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SCENARIO NOTE FOR THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

Note by the Co-Chairs

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Further to the agenda (CBD/WG2020/4/1) and annotations (CBD/WG2020/4/1/Add.1), the present document provides the provisional organization of work for the fourth meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The present document has been developed by the Co-Chairs with the support of the Executive Secretary and with the guidance of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.
2. The Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework held its third meeting in two parts. The first part was held virtually from 23 August to 3 September 2021. The second part was held in a hybrid format in Geneva, Switzerland, from 14 to 29 March 2022 in conjunction and concurrently with the resumed sessions of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation
3. At its third meeting, the Working Group, in its recommendation 3/3,¹ decided to convene a fourth meeting from 21 to 26 June 2022, in Nairobi. The Working Group further decided that the fourth meeting would continue negotiations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and on digital sequence information on genetic resources, building on the work of its third meeting, and the intersessional work of the informal advisory group on digital sequence information on genetic resources, taking into account also the relevant outcomes of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and drawing upon relevant intersessional work, to produce the final draft of the framework for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at part II of its fifteenth meeting.
4. The Working Group took note of the progress made in developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework during its third meeting, on the basis of the first draft of the global biodiversity framework (CBD/WG2020/3/3), as reflected in the annex to the report of the first part of the meeting (CBD/WG2020/3/5) and the text contained in the annex to recommendation 3/1. The Working Group also prepared recommendation 3/2 on digital sequence information on genetic resources, which, among other things, requested the Informal Co-Chairs' Advisory Group on digital sequence information to continue its

* CBD/WG2020/4/1.

¹ See CBD/WG2020/3/7, annex.

work intersessionally on the basis of a list of additional tasks including a list of topics that are important for the successful continuation of the negotiations that were started in Geneva as mandated by recommendation 3/3 of the Working Group.

5. The present scenario note has been prepared to assist Parties, other Governments, and observers in their preparations for the fourth meeting of the Working Group. The note should be considered together with the provisional agenda and annotations for this meeting. The present note outlines the expected objectives of the meeting and addresses the modalities and organization of work.

II. MEETING OBJECTIVES

6. As set out in recommendation 3/3 and reflected in paragraph 3 above, the objectives of the fourth meeting of the Working Group are to advance negotiations on the post 2020 global biodiversity framework and on digital sequence information on genetic resources and to produce the final draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

7. It is the Co-Chairs' expectation that Parties and stakeholders will fully engage in the negotiations and build on the progress made during the third meeting of the Working Group in Geneva, in March 2022. Sufficient time will be dedicated to sections that were not discussed in Geneva or only partially discussed. Parties and stakeholders are encouraged to continue working towards compromise solutions aiming for a text with as few brackets as possible to facilitate consideration and adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as well as a way forward on digital sequence information on genetic resources, by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting. Parties and stakeholders are therefore encouraged to focus on resolving differences, aiming for compromise text with concise language, rather than adding new concepts and ideas that would overburden the text.

III. MODALITIES

8. As outlined in notification 2022-24,² the fourth meeting of the Working Group will be conducted in person to allow the Working Group to complete its work and engage in full negotiations. The standard rules of procedure will apply. All Parties should be able to engage in the meetings on an equal basis, and, thus, any conditions that may be necessary in the light of the ongoing pandemic will be applied equally among Parties, as far as possible.

9. Accordingly, as far as possible, interactive participation (i.e. speaking in plenary sessions and contact groups) will be limited to those present in the meeting venue. However, taking into account requirements related to the ongoing pandemic, there may be a need to limit the number of persons present in meeting rooms at any one time to facilitate social distancing. To facilitate this, as was the case in Geneva, an overflow room will be provided and provision will be made to allow delegations from Parties and observers to follow the sessions of the meeting, both plenary and contact groups, virtually. Please note, however, that online participation will be limited to viewer mode only. Arrangements will also be made for the regular COVID-testing of participants similar to the modality used in Geneva.

10. In line with arrangements agreed by the Bureau, full interactive online access with speaker rights will be provided only as an exception and in the following circumstances:

(a) In the case where a Party delegation is not able to participate physically in Nairobi due to travel restrictions. In such cases, online speaker access will be arranged, by special request to the Secretariat;

(b) In the case where a Party representative is required to self-isolate due to testing positive to COVID-19. Such a delegate would have speaker access for the period they would be in quarantine. Upon testing negative after a five-day isolation period, the speaker access would be removed;

² CBD Notification No. 2022-024 published on 20 April 2022

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2022/ntf-2022-024-wg20204-en.pdf>

(c) In the case where a Party is represented by only one delegate in Nairobi and sessions are held in parallel. Online speaker access should be used only when contact groups are held in parallel and only one delegate will exercise speaker rights at any one time.

11. Details of logistical arrangements are provided in an information note. The information note will be updated as necessary.

12. For representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition, funding will be available to support up to two representatives per eligible Party, subject to availability of funds provided for this purpose. Such funding will include costs related to any mandatory vaccination, testing and or other requirements to address the ongoing pandemic, as needed.

13. Interpretation into all official languages of the United Nations will be provided for both in-person and virtual plenary meetings.

14. Regional meetings and meetings of the Bureau will be convened following established practice. A full day of regional meetings is scheduled for 20 June 2022.

15. In order to maximize time available for bilateral and informal consultations among Parties to work towards compromise, side events will not be held. However, a limited number of information sessions that have strong linkages to the ongoing negotiations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be organized. More details will be made available on the CBD website.

IV. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

16. The fourth meeting of the Working Group will start at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 21 June 2022 with an opening plenary session. The plenary session is expected to include statements from the Presidency of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, China, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Provision will be made for general opening statements of six minutes by regional groups, as well as statements of three minutes by major stakeholder groups insofar as time allows. It is not envisaged that other Parties and observers would make opening statements.

17. Under agenda item 2, the Working Group is expected to adopt the organization of work.

18. Under agenda item 3, the Working Group will hear reports from the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies on the progress and outcomes of their intersessional work.

19. Plenary sessions, subsequent to the opening session, will be held as needed, to take stock of progress and to conduct a first reading of the draft decision on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as well as, at the end of the meeting (closing plenary), to review the outcomes of the contact groups and adopt the report of the meeting.

20. Contact groups will be open to participation by all Parties. Other Governments, and representatives of observers will also be able to participate in contact groups unless otherwise decided by the co-leads of contact groups.

21. Contact groups will be held in parallel, starting on the second day of the meeting. However, no contact groups will be held in parallel to a plenary session and no more than two contact group meetings will be held at any one time. Co-leads may also decide to convene other types of informal groups, such as friends of the co-leads groups, to advance work on certain issues. Meetings of such groups may be held in parallel, and in parallel with contact groups, as appropriate. However, no more than two groups will run in parallel at any one time.

22. Three sessions (of plenary, contact groups, or friends of the co-chairs or co-leads) will be held each day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 3 to 6 p.m. and from 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. Efforts will be made to limit contact group meetings to morning and afternoon sessions, and to allocate evening sessions to friends of the co-leads groups.

23. Generally, the structure, leadership and mandate of the contact groups used during the third meeting of the Working Group will be maintained with the following exception. Under agenda item 4, a new contact group (contact group 6) is proposed to be established to address Sections A to E and H to K of the first draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. This change will rebalance the workload of the various contact groups.

Agenda item 4 – Post-2020 global biodiversity framework

Review of the Sections of the global biodiversity framework

24. Under agenda item 4, the Working Group is expected to further develop the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The Co-Chairs will outline the proposed work to be completed during the meeting and establish contact groups as required. The contact groups, which will be chaired by two co-leads, will build on the progress made in developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework during the third meeting, as reflected in the annex to recommendation 3/1 containing draft text of elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. As indicated in the chapeau of the recommendation, for elements not addressed in part II of the third meeting, the first draft (CBD/WG2020/3/3) remains the basis for further work and the Co-Chairs' reflection document (CBD/WG2020/3/6) remains available as a resource to assist Parties and stakeholders in those discussions as was the case in part II of the third meeting of the Working Group.

25. At the closure of part II of the third meeting of the Working Group, the various parts of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework were at different stages of development. While some parts were subjected to in-depth review, others were partially discussed, and some were not discussed at all. In order to advance all parts of the framework to the same level of development, which will constitute the final draft, the elements of the framework that were not discussed, including Sections A to E and H to K will be addressed first.

26. The in-depth consideration of this agenda item will take place primarily through contact groups. As noted above, the contact groups will be the same as those established in Geneva. However, as mentioned in paragraph 23 above, the creation of an additional contact group (contact group 6) will be proposed during the opening plenary to facilitate the consideration of Sections A to E and H to K, including Section B.*bis*. The Co-Chairs and co-leads will work closely to avoid duplication of discussion across contact groups.

27. Once negotiations under this item are underway, there will be a need to ensure that the various elements discussed in the contact groups are reviewed for consistency and coherence (e.g. avoiding duplication, ensuring consistency of language, etc.).

28. The following paragraphs provide details specific to the different sections of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Sections A to E

29. As indicated above, sections A to D were not negotiated in Geneva, hence time will be allocated to ensure that they can be reviewed at the fourth meeting. It is proposed to establish contact group 6 for this purpose. This will also allow consideration of the proposed new section B.*bis* and continued consideration of Section E on the mission of the framework.

Sections F and G

30. As noted above, at the third meeting of the Working Group, progress was made on all Goals and on some targets, to varying extents.

31. During part II of the third meeting of the Working Group, discussions on milestones were facilitated by the friends of the co-leads in contact group 1 and the outcome of their work was appended to recommendation 3/1. While the idea of having a specific section on milestones was not supported by most Parties, there were suggestions to incorporate elements of milestones into goals and/or targets. During the fourth meeting of the Working Group, the Co-Chairs will propose establishing a Friends of the Co-Chairs'

group that will meet early in the meeting, to continue with the discussion and to provide timely guidance on how to address milestone elements in the goals and/or targets. The outcome of this group would be communicated by the Co-Chairs to guide contact groups 1-4 as they proceed with their work on goals and targets.

32. Ultimately, the ability to measure progress towards, and therefore ensure the achievement of, the framework will rely on an agreed monitoring framework. At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided on the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (decision 14/34) and requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings to contribute to the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and in support of the work of the Open-ended Working Group (decision 14/34, para. 16). It has also asked the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to assist the Working Group in the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, particularly as it relates to the monitoring framework. In this regard, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice has conducted its work on a proposed monitoring framework with indicators relevant to the draft goals and targets and has requested the Executive Secretary to undertake intersessional work in support of the adoption of a monitoring framework by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting. This intersessional work includes compiling comments on Appendices 1 and 2 of SBSTTA recommendation 24/2 and a scientific and technical review, ensuring consultation with Parties, including through the organization of an expert workshop, of the proposed indicators of the monitoring framework. On this basis, the results of a scientific and technical review of new indicator proposals made by Parties and stakeholders during the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will be made available as an information document for participants in the fourth meeting of the Working Group and will also be presented via an information session during the fourth meeting of the Working Group for consideration during the negotiation of goals and targets. Consideration of this input, and particularly of the indicators is welcomed, as it should inform the negotiation of goals and targets in contact groups under this item. Comments on indicators from Parties and stakeholders during the discussions in Nairobi may be considered in the ongoing work on the monitoring framework which was requested to take place intersessionally by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-fourth meeting. The information document will be updated to take into account the outcomes of the fourth meeting of the Working Group in order to inform the expert workshop to be held in Bonn, from 29 June to 1 July 2022.

Sections H to K

33. The successful implementation of the framework will be supported by enabling conditions and depend in particular on capacity-building and adequate resource mobilization. The Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation has been invited to make a presentation to contact group 6 when it will consider those sections of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, in order to brief the contact group on the relevant discussions under the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

34. Another important aspect of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be a strengthened responsibility and transparency system. The Conference of the Parties, at its fourteenth meeting, mandated the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to develop options for monitoring, reporting and review and the Working Group has also asked the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for advice and assistance in this regard. At its third meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation has mandated intersessional work including a workshop that will be held immediately before the fourth meeting of the Working Group. This workshop aims to facilitate the discussions of the four annexes referred to in recommendation 3/11, so as to facilitate their adoption at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The workshop also aims to facilitate better understanding of how the various elements of the planning, reporting and review mechanism (including the annexes) will constitute a broader enhanced integrated system for transparency and responsibility, including through an integrated timeline. This will be informing the negotiation during the fourth meeting of the Working Group, particularly on section J, and during part II of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties towards the adoption of a decision based on SBI recommendation

3/11. The results of the workshop will be made available to the Working Group to inform its discussions, and as an information document for part II of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Further, the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will be invited to brief contact group 6 as it considers Section J of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to brief the group on relevant discussions from the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation under agenda item 9 and during the workshop.

Glossary for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

35. While the glossary (CBD/WG2020/4/2) was not discussed during part II of the third meeting of the Working Group, a number of comments were made by Parties in relation to it. Where possible these comments have been addressed through a revised version of the glossary. Other comments may require discussion during the fourth meeting of the Working Group, and appropriate guidance to that end will be provided to the respective contact group co-leads. In addition, an information document listing the comments heard at part II of the third meeting of the Working Group and how they were addressed in the revised glossary will also be prepared.

Recommendation and draft decision for the Conference of the Parties

36. A draft recommendation to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, containing a draft decision for the adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, was annexed to the first draft of the framework, and subsequently a revised version was made available (CBD/WG2020/3/3/Add.3). At part II of its third meeting, the Working Group decided to defer consideration of this draft decision. Accordingly, the Working Group will be invited to consider the draft decision in document CBD/WG2020/3/3/Add.3 as part of its recommendation to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Agenda item 5 – digital sequence information

37. With regard to agenda item 5 on digital sequence information on genetic resources, progress was made at part II of the third meeting of the Working Group and additional intersessional work by the Informal Advisory Group was requested. The Working Group, at part II of its third meeting, also acknowledged the Secretariat's commissioning, at the request of the Co-Chairs, of an independent review and application of the framework for the assessment of policy options. In Nairobi, the Working Group will hear a report from the co-leads of the Informal Advisory Group regarding the progress and outcomes of its work. Any preliminary results of the independent review and application of the framework for the assessment of policy options will also be made available. The Working Group is expected to work further, with the support of a contact group, as appropriate, on a draft decision for the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting taking into account the outcomes of part II of its third meeting.

Regional meetings

38. There will be opportunity for regional meetings prior to the opening of the meetings for up to a full day on 20 June 2022, and each day starting on 22 June, from 9 to 9.55 a.m.

*Annex***DRAFT PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

The following table provides an overview of the draft proposed organization of work. While it includes a greater level of detail for the first days of the meeting, care will be taken to allocate an appropriate amount of time to all sections of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Date	Morning session (10 am-1 pm)	Afternoon session (3 – 6 pm)	Evening session (7.30-10.30 pm)
Sun 19 June		<i>Bureau meeting</i>	
Mon 20 June	<i>Regional meetings</i>	<i>Regional meetings</i>	<i>Reception (to be confirmed)</i>
Tue 21 June	Plenary Item 2. Organization of work Item 3. Reports from the Chairs of the Subsidiary Bodies of the Convention Item 4. Post-2020 GBF Item 5. DSI	WG2020-Item 4. GBF CG6 (Sections H-K)	WG2020-Item 4. GBF CG6 (Sections A-E, including <i>B.bis</i>)
Wed 22 June	WG2020-Item 4. GBF CG2 (Targets 7, 8, 4-6)	WG2020-Item 4. GBF CG1 (Goals A-D)	WG2020-Item 4. GBF CG4 (Targets 20-21, new targets, 18-19)
	WG2020-Item 4. GBF CG3 (Targets 13, 9-12)	WG2020-Item 4. GBF CG6 (Sections H-K)	WG2020-Item 5. DSI CG5
Thu 23 June	<i>Contact groups as needed</i>	<i>Contact groups as needed</i>	<i>Informal consultations or contact groups as needed</i>
	<i>Contact groups as needed</i>	<i>Contact groups as needed</i>	<i>Informal consultations or contact groups as needed</i>

Date	Morning session (10 am-1 pm)	Afternoon session (3 – 6 pm)	Evening session (7.30-10.30 pm)
Fri 24 June	<i>Informal consultations or contact groups as needed</i>	Plenary Items 4 and 5. Stocktake of progress Draft COP decision	<i>Informal consultations or contact groups or Plenary as needed</i>
	<i>Informal consultations or contact groups as needed</i>		<i>Informal consultations or contact groups or Plenary as needed</i>
Sat 25 June	<i>Informal consultations or contact groups as needed</i>	Plenary Items 4 and 5. Review of outcomes of CGs	<i>Informal consultations or contact groups as needed</i>
	<i>Informal consultations or contact groups as needed</i>		<i>Informal consultations or contact groups as needed</i>
Sun 26 June	Plenary Items 4 and 5. Review of outcomes of CGs	Plenary Items 6, 7 and 8. Other matters, Adoption of L docs, report and closing	
