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**Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group
for the Preparation of the Global Report on
Collective Progress in the Implementation of the
Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
Sixth meeting**
Online, 15 December 2025

Report of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework on its sixth meeting

I. Introduction

1. The Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework was established by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in its decision [16/32](#). The Advisory Group, whose terms of reference are contained in annex III to that decision, has a mandate until the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to provide scientific, technical and technological recommendations, including on traditional knowledge, for the preparation of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework.
2. The Advisory Group will meet online and in person up until the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Its sixth meeting was held online on 15 December 2025.

II. Proceedings

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting was opened by a Co-Chair of the Advisory Group on 15 December 2025 at 3 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

Item 2

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and organization of work

4. The provisional agenda¹ and the suggested organization of work as proposed by a Co-Chair of the Advisory Group were adopted by the Advisory Group.

¹ [CBD/IMP/AHSTAG/2025/6/1](#).

Item 3**Status of the drafting of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and related milestones**

5. The consultant for the Secretariat provided an update on the preparation of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and noted that the annotated outline of the global report had been approved by the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. He outlined the structure of the global report, which would consist of a concise summary of conclusions and key messages and three main parts: I. Introduction and status of, and trends in, biodiversity; II. Collective progress in the implementation of the Framework (which would include an analysis of collective progress towards targets and goals of the Framework); and III. Conclusions and key messages. For each section, he detailed the contents of subsections and the estimated number of pages required.
6. The consultant outlined the timeline for preparation of the global report, including scoping activities, drafting phases, peer review and consideration by subsidiary bodies, and finalization for the launch at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.
7. In the discussion, the members of the Advisory Group expressed appreciation for the work completed to date. In order to plan accordingly, they requested that a more detailed timeline be provided indicating the specific inputs to be contributed by the Advisory Group.
8. The members of the Advisory Group discussed some of the subsections and advised that, in order to ensure a more robust content, they not be bound by the estimates of the number of pages. It was suggested that the length of each subsection be tailored to the availability of information.
9. Recognizing that the 28 February 2026 deadline for submission of seventh national reports could not be extended, the Advisory Group discussed a process for consideration of reports submitted after the deadline. The members of the Advisory Group proposed that the Secretariat of the Convention issue a notification indicating the number of national reports received from each region a few weeks before the deadline in order to encourage as many submissions as possible prior to that date. The consultant cautioned that, to be better prepared, it would be important to determine as soon as possible whether a substantial number of submissions were expected to be lacking. The Secretariat explained that, as the global review would be informed by the global report and the national reports, national reports submitted late could be considered in the context of the global review to be held at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
10. The roles of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in reviewing the draft global report were discussed by the Advisory Group, which noted that, pursuant to paragraph 23 of decision [16/32](#), the global report would be made available for review by those bodies before its submission to the Conference of the Parties.

Item 4**Opportunities for members of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to contribute to drafting sections of the global report**

11. The Advisory Group agreed on an approach through which members could contribute, based on their own expertise, to specific sections of the global report that still required significant scoping. In that regard, the Secretariat of the Convention would issue a survey to elicit expressions of interest in developing the sections of the global report covering:

(a) A concise synthesis of the global status of, and trends in, biodiversity, as relevant to the three objectives of the Convention (sect. I.B);

(b) A summary of the relationship between collective progress towards all relevant targets of the Framework and progress towards the goals, taking account of considerations set out in section C (sect. II.C (a) for each goal);

(c) A synthesis of “non-prescriptive approaches” for addressing challenges, gaps and opportunities, with a view to making collective progress in implementation” (sect. II.C (d) for each goal);

(d) Needs for and provision of means of implementation (sect. II.D).

12. The consultant concluded by providing details on objectives, the timeline and the assistance that would be provided to each subgroup. He proposed that the subgroups make recommendations or contributions by March 2026, with the first subgroup doing so by the end of January 2026.

Item 5

Other matters

13. No other matters were raised.

Item 6

Closure of the meeting

14. An in-person meeting of the Advisory Group will be held in Montreal, Canada, from 16 to 19 March 2026. An online meeting will be held in January or February 2026, with dates to be determined.

15. The meeting was closed on 15 December 2025 at 4.30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).
