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Resource mobilization and financial mechanism: financial mechanism

Financial mechanism

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The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

Recommends that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions [15/15](#) of 19 December 2022 and [16/33](#) of 27 February 2025 pertaining to the assessment of funding needed by eligible Parties for the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity¹ and its Protocols for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (July 2026–June 2030),

Recalling also the four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities of the Convention and its Protocols for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund contained in annex I to decision [16/33](#),

Recognizing that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework² is relevant to all biodiversity-related conventions and other multilateral environmental agreements and the mandate of the Global Environment Facility,

1. *Notes* the information on funding needs received from 45 eligible Parties and the compilation and analysis of that information transmitted by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Global Environment Facility to help with the negotiations for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (July 2026–June 2030);

2. *Takes note* of the report on the assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund³ (July 2026–June 2030);

3. *Notes* the limited number of submissions from eligible Parties and therefore limited information available for assessing the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund;

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² Decision [15/4](#), annex.

³ [CBD/SBI/6/INF/13](#).

4. *Notes* the importance of a realistic assessment of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention, its Protocols and the Framework for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility;

5. *Emphasizes* the need to strengthen technical and institutional support for eligible countries so that their needs are fully reflected in future assessments;

6. *Reiterates* its appreciation to developed country Parties, other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties and other donors that contributed actively to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund in support of eligible developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States, the most environmentally vulnerable countries, and Parties with economies in transition;

7. *Recognizes* the value of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund in complementing the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund by providing financial support to eligible developing countries to achieve the goals and targets of the Framework;

8. *Invites* developed country Parties and Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of developed country Parties, other governments at all levels and the private sector and philanthropic organizations to make or increase their contributions to the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund,;

9. *Requests* that specific resources be reserved for biosafety projects under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,⁴ given the small number of projects funded in previous rounds;

10. *Adopts* the terms of reference for a full assessment of the amount of funds that are necessary to assist developing countries, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries among them, and countries with economies in transition, in accordance with the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties, in fulfilling their commitments under the Convention for the tenth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (July 2030–June 2034), as contained in annex I to the present decision, in a manner that avoids disproportionate administrative burdens and provides for financial and technical support for data collection in developing country Parties;

11. *Encourages* Parties to establish national platforms for planning and monitoring biodiversity projects that are regularly updated and are accessible to stakeholders;

12. *Adopts* the terms of reference for the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, as contained in annex II to the present decision;

13. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, as well as indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, to contribute to and participate in the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, as outlined in the terms of reference;

14. *Emphasizes* the importance of integrating specific indicators for eligible countries, in particular on the number of projects funded, disbursement times and impact on local communities;

15. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to availability of resources:

(a) To commission and make available a report on the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism in time for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

(b) To prepare a report on the full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the tenth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;

(c) To further strengthen collaboration and engagement with financial institutions and stakeholders, especially those recognized by the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, in order to accelerate the implementation of the Framework, with an emphasis on improving access modalities, including direct access and simplified procedures for developing country Parties, while ensuring transparency, accountability, gender equality and the respect for human rights;

(d) To report on the results of the collaboration and engagement mentioned in the subparagraph above, and include options for such engagements, to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(e) To facilitate the effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth in the implementation of the activities referred to in subparagraphs (a) to (d) above.

Annex I

Terms of reference for a full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols for the tenth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (July 2030–June 2034)

A. Objective

1. The objective of the work to be carried out under the present terms of reference is to enable the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity⁵ to make an assessment of the amount of funds that are necessary to assist developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and countries with economies in transition, in accordance with the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties, in fulfilling their commitments under the Convention and its Protocols, in particular the commitment to implementing any successor to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework⁶ over the tenth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (July 2030–June 2034), and determine the amount of resources needed, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 21 of the Convention and decision [III/8](#) of the Conference of the Parties.

B. Scope

2. The assessment of funding needs for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols should be comprehensive and directed primarily towards estimating the total funding needs required to meet the agreed full incremental costs of measures that developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition that are eligible for support from the Global Environment Facility may implement, in accordance with the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties, in order to fulfil their obligations under the Convention and its Protocols, in particular the obligation to implement any successor to the Framework, for the period from July 2030 to June 2034.

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁶ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

C. Methodology

3. The funding needs assessment should take into account:

(a) Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 20 and paragraph 1 of Article 21 of the Convention, as well as any successor to the Framework;

(b) Guidance provided to the financial mechanism by the Conference of the Parties, which may call for future financial resources and a broadening of the contributor base;

(c) All obligations under the Convention and its Protocols and relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties, in particular the Framework;

(d) Information communicated to the Conference of the Parties in national reports and by the Parties through the financial reporting framework;

(e) Policies and guidelines agreed by the Council of the Global Environment Facility for determining eligibility for funding of projects, including its midterm review of the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund;

(f) National strategies, plans or programmes developed in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention and national biodiversity finance plans or similar instruments, where available;

(g) Synergies with other biodiversity-related conventions and other multilateral environmental agreements funded by the Global Environment Facility, including those with respect to operations and impacts;

(h) Additional private capital mobilized through blended finance, including through the use of non-grant instruments;

(i) Policy coherence;

(j) Other relevant estimations, including the costs of implementing the Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030).⁷

4. In the context of the assessment, such interviews, surveys, quantitative and qualitative analyses, and consultations should be undertaken as may be required for the preparation of the report, including:

(a) Compilation and analysis of the needs identified in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national biodiversity finance plans, including country-specific resource mobilization strategies, prepared by Global Environment Facility-eligible and other relevant Parties pursuant to Article 6 of the Convention, taking into account incremental cost funding as the fundamental operational principle of the Global Environment Facility;

(b) Review of reports submitted by Parties pursuant to Articles 6 and 26 of the Convention to identify funding needs related to the fulfilment of their obligations under the Convention and its Protocols;

(c) Estimated financial implications of guidance provided to the financial mechanism by the Conference of the Parties;

(d) Compilation and analysis of any supplementary information provided by Global Environment Facility-eligible and other relevant Parties on their funding needs for the implementation of their obligations under the Convention and its Protocols.

⁷ Decision [15/11](#), annex.

D. Implementation

5. The national focal points of the Convention and the focal points of the financial mechanism should bear primary joint responsibility for coordinating national-level incremental funding needs assessments, in close collaboration with relevant funding providers and in consultation with other focal points under the Convention and related conventions, preferably through an interministerial coherence arrangement, such as a country platform to ensure a whole-of-government approach.
6. The national focal points may establish a national platform, building on such existing platforms as the ones for climate, for ongoing biodiversity project planning as a one-stop management centre for biodiversity funding needs, gaps and priorities. Close links should be established between the national platform and national support initiatives of relevant funding providers, particularly the country engagement strategy of the Global Environment Facility.
7. The national platform should be developed, based on national priorities and circumstances for incremental cost funding, monitored, reviewed and updated regularly (at least twice a year), with clear marks for the status and updates of each biodiversity project concept, intended targeted funding providers, amounts of funding needed and expected results.
8. The national platform should build upon the action and cooperation of all levels of government and all actors of society, including indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations, through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach and a human rights-based approach.
9. The Executive Secretary should present the information received on funding needs through an online platform, subject to the availability of resources, to facilitate the visualization of biodiversity funding needs, gaps and priorities on an ongoing basis.
10. The Executive Secretary should prepare a report on the full assessment of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the period from July 2030 to June 2034. The assessment report should be distributed to all Parties for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, with a view to providing recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at that meeting.
11. At its eighteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties will take note of the estimated amount of funds that are necessary for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the tenth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund.

Annex II

Terms of reference for the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism

A. Objectives

1. In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity⁸ and building upon the experience of the past six reviews of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will undertake its seventh review at its eighteenth meeting and take appropriate action to improve the effectiveness of the financial mechanism as necessary. For that purpose, effectiveness will include:

(a) The conformity of the activities of the Global Environment Facility, as the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism, with the guidance of the Conference of the Parties;

⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

(b) The effectiveness of the financial mechanism in providing financial resources to enable all eligible Parties to meet the agreed full incremental costs to them of implementing measures that enable them to fulfil their obligations under the Convention and its Protocols and that generate global environment benefits, and benefit from their provisions, taking into account the need for predictability, adequacy and timely flow of funds, including the performance of the Global Environment Facility implementing agencies;

(c) The efficiency of the financial mechanism in providing financial resources as well as, in accordance with the guidance of the Conference of the Parties, overseeing, monitoring and evaluating the results of activities financed by its resources, including their social, gender and equity-related outcomes and impacts, as appropriate;

(d) The effectiveness of catalysing and enhancing national implementation measures in line with national priorities for achieving global biodiversity goals and targets, including those that relate to the Protocols;

(e) The efficiency and effectiveness of the activities funded by the Global Environment Facility and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund for the implementation of the Convention and the achievement of its three objectives, as well as, as applicable, the implementation of its Protocols, taking into account the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties;

(f) The efficiency and effectiveness of processes and procedures for the deployment of resources;

(g) The effectiveness of the financial mechanism in implementing and ensuring a human rights-based approach in funded activities, including the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment;

(h) The effectiveness and efficiency of the support provided for the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols in synergy with implementation of other pertinent multilateral environmental agreements, in a manner that is consistent with the mandates of the respective multilateral environmental agreements;

(i) The effectiveness in improving access to and increasing financial resources for indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth to support the implementation of the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols;

(j) The efficiency of each of the implementing agencies of the Global Environment Facility in providing support and services to countries in implementing funded projects, including with regard to the timely flow of funds, cost of operations, use of international consultants and control of expenditure.

B. Methodology

2. The review will cover all the activities of the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism, in particular for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026.

3. The review shall draw upon, inter alia and in a balanced manner, the following sources of information:

(a) The reviews of effectiveness of the financial mechanism in implementing the Convention undertaken pursuant to the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the Council of the Global Environment Facility, contained in the annex to decision [III/8](#) of 15 November 1996;

(b) Reports prepared by the Global Environment Facility, including its reports submitted at meetings of the Conference of the Parties;

(c) Reports of the Independent Evaluation Office of the Global Environment Facility that relate to biodiversity-related activities of the Facility, including the eighth comprehensive evaluation of the Global Environment Facility, as well as relevant assessments by the agencies accredited by the Council of the Facility and other partners;

(d) The latest Multilateral Performance Network assessment of the Global Environment Facility and the *Review of the Vertical Climate and Environmental Funds* under the Group of 20;

(e) Information regarding the financial mechanism provided by Parties through national reports and other submissions, responses to surveys and interviews;

(f) Information provided by indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth and relevant stakeholders related to projects funded through the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, including their views on possible impacts on their rights, as applicable, as well as documented evidence and assessments of such impacts, including gender-differentiated impacts;

(g) Experience with, and lessons learned from, relevant international financial mechanisms;

(h) The report prepared by the Executive Secretary benchmarking the Global Environment Facility against other relevant multilateral funds.

C. Criteria

4. The effectiveness and efficiency of the financial mechanism should be assessed taking into account, inter alia:

(a) The actions taken by the Global Environment Facility in response to the guidance of the Conference of the Parties and to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including through the decisions of the Global Environment Facility Council on relations with conventions and international institutions;

(b) The extent to which eligible Parties take measure to apply for and receive timely, adequate and predictable funding to enable them to meet the agreed full incremental cost to them of implementing measures through which they fulfil their obligations under the Convention and its Protocols and that generate global environmental benefits;

(c) Information provided by Parties in relation to their performance in delivering projects under the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, including on the effectiveness and efficiency of access modalities, constraints affecting women's access to financing, the competence and capacity of recipient Parties to maintain those modalities and the performance of implementing agencies;

(d) Percentage of eligible Parties that have received financial support from the financial mechanism for implementing global biodiversity goals and targets, including those related to Convention and its Protocols;

(e) Percentage of biodiversity-relevant funding through the financial mechanism in support of the achievement of global biodiversity goals and targets;

(f) Trends in co-financing, in particular private and non-grant financing in the biodiversity focal area enabled by the financial mechanism;

(g) Trends in financing global, regional and subregional biodiversity projects under the financial mechanism;

(h) Trends in financing taking into consideration synergies among conventions for which the Global Environment Facility has been designated to operate their financial mechanism on an ongoing and interim basis;

- (i) Trends in financing targeted at biodiversity-related conventions and agreements taking into consideration synergies among them;
- (j) Trends in time frames for project development and resource disbursement, including the time between the approval of the concept note (or the project identification form) and the moment the recipient country received the resources;
- (k) Trends in financing targeted at or led by indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth that respect, protect and fulfil human rights, including direct access to finance;
- (l) Trends in the number and themes of capacity-building activities that enable Parties and stakeholders to secure access to financing from the Global Environment Facility;
- (m) Trends in project financing leading to high sustainability or durability ratings and long-term results achieved through biodiversity programming supported by the Global Environment Facility in relation to expected results planned by the Facility through that programming;
- (n) Criteria listed in decision [16/34](#) of 27 February 2025.

5. The assessment should include a comparison of the Global Environment Facility with the financial mechanisms of other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund. Elements for consideration should include: contributor base; funding modalities and financial performance; criteria and processes for funding, including project cycle considerations; access and disbursement modalities (e.g. direct allocation or project-based disbursement), including for indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth; relationship between the governing body of the fund and the Conference of the Parties to the respective multilateral environmental agreement; transparency, monitoring, reporting and evaluation; accreditation process and role and performance of implementing agencies; cost-effectiveness of operations; ability to leverage funding to mobilize additional finance for biodiversity; cost of setting up and running the financial instrument; leveraging public and private co-finance; and integration of various environmental fields.

D. Procedures for implementation

- 6. In consultation with the Bureau, the Executive Secretary will contract an experienced independent evaluator to undertake the review, in accordance with the aforementioned objectives, methodology and criteria.
- 7. The evaluator will undertake such desk studies, questionnaire surveys, interviews and field visits as may be required for the implementation of the review and collaborate with the Global Environment Facility and its Independent Evaluation Office, and other independent assessments, such as those of the Multilateral Performance Network, if necessary, for that purpose and prepare a compilation and synthesis of the information received.
- 8. Special efforts should be made to collect the views of Parties, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, including information on possible impacts on their rights.
- 9. The draft synthesis report and recommendations of the evaluator will be made available to the Global Environment Facility for its review and comments. Such comments will be included in the documentation and identified by source.
- 10. The report should include as an annex the study requested in paragraph 41 of decision [16/33](#) of 27 February 2025 benchmarking the Global Environment Facility against the financial mechanisms or similar instruments, of other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including with regard to funding modalities and financial performance, criteria

and process for funding, access and disbursement modalities, monitoring and evaluation, governance, the cost-effectiveness of operations, and their legal nature, as well as other criteria contained in decision [16/34](#).

11. Based on the synthesis report and recommendations of the independent evaluator, the Executive Secretary will prepare, in consultation with the Global Environment Facility, a draft decision on the seventh quadrennial review of the financial mechanism, including specific suggestions for action to improve the effectiveness of the mechanism for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, with its recommendations to be provided to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting.
