Liberia takes the floor on behalf of Africa. Africa agrees that there are tools available for policy and monitoring biodiversity in most countries, but much more needs to be done to get other parties below the line to get on level.

Chair, the distinguished delegate from the Asian-Pacific has largely articulated the capacity concerns for developing countries and Africa aligns with the sentiments expressed and supported by Latin American Parties.

Chair, Africa wishes to forward some recommendations on items 3 and 4:
- Requests the Secretariat to support the establishment of Regional Centers of Excellence for biodiversity data collection and analysis;
- Requests regional capacity development initiatives.
for Africa in collaboration with GEO-BON, G-BIF, and other institutions with the requisite technologies and capacities.

- Requests the Secretariat to ensure that parties that their CHTM and BCTF, functional as they are, the preliminary data tools available also provide training for data users in various sectoral institutions.

- Encourage the strengthening South-South collaboration for information sharing and capacity development for data exchange to influence political decisions at national levels.