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Regional dialogue on biodiversity monitoring and reporting for francophone African countries

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1. While biodiversity plays a crucial role in ecological sustainability, economic development and community livelihoods, biodiversity loss continues to threaten these benefits, necessitating coordinated global, regional and national action. Under Article 6 (a) of the Convention on Biological Diversity, each Party is required to develop national strategies, plans or programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity or adapt for this purpose existing strategies, plans or programmes. Those strategies, plans or programmes are known as national biodiversity strategies and action plans. In its decision [15/6](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention requested Parties to revise and update their national biodiversity strategies and action plans in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Most Parties are at various stages of updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans to align them with the Framework.
2. In accordance with Article 6 of the Convention, national biodiversity strategies and action plans serve as the principal instrument for the implementation of the Convention at the national level. The adoption of the Framework by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, in December 2022, made a thorough review, revision and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans necessary to ensure their alignment with the Framework. The present dialogue will be focused on accelerating the revision or updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, enhancing capacities for implementation, monitoring and reporting with regard to the Framework and national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in particular the implementation of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and the preparation of the seventh national report. The dialogue will also cover monitoring of and reporting on restoration of degraded ecosystems and access to multilateral funds and other financing mechanisms.
3. The dialogue is being held jointly by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Secretariat of the Convention, the Central African Forests Commission and the Institut de la Francophonie pour le développement durable, with the support of the Government of Cameroon. It will be attended by the francophone countries of Africa, along with a few lusophone African countries and stakeholder groups, including representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities and women and youth.
4. The dialogue is being held with financial support from the UNEP China Trust Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the Global Environment Facility, the International Organisation

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of la Francophonie and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany through the regional project of the German Agency for International Cooperation in support of the Central African Forests Commission.

5. A proposed organization of work is contained in the annex below.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Description</i>
Wednesday, 3 September 2025		
8–9 a.m.	Registration	
9–9.30 a.m.	Item 1. Opening of the meeting	Brief opening remarks by representatives of the Institut de la Francophonie pour le développement durable, the Central African Forests Commission, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Government of Cameroon
9.30–9.40 a.m.	Item 2. Objectives and programme of the dialogue	Presentation by a representative of the Secretariat on the objectives, programme and expected outcomes of the dialogue
9.40–10 a.m.	<i>Coffee break and group photo</i>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 3. Revision and updating of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans	– Introductory presentation by a representative of the Secretariat on the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review and the global review procedures, as contained in decisions 15/6 and 16/32 of the Conference of the Parties – Presentation on UNEP support for fast-tracking national biodiversity strategies and action plans through readiness, capacity-building and accelerating implementation and reporting – Presentations by representatives of participating countries on their experience in updating and revising their national biodiversity strategies and action plans – Joint presentation by representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities and women and youth on their involvement and contributions to the revision or updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans
1–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2–3.30 p.m.	Item 3 (<i>continued</i>)	– Group discussion on progress and challenges of countries in updating and revising their national biodiversity strategies and action plans – Report by the groups in plenary session
3.30–3.50 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
3.50–5 p.m.	Item 4. Implementation of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal	<i>Topic A. Development of national monitoring plans and systems</i>

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	Global Biodiversity Framework at the national and regional levels	– Presentation by a representative of the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, contained in annex I to decision 15/5 of the Conference of the Parties, and the technical updates endorsed in decision 16/31 – Presentation by representatives of the Global Ecosystems Atlas on the Global Ecosystems Atlas and developing national ecosystems maps in the context of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in particular headline indicator A2 – Presentations by representatives of the participating countries on their experience with the development or improvement of national monitoring plans and systems for the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans
Thursday, 4 September 2025		
9–11 a.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	<i>Topic B. Development and use of indicators</i> – Presentation by a representative of the Group on Earth Observations Biodiversity Observation Network on biodiversity monitoring, the development of essential biodiversity variables and the resources available in the “BON in a Box” toolbox for indicator development – Presentation by a representative of the Central African Forests Observatory on tools for supporting monitoring systems – Presentations by representatives of participating Parties on experiences, key lessons and good practices in developing or using indicators for the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans – Facilitated group discussions on priorities and actions that could be taken to develop or improve national monitoring plans and systems
11–11.20 a.m.	Coffee break	
11.20–11.50 a.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	<i>Topic B (continued)</i> – Report by the groups in plenary session
11.50 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 5. Preparation and submission of the seventh national report	– Sharing by all participating countries of their plans for completing the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans and submitting the seventh national reports – Overview by a representative of the Secretariat of the guidance and template for the seventh and eighth national reports, as contained in decisions 15/6 and 16/32, and on national reporting under the Protocols to the Convention

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		– Questions related to the use of the online reporting tool for the seventh national report to be answered by a representative of the Secretariat –
1–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2–3 p.m.	Item 5 (<i>continued</i>)	– Presentation by a representative of the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre on the target tracker tool and how it could be used to include global data in national reports – Presentation by a representative of the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership on opportunities for leveraging matchmaking support for implementing and monitoring national biodiversity strategies and action plans – Presentations by representatives of the participating Parties on their approaches for reviewing the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets
3–3.20 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
3.20–5 p.m.	Item 5 (<i>continued</i>)	– Presentation by representatives of the Central African Forests Commission, the Sahara and Sahel Observatory and the Ecological Monitoring Centre as subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres, on the support provided to countries for national monitoring and reporting – Group discussion on the priorities, workplan and support provided by the technical and scientific cooperation support centres
Friday, 5 September 2025		
9–10.50 a.m.	Item 6. Monitoring and reporting on restoration of degraded ecosystems (Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework)	– Presentation by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and the work of FAO in relation to Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework – Presentation by FAO of the Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring platform developed by FAO to monitor the implementation of the Decade and report on areas undergoing restoration in relation to Target 2 – Presentation by representatives of participating countries on their experience in monitoring and reporting on ecosystem restoration and Target 2
10.50–11.10 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Item 7. Access to multilateral funds and other financing mechanisms	– Presentation by a representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on innovative finance mechanisms relative to Target 19 (d) of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

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		– Presentation by a representative of the Institut de la Francophonie pour le développement durable on the institute's technical facility to strengthen access to biodiversity finance. – Presentation by the UNEP Finance Initiative and the Biodiversity Finance Initiative of the United Nations Development Programme on private sector financing (<i>to be confirmed</i>) – Presentation by the Global Environment Facility on the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (<i>to be confirmed</i>) – Presentation by UNEP on the Kunming Biodiversity Fund
1–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2–3.30 p.m.	Item 8. Summary and next steps	Summary of key points emerging from the discussions and exercises undertaken during the dialogue
3.30–4 p.m.	Item 9. Closure of the meeting	Brief closing remarks by representatives of the Government of Cameroon, the Central African Forests Commission, the Institut de la Francophonie pour le développement durable, UNEP and the Secretariat of the Convention