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AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON INDICATORS FOR THE KUNMING- MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

First meeting
Online, 2 May 2023

Report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework on its first meeting

I. Background

1. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework was established by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity through its decision 15/5 and its terms of reference are contained in the annex to that decision. The overall purpose of the Expert Group is to provide technical advice to allow the Conference of the Parties to finalize the monitoring framework at its sixteenth meeting.¹
2. The Expert Group will be meeting virtually and in person up until the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Expert Group held its first meeting online on 2 May 2023.

II. Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting was opened by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, Hesiquio Benítez Díaz. In his remarks, he recalled the terms of reference for the Expert Group and noted its four main areas of focus. He observed that the Expert group would offer advice on unresolved issues within the monitoring framework, such as headline indicators, indicator disaggregation, binary indicator development, and the necessary inquiries to construct binary indicators. He emphasized that the terms of reference prioritized headline indicators lacking existing methodologies. He noted that the Expert Group would also need to guide the incorporation of indicators into the online reporting tool for national reporting and that the group would provide direction on addressing temporal and spatial data gaps through big data, community-based monitoring, and other data forms. Lastly, he observed that the Expert Group would advise on capacity-building gaps and requirements.

III. Organizational matters

(a) Election of the co-chairs

4. Maria Cecilia Londoño Murcia (Colombia) and James Williams (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) who were nominated as Co-Chairs for the Expert Group further to advice from the Chair of the Subsidiary Body, were elected.

¹ Further information on the composition of the Expert Group and its background is contained in [notification 2023-40](#).

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

5. The Co-Chairs presented the proposed agenda for the meeting, which was adopted by the members of the Expert Group.

IV. Consideration of the proposed workplan for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

6. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat provided a presentation on the proposed workplan, which had been shared with members of the Expert Group prior to the meeting. The proposed plan entailed six meetings, with two in-person gatherings. The Expert Group focus would be on methodological development aligned with paragraph 1(a) of the terms of reference of the Group, until the twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. This would include methodological advancement for headline and binary indicators. The Expert Group would subsequently address matters in paragraphs 1(b), 1(c), and 1(d), including the online reporting tool, novel data sources and capacity-building. The Expert Group considered the proposed workplan, agreeing with its overall structure. It was decided to establish subgroups for specific indicator sets, with members expressing their interest to the Secretariat.

7. Under this agenda item, the Expert Group also considered the use of an online discussion forum on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as stipulated in decision 15/5, to facilitate its work. The Group noted the value of an open platform for sharing ideas and best practices, particularly for subgroups seeking guidance on indicator methodologies.

8. The Expert Group further explored collaboration with other initiatives and groups, including convention-related efforts like the indicators on Article 8(j) and the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Financial Reporting. It was agreed that members of the Expert Group would interact with existing expert groups through established subgroups.

9. The Expert Group adopted its workplan, with the understanding that the Secretariat would reflect the results of the discussion under this agenda item into the final version of the workplan.²

V. Other matters

10. No additional issues were considered by the Expert Group.

VI. Closure of the meeting

11. The Co-Chairs expressed their gratitude to the participants for their involvement and formally concluded the meeting. They highlighted plans to collaborate with the Secretariat to establish subgroups and convene the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group in June or July.

² The adopted workplan is available as document [CBD/IND/AHTEG/2023/1/2](#)