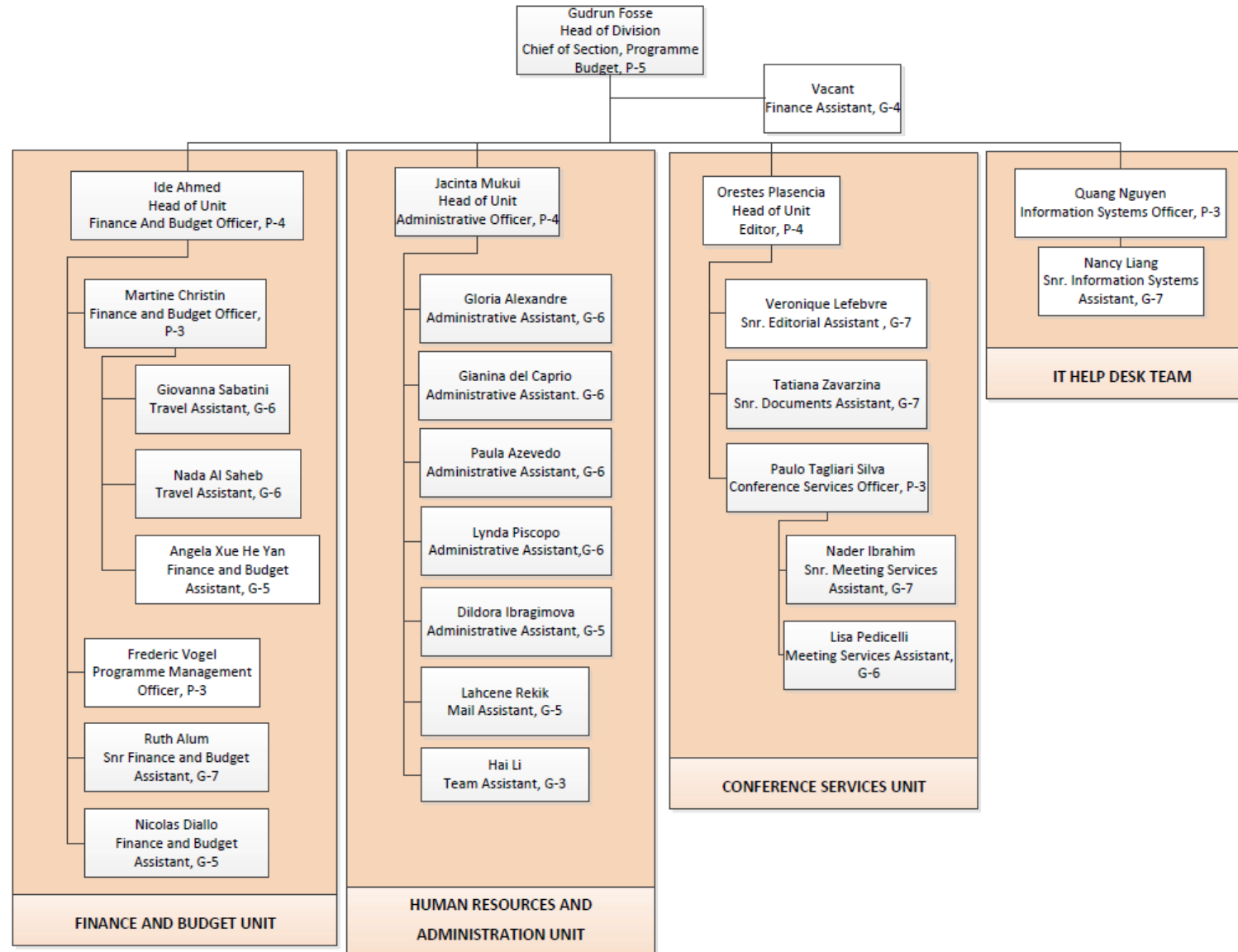
### Implementation Support Division



### Science, Society and Sustainable Futures Division



### Administrative, Finance and Conference Services Division



## ANNEX III

## GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BE)

Status of Contribution as at 31 December 2018 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Adjustment		Pledges for 2018	Collections in 2018 for prior years	Collections in 2018 for 2018 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior years as at 31.12.2018
	US\$			US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Canada	298,954	-4,159	1/		70,580		224,215
Canada	4,520		2/				4,520
Egypt			3/	852,080		852,080	
Finland			4/	5,316		5,316	
France	23,635		5/				23,635
France			6/	43,800			43,800
GEF			7/	40,000		40,000	
GEF			8/	60,000		60,000	
Germany			9/	72,188		72,188	
Germany			10/	44,994			44,994
Italy			11/	139,877		139,877	
Korea Forest Service			12/	476,120		476,120	
Monaco			13/	39,562		39,562	
Netherlands			14/	46,348		46,348	
Quebec Province			15/	4,518		4,518	
Republic of Korea			16/	366,314		366,314	
Republic of Korea			17/	485,840		485,840	
Sweden			18/	23,674		23,674	
Sweden			19/	343,894		343,894	
Sweden			20/	56,964		56,964	
Switzerland			21/	39,041		39,041	

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Adjustment		Pledges for 2018	Collections in 2018 for prior years	Collections in 2018 for 2018 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior years as at 31.12.2018
	US\$			US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Switzerland			22/	100,000			100,000
Switzerland			23/	100,402			100,402
United Kingdom			24/	34,458		34,458	
United Kingdom	169,356		25/		169,356		
United Kingdom			26/	82,719		82,719	
<b>Total</b>	<b>496,464</b>	<b>-4,159</b>		<b>3,458,110</b>	<b>239,936</b>	<b>3,168,915</b>	<b>541,566</b>

1/Canada pledge CAD 500,000 for the period 2016-2020 allocated CAD 100,000 annually for Advancing Canada's priorities in CBD. Biodiversity - Wildlife and Habitat.

2/Canada pledge USD 129,950 for expert workshop on marine protected areas- Aichi Biodiversity Target 11

3/Egypt pledge USD 852,080 for IPLC participation to COP 14, COP MOP 9 and COP MOP 3.

4/Finland pledge USD 5,331 for participation of 3 CBD staff to support & service the Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of EBSA in the Baltic Sea, held in Helsinki 19—24 Feb. 2018.

5/France pledged Euros 180,000 for Marine EBSA project

6/France pledged Euros 38,500 for GIEC - IPBES Workshop 2018

7/GEF pledge USD 40,000 for 2018 Rio Pavilion production at UNCBD COP and UNFCCC COP

8/GEF pledge USD 60,000 for 2018 for commemorative Publication for the CBD 25 years celebration.

9/Germany pledge EUR 66,280.03 for workshop mainstreaming - Cairo June 2018

10/ Germany pledge EUR 39,550 to facilitate achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 for reporting to COP 15

11/Italy pledge EUR 114,000 for Expert meeting on Climate Change and Dry and sub-humid lands and Workshops on ecosystem restoration

12/Korea Forest Service pledge - USD 476,120.18 for implementation of Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative

13/Monaco pledge EUR 35,000 to support the Secretariat's two phased strategy on Aichi target 11.

14/Netherlands pledge USD 46,348 as voluntary contribution to support activities under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as approved by COP-MOP for the biennium 2017-2018.

15/Quebec pledge CAD 6,000 as contribution for CBD's 25th Anniversary

16/Korea pledge KRW 400million for Implementation of the Acton Plan for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (2015-2020) and organization of SOI Global Dialogue

17/Korea pledge KRW 550million for Bio-Bridge Initiative for 2016-2020 - 3rd year contribution

18/Sweden pledge SEK 200,000 for production of technical reports on Invasive alien species. ABT 9/IAS

19/Sweden pledge SEK 3,000,000 for EBSA, Marine Spatial planning & SOI

20/Sweden pledge SEK 500,000 in support of 2017-2020 gender mainstreaming activities

21/Switzerland pledge CHF 36,000 for 2nd Bogis-Bossey Dialogue for Biodiversity 2018

22/Switzerland pledge USD 100,000 to support Voluntary Peer Review (VPR) process for post 2020 global biodiversity

23/Switzerland pledge CHF 100,000 as contribution towards the Post 2020 workshop among biodiversity related MEAs

24/United Kingdom pledge GBP 24,950 to support international negotiations on a post-2020 global biodiversity strategy

25/United Kingdom pledge GBP 120,000 for support to negotiation on a post-2020 Global Biodiversity Strategy

26/United Kingdom pledge GBP 65,000 to support the African Regional Post 2020 workshop

**ANNEX IV**  
**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)**  
as at 31 December 2018

<b>Countries</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017</b>	<b>Pledges for 2018</b>	<b>Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017</b>	<b>Collections in 2018 for 2017 &amp; Prior Years</b>	<b>Collections in 2018 for 2018</b>	<b>Collections During 2018 for Future Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2017 &amp; Prior Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2018</b>	<b>Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018</b>
	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>
Afghanistan	0	953	0	0	0	0	0	953	0
Albania	1,236	1,271	0	0	0	0	1,236	1,271	0
Algeria	0	25,574	0	0	0	0	0	25,574	0
Andorra	0	953	0	0	953	0	0	0	0
Angola	1,236	1,271	0	0	0	0	1,236	1,271	0
Antigua and Barbuda	1,533	318	0	0	0	0	1,533	318	0
Argentina	137,852	141,689	0	137,852	0	0	0	141,689	0
Armenia	0	953	0	0	953	0	0	0	0
Australia	0	371,218	208,260	0	162,958	400,000	0	0	400,000
Austria	0	114,368	0	0	114,368	0	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	9,531	0	0	9,531	0	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	2,224	0	0	0	0	0	2,224	0
Bahrain	6,800	6,989	0	6,800	6,989	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	1,236	1,271	0	1,236	1,271	0	0	0	0
Barbados	0	1,112	144	0	0	0	0	968	0
Belarus	0	8,895	0	0	8,895	0	0	0	0
Belgium	0	140,577	0	0	140,577	0	0	0	0
Belize	711	159	0	0	0	0	711	159	0
Benin	2,753	477	0	0	0	0	2,753	477	0
Bhutan	0	159	159	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bolivia (Plurinational State of )	0	1,906	0	0	0	0	0	1,906	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2,009	2,065	0	0	0	0	2,009	2,065	0

<b>Countries</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017</b>	<b>Pledges for 2018</b>	<b>Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017</b>	<b>Collections in 2018 for 2017 &amp; Prior Years</b>	<b>Collections in 2018 for 2018</b>	<b>Collections During 2018 for Future Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2017 &amp; Prior Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2018</b>	<b>Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018</b>
	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>
Botswana	2,164	2,224	0	0	0	0	2,164	2,224	0
Brazil	591,012	607,260	0	590,816	0	0	196	607,260	0
Brunei	12,592	4,606	0	12,592	4,606	0	0	0	0
Bulgaria	0	7,148	0	0	7,148	0	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	2,865	635	0	0	0	0	2,865	635	0
Burundi	1,055	159	0	0	0	0	1,055	159	0
Cambodia	0	635	0	0	635	0	0	0	0
Cameroon	6,981	1,588	0	0	0	0	6,981	1,588	0
Canada	0	463,983	463,983	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cape Verde	621	159	0	0	0	0	621	159	0
Central African Republic	1,546	159	0	0	0	0	1,546	159	0
Chad	2,569	794	0	0	0	0	2,569	794	0
Chile	8,651	63,379	0	8,651	44,360	0	0	19,019	0
China	0	1,258,202	0	0	1,258,202	0	0	0	0
Colombia	0	51,148	0	0	51,148	0	0	0	0
Comoros	4,439	159	0	0	0	0	4,439	159	0
Congo - Brazzaville	4,750	953	0	0	0	0	4,750	953	0
Cook Islands	0	159	21	0	0	0	0	138	0
Costa Rica	0	7,466	6,587	0	879	5,230	0	0	5,230
Cote d'Ivoire	0	1,430	7,517	0	0	0	0	0	6,087
Croatia	0	15,726	0	0	15,726	0	0	0	0
Cuba	113,133	10,325	0	0	0	0	113,133	10,325	0
Cyprus	0	6,830	0	0	6,830	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	54,642	54,642	0	0	50,945	0	0	50,945
Democratic. People's Republic of Korea.	3,942	794	0	0	0	0	3,942	794	0

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	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>
Democratic Republic of Congo	10,881	1,271	0	0	0	0	10,881	1,271	0
Denmark	0	92,765	0	0	0	0	0	92,765	0
Djibouti	748	159	0	0	0	0	748	159	0
Dominica	467	159	0	467	159	0	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	33,658	7,307	0	20,137	0	0	13,521	7,307	0
Ecuador	17,237	10,643	0	17,237	0	0	0	10,643	0
European Union	0	317,655	0	0	317,655	0	0	0	0
Egypt	23,490	24,144	0	0	0	0	23,490	24,144	0
El Salvador	7,154	2,224	0	0	0	0	7,154	2,224	0
Equatorial Guinea	9,585	1,271	0	0	0	0	9,585	1,271	0
Eritrea	155	159	0	155	159	0	0	0	0
Estonia	0	6,036	0	0	6,036	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	3,730	1,271	0	3,730	0	0	0	1,271	0
Fiji	1,054	477	0	590	0	0	464	477	0
Finland	0	72,433	0	0	72,433	0	0	0	0
France	0	771,822	0	0	771,822	0	0	0	0
Gabon	0	2,700	2,148	0	0	0	0	552	0
Gambia	467	159	0	0	0	0	467	159	0
Georgia	0	1,271	0	0	1,271	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	1,014,854	0	0	1,014,854	0	0	0	0
Ghana	2,473	2,542	0	0	0	0	2,473	2,542	0
Greece	72,790	74,815	0	72,790	74,815	0	0	0	0
Grenada	467	159	0	0	0	0	467	159	0
Guatemala	12,749	4,448	0	0	0	0	12,749	4,448	0
Guinea	932	318	0	0	0	0	932	318	0
Guinea-Bissau	3,960	159	0	0	0	0	3,960	159	0



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Guyana	309	318	0	309	318	0	0	0	0
Haiti	0	477	0	0	477	0	0	0	0
Honduras	2,383	1,271	0	1,353	0	0	1,030	1,271	0
Hungary	0	25,574	0	0	25,574	0	0	0	0
Iceland	3,554	3,653	0	0	0	0	3,554	3,653	0
India	113,898	117,068	0	113,898	0	0	0	117,068	0
Indonesia	77,889	80,057	0	77,889	80,057	0	0	0	0
Iraq	19,936	20,491	0	0	0	0	19,936	20,491	0
Ireland	0	53,213	0	0	53,213	0	0	0	0
Islamic Republic of Iran	232,831	74,815	0	0	0	0	232,831	74,815	0
Israel	0	68,303	0	0	0	0	0	68,303	0
Italy	0	595,347	0	0	595,347	0	0	0	0
Jamaica	1,391	1,430	0	1,391	1,430	0	0	0	0
Japan	0	1,537,609	0	0	1,537,609	0	0	0	0
Jordan	0	3,177	3,177	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	0	30,339	30,339	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenya	0	2,859	2,859	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kiribati	155	159	0	0	0	0	155	159	0
Kuwait	0	45,271	0	0	45,271	0	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	318	0	0	318	0	0	0	0
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0	477	15	0	0	0	0	462	0
Latvia	0	7,942	0	0	7,942	0	0	0	0
Lebanon	27,389	7,307	0	19,098	0	0	8,291	7,307	0
Lesotho	0	159	157	155	0	0	0	0	153

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	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>
Liberia	1,325	159	0	0	0	0	1,325	159	0
Libya	151,167	19,855	0	18,456	0	0	132,711	19,855	0
Liechtenstein	104	1,112	0	104	1,112	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	0	11,437	11,437	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	10,166	12,856	0	0	0	0	0	2,690
Madagascar	0	477	30	0	0	0	0	447	0
Malawi	309	318	0	0	0	0	309	318	0
Malaysia	48,702	51,148	0	48,702	38,949	0	0	12,199	0
Maldives	309	318	0	0	318	0	309	0	0
Mali	0	477	309	0	0	0	0	168	0
Malta	2,473	2,542	0	2,473	0	0	0	2,542	0
Marshall Islands	1,438	159	0	0	0	0	1,438	159	0
Mauritania	3,735	318	0	0	0	0	3,735	318	0
Mauritius	0	1,906	1,906	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mexico	0	227,941	0	0	227,941	59	0	0	59
Micronesia, Federated States of	0	159	155	0	159	0	0	0	155
Monaco	0	1,588	0	0	1,588	0	0	0	0
Mongolia	303	794	0	303	794	0	0	0	0
Montenegro	0	635	635	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morocco	0	8,578	0	0	0	0	0	8,578	0
Mozambique	618	635	0	618	635	0	0	0	0
Myanmar	1,256	1,271	0	1,236	0	0	20	1,271	0
Namibia	0	1,588	0	0	1,588	0	0	0	0
Nauru	386	159	0	0	0	0	386	159	0
Nepal	2,798	953	0	2,798	924	0	0	29	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Netherlands	0	235,407	0	0	235,407	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	81,572	42,570	0	81,572	1,153	0	0	41,417	0
Nicaragua	0	635	635	0	0	0	0	0	0
Niger	5,345	318	0	0	0	0	5,345	318	0
Nigeria	60,372	33,198	0	0	0	0	60,372	33,198	0
Niue	155	159	0	0	0	0	155	159	0
Norway	0	134,858	0	0	134,858	0	0	0	0
Oman	33,652	17,949	0	17,463	0	0	16,189	17,949	0
Pakistan	54,930	14,772	0	6,000	0	0	48,930	14,772	0
Palau	1,333	159	0	0	0	0	1,333	159	0
Panama	0	5,401	7,332	0	0	0	0	0	1,931
Papua New Guinea	347	635	0	0	0	0	347	635	0
Paraguay	2,028	2,224	0	2,028	2,224	0	0	0	0
Peru	0	21,603	7,097	0	0	0	0	14,506	0
Philippines	0	26,209	0	0	26,209	0	0	0	0
Poland		133,588	0	0	133,588	0	0	0	0
Portugal		62,267	0	0	62,267	0	0	0	0
Qatar	41,572	42,729	0	0	0	0	41,572	42,729	0
Republic of Korea	0	323,883	0	0	323,883	0	0	0	0
Republic of Macedonia	8,390	1,112	0	0	0	0	8,390	1,112	0
Republic of Moldova	0	635	318	0	317	0	0	0	0
Romania	28,436	29,227	0	28,436	29,227	0	0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	490,510	0	0	490,510	0	0	0	0
Rwanda	309	318	0	309	293	0	0	25	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	3,610	159	0	0	0	0	3,610	159	0
Samoa	0	159	0	0	159	314	0	0	314
San Marino	0	477	0	0	477	0	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	2,112	159	0	0	0	0	2,112	159	0
Saudi Arabia	177,106	182,035	0	177,106	0	0	0	182,035	0
Senegal	773	794	0	0	0	0	773	794	0
Serbia	0	5,083	0	0	5,083	0	0	0	0
Seychelles	0	159	0	0	159	0	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	467	159	0	0	0	0	467	159	0
Singapore	0	71,003	0	0	71,003	0	0	0	0
Slovakia	0	25,415	0	0	25,415	0	0	0	0
Slovenia	0	13,343	0	0	13,343	0	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	467	159	0	467	159	781	0	0	781
Somalia	1,204	159	0	0	0	0	1,204	159	0
South Africa	0	57,819	57,819	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Sudan	1,712	477	0	0	0	0	1,712	477	0
Spain	0	388,056	0	0	388,056	0	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	3,968	4,924	0	3,708	4,924	0	260	0	0
Saint Lucia	174	159	0	140	0	0	34	159	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis	155	159	0	0	0	0	155	159	0
State of Palestine	1,082	1,112	0	0	0	0	1,082	1,112	0
Sudan	11,471	1,271	0	0	0	0	11,471	1,271	0
Suriname	2,719	953	0	0	0	0	2,719	953	0
Sweden	0	151,855	0	0	151,855	0	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Switzerland	0	181,082	0	0	181,082	0	0	0	0
Syrian Arab Republic	27,289	3,812	0	0	0	0	27,289	3,812	0
Tajikistan	0	635	1,824	0	0	0	0	0	1,189
Thailand	0	46,224	46,224	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Kingdom of Eswatini	309	318	0	309	318	0	0	0	0
Timor - Leste	464	477	0	464	477	0	0	0	0
Togo	155	159	0	0	0	0	155	159	0
Tonga	621	159	0	0	0	0	621	159	0
Trinidad & Tobago	10,125	5,401	0	0	0	0	10,125	5,401	0
Tunisia	0	4,448	0	0	0	0	0	4,448	0
Turkey	0	161,703	0	0	161,703	0	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	17,759	4,130	0	0	0	0	17,759	4,130	0
Tuvalu	0	159	0	0	0	0	0	159	0
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	708,920	0	0	708,920	0	0	0	0
Uganda	3,132	1,271	0	0	0	0	3,132	1,271	0
Ukraine	0	16,361	0	0	16,361	0	0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	0	1,271	6,784	0	0	0	0	0	5,513
United Arab Emirates	0	95,942	0	0	0	0	0	95,942	0
Uruguay	12,209	12,549	0	0	12,549	0	12,209	0	0
Uzbekistan	14,142	3,653	0	0	0	0	14,142	3,653	0
Vanuatu	1,325	159	0	0	0	0	1,325	159	0
Venezuela	425,486	90,700	0	0	0	0	425,486	90,700	0
Viet Nam	13,101	9,213	0	13,101	9,213	0	0	0	0
Yemen	12,416	1,271	0	0	0	0	12,416	1,271	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Zambia	1,082	1,112	0	0	0	0	1,082	1,112	0
Zimbabwe	2,142	635	0	0	0	0	2,142	635	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,875,558</b>	<b>12,706,222</b>	<b>935,369</b>	<b>1,492,938</b>	<b>9,907,988</b>	<b>457,329</b>	<b>1,382,775</b>	<b>1,880,428</b>	<b>475,048</b>

<b>Additional Contributions</b>									
Canada	0	706,770	0	0	0	0	0	706,770	0
Quebec Province	221,828	235,590	0	221,828	0	0	0	235,590	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,097,386</b>	<b>13,648,582</b>	<b>935,369</b>	<b>1,714,766</b>	<b>9,907,988</b>	<b>457,329</b>	<b>1,382,775</b>	<b>2,822,788</b>	<b>475,048</b>

## ANNEX V

## GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF PARTIES IN THE PROCESS OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BZ)

Status as at 31 December 2018 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017		Pledges for 2018	Collections in 2018 for prior years	Collections in 2018 for 2018 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior years as at 31.12.2018
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Austria		1/	17,065			17,065
Finland		2/	46,051		46,051	
Germany		3/	170,000		170,000	
New Zealand		4/	13,087		13,087	
Norway		5/	104,772		104,772	
Sweden		6/	160,727		160,727	
Sweden		7/	32,664		32,664	
Sweden		8/	114,827		114,827	
Switzerland		9/	24,978		24,978	
Switzerland		10/	80,321			80,321
Tourisme Montreal, Canada		11/	11,514		11,514	
Tourisme Montreal, Canada		12/	58,874		58,874	
United Kingdom		13/	190,935		190,935	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,025,816</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>928,429</b>	<b>97,386</b>

1/Austria pledge EUR 15,000 for participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition

2/Finland pledge EUR 40,000 for participation of ODA countries to COP14, COP/MOP-3, SBSTTA22 & SBI-2

3/Germany pledge USD 170,000 for Travel support for participants from developing countries for COP 14, 17.-29 November 2018 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

4/New Zealand pledge NZD 20,000 for participation of ODA countries in CBD meetings.

5/Norway pledge NOK 850,000 for Participation of developing country delegates to international environmental meetings in 2018.

8/Sweden pledge SEK1,000,000 for participation of delegates at SBSTTA22 & SBI-2

11/Tourisme Montreal, Canada pledge CAD 14,208 for SCBD 2018 meetings

7/Sweden pledge SEK 300,000 for the participation of developing parties in the work of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

6/Sweden pledge SEK 1,400,000 for participation of developing parties at COP 14 & COP-MOP 3

10/ Switzerland pledge CHF 80,000 for participation of developing countries in OEWG on post 2020 global biodiversity.

12/Tourisme Montreal, Canada pledge CAD 76,890 for participation of developing countries in SCBD 2018 meetings

9/Switzerland pledge CHF25,000 for participation of delegates in COP 14, COP-MOP9 and COP-MOP3 in Nov18

13/ UK pledge GBP 150,000 for participation of representatives from developing countries in CBD meetings.

**ANNEX VI**  
**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BG)**  
as at 31 December 2018 (in United States dollars)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Afghanistan	0	232	0	0	0	0	0	232	232	0
Albania	0	310	310	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Algeria	996	6,236	0	0	0	0	996	6,236	7,232	0
Angola	1,055	267	0	0	0	0	1,055	267	1,322	0
Antigua and Barbuda	229	77	0	0	0	0	229	77	306	0
Armenia	0	232	232	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austria	0	27,887	0	0	27,887	0	0	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	2,324	0	0	2,324	0	0	0	0	0
Bahamas	530	542	0	0	0	0	530	542	1,072	0
Bahrain	4,652	1,704	0	4,652	1,704	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	260	267	0	0	0	0	260	267	527	0
Barbados	0	271	0	0	0	0	0	271	271	0
Belarus	0	2,169	0	0	2,169	0	0	0	0	0
Belgium	0	34,277	0	0	34,277	0	0	0	0	0
Belize	150	39	0	0	0	0	150	39	189	0
Benin	666	116	0	0	0	0	666	116	782	0
Bhutan	0	39	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	454	465	0	0	0	0	454	465	919	0



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	504	0	0	504	0	0	0	0	0
Botswana	530	542	0	0	0	0	530	542	1,072	0
Brazil	144,674	148,071	0	0	0	0	144,674	148,071	292,745	0
Bulgaria	0	1,743	0	0	1,743	0	0	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	555	155	0	0	0	0	555	155	710	0
Burundi	312	39	0	0	0	0	312	39	351	0
Cambodia	0	155	0	0	155	0	0	0	0	0
Cameroon	1,696	387	0	0	0	0	1,696	387	2,083	0
Cape Verde	129	39	0	0	0	0	129	39	168	0
Central African Republic	308	39	0	0	0	0	308	39	347	0
Chad	189	194	0	0	0	0	189	194	383	0
China	0	306,793	0	0	306,793	0	0	0	0	0
Colombia	0	12,472	0	0	12,472	0	0	0	0	0
Comoros	283	39	0	0	0	0	283	39	322	0
Congo, Brazzaville	1,163	232	0	0	0	0	1,163	232	1,395	0
Costa Rica	36	1,820	0	0	1,820	0	36	0	36	0
Cote d'Ivoire	1,003	349	0	0	0	0	1,003	349	1,352	0
Croatia	0	3,834	0	0	3,834	0	0	0	0	0
Cuba	26,044	2,518	0	0	0	0	26,044	2,518	28,562	0
Cyprus	0	1,665	0	0	1,665	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	13,324	13,324	0	0	11,961	0	0	0	11,961
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	831	194	0	0	0	0	831	194	1,025	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1,016	267	0	0	0	0	1,016	267	1,283	0
Denmark	22,100	22,619	0	0	0	0	22,100	22,619	44,719	0
Djibouti	250	39	0	0	0	0	250	39	289	0
Dominica	436	39	0	436	39	0	0	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	0	1,782	1,423	0	359	1,037	0	0	0	1,037
Ecuador	4,158	2,595	0	4,158	100	0	0	2,495	2,495	0
Egypt	5,752	5,887	0	0	0	0	5,752	5,887	11,639	0
El Salvador	1,834	542	0	0	0	0	1,834	542	2,376	0
Eritrea	0	39	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Estonia	0	1,472	0	0	1,472	0	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	267	394	0	0	0	0	0	0	127
European Union	0	66,875	0	0	66,875	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji	149	116	0	35	0	0	114	116	230	0
Finland	0	17,662	0	0	17,662	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	188,197	0	0	188,197	0	0	0	0	0
Gabon	2,662	658	0	0	0	0	2,662	658	3,320	0
Gambia	38	39	0	0	0	0	38	39	77	0
Georgia	0	310	0	0	310	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	247,456	0	0	247,456	0	0	0	0	0
Ghana	2,488	620	0	0	0	0	2,488	620	3,108	0
Greece	17,824	18,243	0	17,824	18,243	0	0	0	0	0
Grenada	114	39	0	0	0	0	114	39	153	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Guatemala	3,127	1,084	0	1,060	0	0	2,067	1,084	3,151	0
Guinea	224	77	0	0	0	0	224	77	301	0
Guinea-Bissau	263	39	0	0	0	0	263	39	302	0
Guyana	76	77	0	76	77	0	0	0	0	0
Honduras	1,044	310	0	0	0	0	1,044	310	1,354	0
Hungary	0	6,236	0	0	6,236	0	0	0	0	0
India	53,963	28,545	0	26,073	0	0	27,890	28,545	56,435	0
Indonesia	19,073	19,521	0	19,073	19,521	0	0	0	0	0
Iraq	7,544	4,996	0	0	0	0	7,544	4,996	12,540	0
Ireland	0	12,975	0	0	0	0	0	12,975	12,975	0
Islamic Republic of Iran	0	18,243	34,350	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,107
Italy	0	145,166	0	0	145,166	0	0	0	0	0
Jamaica	1,184	349	0	1,184	349	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	0	374,922	0	0	374,922	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan	757	775	0	757	775	0	0	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	0	7,398	4,762	0	0	0	0	2,636	2,636	0
Kenya	0	697	0	0	697	0	0	0	0	0
Kiribati	114	39	0	0	0	0	114	39	153	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	77	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0
Kuwait	3,649	11,039	0	0	0	0	3,649	11,039	14,688	0
Lao People's Democratic Republic	114	116	0	0	0	0	114	116	230	0
Latvia	0	1,937	1,937	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Lebanon	1,419	1,782	0	0	0	0	1,419	1,782	3,201	0
Lesotho	0	39	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
Liberia	206	39	0	0	0	0	206	39	245	0
Libya	43,408	4,841	0	0	0	0	43,408	4,841	48,249	0
Lithuania	0	2,789	2,789	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	2,479	0	0	2,479	546	0	0	0	546
Madagascar	0	116	243	0	0	0	0	0	0	127
Malawi	416	77	0	0	0	0	416	77	493	0
Malaysia	0	12,472	0	0	12,472	0	0	0	0	0
Maldives	0	77	367	0	0	0	0	0	0	290
Mali	120	116	0	0	0	0	120	116	236	0
Malta	605	620	0	605	620	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	436	39	0	0	0	0	436	39	475	0
Mauritania	522	77	0	0	0	0	522	77	599	0
Mauritius	0	465	0	0	465	0	0	0	0	0
Mexico	0	55,580	55,816	0	0	0	0	0	0	236
Mongolia	0	194	0	0	194	0	0	0	0	0
Montenegro	0	155	306	0	0	0	0	0	0	151
Morocco	0	2,092	0	0	0	0	0	2,092	2,092	0
Mozambique	151	155	0	0	0	0	151	155	306	0
Myanmar	250	267	0	250	10	0	0	257	257	0
Namibia	378	387	0	0	0	0	378	387	765	0
Nauru	436	39	0	0	0	0	436	39	475	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Netherlands	0	57,400	0	0	57,400	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	10,380	10,380	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicaragua	0	155	0	0	0	0	0	155	155	0
Niger	685	77	0	0	0	0	685	77	762	0
Nigeria	17,626	8,095	0	0	0	0	17,626	8,095	25,721	0
Niue	38	39	0	38	39	0	0	0	0	0
Norway	0	32,883	0	0	32,883	0	0	0	0	0
Oman	3,993	4,377	0	0	4,377	0	3,993	0	3,993	0
Pakistan	22,640	3,602	0	3,519	0	0	19,121	3,602	22,723	0
Palau	436	39	0	0	0	0	436	39	475	0
Panama	0	1,317	0	0	1,317	0	0	0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	525	155	0	0	0	0	525	155	680	0
Paraguay	1,966	542	0	0	0	0	1,966	542	2,508	0
Peru	0	5,268	146	0	0	0	0	5,122	5,122	0
Philippines	0	6,391	0	0	6,391	0	0	0	0	0
Poland	0	32,573	0	0	32,573	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	14,835	15,183	0	14,835	15,183	0	0	0	0	0
Qatar	18,362	10,419	0	0	0	0	18,362	10,419	28,781	0
Republic of Korea	0	78,974	78,974	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Republic of Macedonia	2,130	271	0	999	0	0	1,131	271	1,402	0
Republic of Moldova	151	155	0	151	155	0	0	0	0	0
Romania	6,963	7,127	0	6,963	7,127	0	0	0	0	0
Rwanda	76	77	0	76	52	0	0	25	25	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	39	0
Saint Lucia	38	39	0	38	39	0	0	0	0	0
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	436	39	0	0	0	0	436	39	475	0
Samoa	0	39	30	0	0	0	0	9	9	0
Saudi Arabia	43,368	44,386	0	0	0	0	43,368	44,386	87,754	0
Senegal	1,503	194	0	0	0	0	1,503	194	1,697	0
Serbia	1,211	1,239	0	1,211	1,239	0	0	0	0	0
Seychelles	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	39	39	0
Slovakia	0	6,197	0	0	6,197	0	0	0	0	0
Slovenia	0	3,253	375	0	2,878	0	0	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	222	39	0	222	39	0	0	0	0	0
Somalia	256	39	0	0	0	0	256	39	295	0
South Africa	0	14,098	14,098	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	94,621	0	0	94,621	0	0	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	979	1,201	0	906	1,201	0	73	0	73	0
State of Palestine	265	271	0	0	0	0	265	271	536	0
Sudan	1,282	267	0	0	0	0	1,282	267	1,549	0
Suriname	853	232	0	0	0	0	853	232	1,085	0
Sweden	0	37,027	0	0	37,027	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	44,154	0	0	44,154	0	0	0	0	0
Syrian Arab Republic	7,569	930	0	0	0	0	7,569	930	8,499	0
Tajikistan	672	155	0	0	0	0	672	155	827	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Thailand	0	11,271	11,271	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Kingdom of Eswatini	76	77	0	76	77	0	0	0	0	0
Togo	186	39	0	148	0	0	38	39	77	0
Tonga	0	39	2,573	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,534
Trinidad and Tobago	3,063	1,317	0	0	0	0	3,063	1,317	4,380	0
Tunisia	0	1,084	0	0	0	0	0	1,084	1,084	0
Turkey	0	39,429	0	0	39,429	0	0	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	4,491	1,007	0	0	0	0	4,491	1,007	5,498	0
Uganda	0	267	2,237	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,970
Ukraine	0	3,989	0	0	3,989	0	0	0	0	0
Uruguay	2,990	3,060	0	2,990	3,060	0	0	0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	0	23,394	0	0	0	0	0	23,394	23,394	0
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	172,859	0	0	0	0	0	172,859	172,859	0
United Republic of Tanzania	0	267	0	0	0	0	0	267	267	0
Venezuela	117,629	22,116	0	0	0	0	117,629	22,116	139,745	0
Viet Nam	3,216	2,246	0	3,216	2,246	0	0	0	0	0
Yemen	2,002	267	0	0	0	0	2,002	267	2,269	0
Zambia	265	271	0	0	0	0	265	271	536	0
Zimbabwe	151	155	0	0	0	0	151	155	306	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>668,194</b>	<b>2,674,991</b>	<b>236,573</b>	<b>111,571</b>	<b>1,895,813</b>	<b>13,544</b>	<b>556,623</b>	<b>564,266</b>	<b>1,120,889</b>	<b>35,204</b>

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for 2017 & Prior Years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections During 2018 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2017 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2018	Unpaid Pledges for 2018 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$

Additional Contributions										
Canada	0	148,794	0	0	0	0	0	148,794	148,794	0
Quebec Province	46,700	49,598	0	46,700	0	0	0	49,598	49,598	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>714,894</b>	<b>2,873,383</b>	<b>236,573</b>	<b>158,271</b>	<b>1,895,813</b>	<b>13,544</b>	<b>556,623</b>	<b>762,658</b>	<b>1,319,281</b>	<b>35,204</b>



**ANNEX VII**  
**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL (BB)**

Status as at 31 December 2018 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for prior years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections in 2018 for Future years	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2018	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Afghanistan	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	49	0
Albania	266	201	0	266	201	0	0	0	0	0
Angola	85	134	0	0	0	0	85	134	219	0
Antigua and Barbuda	53	50	0	0	0	0	53	50	103	0
Argentina	23,562	22,380	0	23,562	0	0	0	22,380	22,380	0
Austria	0	3,600	0	0	0	0	0	3,600	3,600	0
Belarus	0	1,405	0	0	1,405	0	0	0	0	0
Belgium	0	22,204	0	0	22,179	0	0	25	25	0
Benin	228	75	0	0	0	0	228	75	303	0
Bhutan	0	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	395	301	0	0	0	0	395	301	696	0
Botswana	465	351	0	0	0	0	465	351	816	0
Bulgaria	0	1,129	1,129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	261	100	0	0	0	0	261	100	361	0
Burundi	160	25	0	0	0	0	160	25	185	0
Cambodia	0	100	119	0	100	0	0	0	0	119
Cameroon	278	251	0	0	0	0	278	251	529	0
Central African Republic	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0
Chad	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	49	49	0

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for prior years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections in 2018 for Future years	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2018	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
China	0	198,736	0	0	198,736	0	0	0	0	0
Comoros	160	25	0	0	0	0	160	25	185	0
Congo, Brazzaville	741	151	0	0	0	0	741	151	892	0
Cote d'Ivoire	1,365	226	0	0	0	0	1,365	226	1,591	0
Croatia	0	2,484	0	0	2,484	0	0	0	0	0
Cuba	8,930	1,631	0	0	0	0	8,930	1,631	10,561	0
Czech Republic	0	8,631	8,631	0	0	11,193	0	0	0	11,193
Democratic Republic of Congo	248	134	0	0	0	0	248	134	382	0
Denmark	0	14,652	46,002	0	0	0	0	0	0	31,350
Djibouti	130	25	0	0	0	0	130	25	155	0
Dominican Republic	4,359	1,154	0	4,359	1,154	0	0	0	0	0
Ecuador	69	1,681	0	69	1,681	0	0	0	0	0
Egypt	22,044	3,814	0	0	0	0	22,044	3,814	25,858	0
Ethiopia	258	134	0	258	134	0	0	0	0	0
European Union	0	33,437	0	0	33,437	0	0	0	0	0
Fiji	481	75	0	381	0	0	100	75	175	0
Finland	0	11,441	0	0	11,441	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	121,911	0	0	121,911	0	0	0	0	0
Gabon	3,101	427	0	0	0	0	3,101	427	3,528	0
Gambia	130	25	0	0	0	0	130	25	155	0
Germany	0	160,299	0	0	160,299	0	0	0	0	0
Guatemala	929	703	0	0	0	0	929	703	1,632	0
Guinea	163	50	0	0	0	0	163	50	213	0

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for prior years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections in 2018 for Future years	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2018	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Guinea-Bissau	160	25	0	0	0	0	160	25	185	0
Guyana	66	50	0	66	50	0	0	0	0	0
Honduras	1,281	201	0	0	0	0	1,281	201	1,482	0
Hungary	0	4,039	0	0	4,039	0	0	0	0	0
India	108,949	18,491	0	108,949	18,491	0	0	0	0	0
Indonesia	16,728	12,645	0	16,728	12,645	0	0	0	0	0
Japan	0	242,869	0	0	242,869	0	0	0	0	0
Jordan	664	502	0	664	502	0	0	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	19,070	4,792	0	0	0	0	19,070	4,792	23,862	0
Kenya	0	452	452	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kuwait	2,808	7,151	0	0	0	0	2,808	7,151	9,959	0
Kyrgyzstan	66	50	0	66	50	0	0	0	0	0
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	75	75	0
Lebanon	0	1,024	0	0	0	0	0	1,024	1,024	0
Lesotho	157	25	0	0	0	0	157	25	182	0
Liberia	134	25	0	0	0	0	134	25	159	0
Luxembourg		1,606	0	0	1,606	0	0	0	0	0
Madagascar	94	75	0	0	0	0	94	75	169	0
Malawi	194	50	0	0	0	0	194	50	244	0
Mali	109	75	0	0	0	0	109	75	184	0
Malta	444	401	0	444	401	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	159	25	0	0	0	0	159	25	184	0

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for prior years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections in 2018 for Future years	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2018	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Mauritius	0	301	0	0	301	0	0	0	0	0
Mauritania	172	50	0	0	0	0	172	50	222	0
Mexico	0	36,004	0	0	36,004	996	0	0	0	996
Micronesia (Federated States of )	33	25	0	33	25	0	0	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	125	0	0	125	0	0	0	0	0
Mozambique	133	100	0	0	0	0	133	100	233	0
Myanmar	130	134	0	130	0	0	0	134	134	0
Namibia	332	251	0	0	0	0	332	251	583	0
Netherlands	57,905	37,183	0	0	0	0	57,905	37,183	95,088	0
Niger	194	50	0	0	0	0	194	50	244	0
Norway	0	21,301	0	0	21,301	0	0	0	0	0
Pakistan	3,087	2,333	0	3,087	2,333	743	0	0	0	743
Palau	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0
Panama	4,427	853	0	0	0	0	4,427	853	5,280	0
Peru	0	3,412	336	0	0	0	0	3,076	3,076	0
Philippines	19,777	4,140	0	19,777	4,140	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	6,014	9,835	0	0	9,835	0	6,014	0	6,014	0
Qatar	5,968	6,749	0	0	0	0	5,968	6,749	12,717	0
Republic of Korea	23,374	51,158	0	0	0	0	23,374	51,158	74,532	0
Republic of Moldova	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Rwanda	66	50	0	66	25	0	0	25	25	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for prior years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections in 2018 for Future years	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2018	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior years	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Samoa	0	25	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	126
Sao Tome and Principe	23	25	0	0	0	0	23	25	48	0
Senegal	188	134	0	0	0	0	188	134	322	0
Seychelles	100	25	0	100	25	30	0	0	0	30
Sierra Leone	30	25	0	0	0	0	30	25	55	0
Slovakia	0	4,014	0	0	4,014	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	0	9,133	9,133	0		0	0	0	0	0
Spain	0	61,294	0	0	61,294	0	0	0	0	0
Sudan	258	134	0	0	0	0	258	134	392	0
Sweden	0	23,986	0	0	23,986	0	0	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	28,602	0	0	28,602	0	0	0	0	0
Syrian Arab Republic	5,364	602	0	0	0	0	5,364	602	5,966	0
Tajikistan	514	100	0	0	0	0	514	100	614	0
The Kingdom of Eswatini	69	50	0	0	0	0	69	50	119	0
Togo	93	25	0	0	0	0	93	25	118	0
Tuvalu	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Uganda	258	134	0	0	0	0	258	134	392	0
United Arab Emirates	0	15,154	0	0	0	0	0	15,154	15,154	0
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	111,976	0	0	111,976	0	0	0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	0	94	0	0	0	0	0	94	94	0
Uruguay	7,659	1,982	0	7,659	1,982	0	0	0	0	0
Vanuatu	160	25	0	0	0	0	160	25	185	0

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017	Pledges for 2018	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2017	Collections in 2018 for prior years	Collections in 2018 for 2018	Collections in 2018 for Future years	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2018	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior years	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2018
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Viet Nam	5,328	1,455	0	5,328	1,455	0	0	0	0	0
Zambia	167	134	0	0	0	0	167	134	301	0
Zimbabwe	10	100	0	0	0	0	10	100	110	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>361,777</b>	<b>1,342,322</b>	<b>65,978</b>	<b>191,992</b>	<b>1,143,338</b>	<b>12,962</b>	<b>169,785</b>	<b>164,601</b>	<b>334,386</b>	<b>44,557</b>

Additional Contributions										
Canada	0	74,397	0	0	0	0	0	74,397	74,397	0
Province of Quebec	23,350	24,799	0	23,350	0	0	0	24,799	24,799	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>385,127</b>	<b>1,441,519</b>	<b>65,978</b>	<b>215,342</b>	<b>1,143,338</b>	<b>12,962</b>	<b>169,785</b>	<b>263,798</b>	<b>433,583</b>	<b>44,557</b>

## ANNEX VIII

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (VB)**

Status as at 31 December 2018 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2017		Pledges for 2018	Collections in 2018 for 2018 & future years	Unpaid pledges for 2018 & prior years as at 31.12.2018
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$
Australia		1/	22,288	22,288	
Egypt		2/	60,000	60,000	
Germany		3/	58,000	58,000	
New Zealand	10,745	4/		10,745	
New Zealand		5/	9,772	9,772	
Norway		6/	17,981	17,981	
Sweden		7/	37,372	37,372	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,745</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>205,413</b>	<b>216,158</b>	<b>0</b>

1/Australia pledge AUD 30,000 for participation of ILC's to Pacific Regional Workshop in New Zealand

2/Egypt pledge USD 60,000 to support ILC (HGA for COP 14, COP MOP 9, COP MOP 3)

3/Germany pledge USD 58000 for participation of Indigenous and Local Communities for COP14, 17-29 November 2018 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

4/New Zealand pledge NZD 15,000 for participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in (SBSTTA-21), and (Art. 8(j)-10).

5/New Zealand pledge NZD 15,000 for participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in CBD meetings.

6/Norway pledge NOK 150,000 for participation of developing country delegates to international environmental meetings in 2018.

7/Sweden pledge SEK 325,000 for participation of ILCs at COP14 & COP-MOP 3

ANNEX XI

List of meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

**LIST OF MEETINGS ORGANIZED OR CO-ORGANIZED BY THE  
SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
(January to December 2018)**

<b>Dates and venue</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
<b>November 2018</b>	
24 November 2018 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop
23 November 2018 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	Sustainable Ocean Day
23 November 2018 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	Using National Reporting to Improve NBSAP Implementation and Development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework
17 - 29 November 2018 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	<b>Fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity</b>
17 - 29 November 2018 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	<b>Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</b>
17 - 29 November 2018 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	<b>Third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing</b>
16 November 2018 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	Global Taxonomy Initiative Forum
14 - 15 November 2018 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	High-level segment of the fourteenth meeting of Conference of the Parties and concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols
14 - 15 November 2018 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	Business and Biodiversity Forum
13 November 2018 Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt	African Ministerial Summit on Biodiversity
5 - 7 November 2018 Manila, Philippines	Regional Capacity-building Workshop on Biodiversity and Health for the ASEAN Region
<b>October 2018</b>	
18 October 2018 Paris, France	Workshop on Biodiversity and Climate Change: Integrated Science for Coherent Policy
15 - 19 October 2018 Tangier, Morocco	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-building Workshop for Northern Africa and the Mediterranean
9 - 12 October 2018 Manila, Philippines	Regional Dialogue on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity Action at the National Level in Asia
8 - 12 October 2018 Marrakesh, Morocco	African Regional Training Workshop on National Arrangements on Traditional Knowledge for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 and



	Contributing to Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
<b>September 2018</b>	
24 - 28 September 2018 Minsk, Belarus	Central and Eastern European Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms
21 September 2018 Brussels, Belgium	Regional Bio-Bridge Initiative Round Table for Western Europe and Others Group
11 September 2018 Online	Webinar for the 15th Anniversary of the Entry into Force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
5 - 7 September 2018 Montreal, Canada	Twelfth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety
<b>August 2018</b>	
31 August 2018 Cape Town, South Africa	Sixth meeting of the Liaison Group on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
28 - 30 August 2018 Cape Town, South Africa	Conference of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation supporting the worldwide implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
20 - 24 August 2018 Panama City, Panama	Latin American Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms
<b>July 2018</b>	
31 July - 3 August 2018 Jakarta, Indonesia	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop for the Coral Triangle
7 - 31 July 2018 Kandy, Sri Lanka	Asian Regional Training Workshop on National Arrangements on Traditional Knowledge for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 and Contributing to Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
10 July 2018 Montreal, Canada	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism
9 - 13 July 2018 Montreal, Canada	<b>Second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation</b>
8 July 2018 Montreal, Canada	Seminar on transformational change for the biodiversity agenda
5 - 6 July 2018 Montreal, Canada	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness
2 - 7 July 2018 Montreal, Canada	<b>Twenty-second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice</b>
1 July 2018 Montreal, Canada	Capacity-building Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming for Convention Delegates
<b>June 2018</b>	
30 June 2018 Montreal, Canada	Workshop on the outcomes of the sixth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
30 June - 1 July 2018 Montreal, Canada	First meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas
20 - 22 June 2018 Cairo, Egypt	International Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Sectors of Energy and Mining, Infrastructure, and Manufacturing and Processing
18 - 22 June 2018 Dakar, Senegal	Regional Dialogue on Integrating Climate Change Action and Biodiversity Action at the National Level in North, West and Central

	Africa
<b>May 2018</b>	
22 May 2018 Multiple Venues, Montreal, Canada	International Day for Biological Diversity 2018
21 - 25 May 2018 Whangarei, New Zealand	Pacific Regional Training Workshop on National Arrangements on Traditional Knowledge for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 and Contributing to Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
8 - 10 May 2018 Montreal, Canada	Fifteenth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
<b>April 2018</b>	
16 - 20 April 2018 Mexico City, Mexico	Latin American and Caribbean Regional Workshop on Strengthening Capacities for the Integrated Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity
10 - 13 April 2018 Seoul, Republic of Korea	Second meeting of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fisheries Bodies on Accelerating Progress Towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and Sustainable Development Goals
2 - 6 April 2018 Tepoztlan, Mexico	Regional Training Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on national arrangements on traditional knowledge for achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 and contributing to Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020
<b>March 2018</b>	
20 - 22 March 2018 Montreal, Canada	Third meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
5 - 9 March 2018 Tunis, Tunisia	Workshop on Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms for Francophone Africa
5 - 9 March 2018 Cairo, Egypt	Subregional Workshop for Arabic-speaking Countries on the Clearing-House Mechanism
<b>February 2018</b>	
26 - 28 February 2018 Minsk, Belarus	Regional Bio-Bridge Initiative Round Table for Central and Eastern Europe and the Central Asian Republics» Documents
19 - 23 February 2018 Lilongwe, Malawi	African Regional Workshop on strengthening capacities for the integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity
19 - 24 February 2018 Helsinki, Finland	Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas in the Baltic Sea and Training Session on EBSAs

13 - 16 February 2018 Montreal, Canada	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources
6 - 9 February 2018 Montreal, Canada	Technical Expert Workshop on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11
6 - 9 February 2018 Montreal, Canada	Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas and Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures for Achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in Marine and Coastal Areas

**January 2018**

29 January - 2 February 2018 Bangkok, Thailand	Regional Workshop for Asia on the Clearing-House Mechanism
17 - 19 January 2018 Yaoundé, Cameroon	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) National Capacity-Building Workshop for Cameroon

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