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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. By its decision [15/4](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and noted that its implementation would be supported by decisions [15/5](#), [15/6](#), [15/7](#), [15/8](#), [15/9](#) and [15/13](#), which the Conference of the Parties affirmed to be of equal standing to the Framework.

2. By its decision [15/6](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted an enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, with a view to enhancing the implementation of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, comprising:

(a) National biodiversity strategies and action plans, revised or updated in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and its goals and targets as the main vehicle for the implementation of the Framework, including national targets communicated in a standardized format by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(b) National reports submitted in 2026 and 2029, including the headline and, as appropriate, other indicators adopted in decision [15/5](#);

(c) Global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets to assess the contribution towards the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework considered by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting and at each subsequent meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(d) Global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including the means of implementation, based on national reports and, as appropriate, other sources, to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings;

(e) Voluntary peer reviews;

(f) Further development and testing of an open-ended forum for voluntary country reviews;

* CBD/SBI/4/1.

(g) Information on non-State actor commitments towards the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

3. Also in its decision 15/6 (para. 29), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to support the operationalization of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including with respect to specific components, as well as by further developing the online reporting tool and the decision tracking tool and by working through partnerships. The present note provides a report on progress in the operationalization of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, together with elements of a draft recommendation for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting. Two addenda to the present note address the *modus operandi* for the open-ended forum for the voluntary country review (CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.1) and procedures for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework (CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.2).

4. Information on partnerships, coordination and collaboration, essential for operationalizing the enhanced approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, is provided in document CBD/SBI/4/INF/4. Information on work to enhance the functionality of the decision tracking tool is provided in document CBD/SBI/4/INF/5. Recommendations on the use of the indicators adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision 15/5 are being considered by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-sixth meeting.

II. Operationalizing the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review

A. Facilitating the submission of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets using the online reporting tool

5. In its decision 15/6, the Conference of the Parties requested Parties to submit their revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and actions plans by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (para. 6). In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested Parties not in a position to do so by that time, to communicate national targets reflecting, as applicable, all the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including those related to all means of implementation, in accordance with the reporting template provided in annex I of that decision, as a stand-alone submission, by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in advance of the full submission of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan (para. 7).

6. To assist in the submission of national targets using the template provided in annex I of decision 15/6, the Secretariat has developed additional guidance on the targets of the Framework, which is available on the Convention website.¹ The Secretariat has further developed the functionality of the online reporting tool, which is available in the six official languages of the United Nations.² The functionality of the tool was tested in the lead-up to the twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and launched at that meeting.³ Information to guide Parties in the use of the tool and clarify the types of information requested in different parts of the submission template is provided online and additional guidance is being developed. The online reporting tool allows Parties to communicate their national targets as a stand-alone submission or to submit those targets when they upload their national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

¹ www.cbd.int/gbf/targets.

² See <https://ort.cbd.int>.

³ The launch of the online reporting tool was announced in notification 2023-117, issued on 1 November 2023.

B. Further development of the template for national reports and of the online reporting tool to enable their submission

7. In its decision 15/6 (para. 10), the Conference of the Parties adopted the guidelines for the seventh and eighth national reports contained in annex II of that decision, including the draft reporting template. In the same decision (para. 29), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to support the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in the further development and/or piloting of the template for national reports and to further develop the online reporting tool for national reports. Also in decision 15/6 (annex II, para. 1), the Conference of the Parties set a deadline of 28 February 2026 for the submission of the seventh national report.

8. In this regard, the Secretariat has worked to further develop the template for national reports, taking into account relevant discussions of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-fifth meeting. The revisions made to the template build on further development of the online reporting tool for national reports. The revised template is provided in annex I of the draft decision contained in section III of the present note.

9. The online reporting tool is currently being further developed through the addition of a functionality to enable the submission of national reports. It is open for the testing of this feature by Parties, using a subset of targets and indicators.⁴ Parties may wish to provide specific feedback following participation in this testing.

C. Global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets

10. A report on progress in the revision, updating and submission of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets, is provided in document CBD/SBI/4/2. A global analysis of such progress will be prepared for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body at its fifth meeting in order to enable the Conference of the Parties, at its sixteenth meeting, to consider a global analysis of the information provided in the national submissions and assess their contribution towards the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

D. Global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

11. A proposal for the concrete procedures for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is provided in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.2. The proposal includes a description of the proposed components of the global review and an outline for its conduct and oversight and addresses its timeline and resource and logistic requirements. The proposal takes into account comments received from Parties in response to notification No. 2023-069⁵ and the recommendation of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice adopted at its twenty-fifth meeting.

12. At its twenty-fifth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice adopted recommendation 25/2, in which it provided advice on the relevant scientific, technical and technological inputs that should inform the global review, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fourth meeting.⁶ In its recommendation, the Subsidiary Body provided advice on the linkages between the global review and the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, particularly on published assessments. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice recommended that a global

⁴ See <https://ort.cbd.int>.

⁵ The text of the notification is available at www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2023/ntf-2023-069-kmgbf-en.pdf. The submissions received in response to the notification have been compiled and are available from the same link. A summary of the views is presented in pre-session document CBD/SBSTTA/25/3.

⁶ See document CBD/SBSTTA/25/13, sect. I.

report be a component of the global review. The Subsidiary Body also recommended elements to be included in the structure of the report, the sources of information to be drawn upon and the establishment of an ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group to support the preparation of the report.

13. The process for preparing the global review would draw information from various elements of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review in order to facilitate the review and decision-making of the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting. The proposed elements of the global review to be conducted by the Conference of the Parties encompass:

- (a) Global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets;
- (b) Outputs from the open-ended forum for voluntary country review of implementation;
- (c) A global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework;
- (d) Relevant recommendations prepared by the subsidiary bodies and open-ended working groups;
- (e) High-level discussions among Parties under the auspices of the Presidencies of the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

14. Based on its consideration of the proposal, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its fourth meeting, is expected to make a recommendation on the concrete procedures for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting. In this regard, the Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the draft recommendation contained in section III of the present note, together with the draft decision contained in recommendation 25/2 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

E. Modus operandi for the open-ended forum for voluntary country review

15. Pursuant to decision 14/29 of the Conference of the Parties, a Party-led review process, through an open-ended forum, was tested at a special session of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, held online on 16 and 17 September 2020. Five countries from different regions volunteered to be reviewed on the basis of their preparation of review reports for presentation to the forum. The feedback from Parties and observers on this testing was mixed. Specifically, it was noted that the scope and content of the reports of the five countries varied greatly, making it difficult to summarize and draw lessons across the countries, and that there was little discussion during the forum.

16. A revised modus operandi for an open-ended forum for voluntary country review of implementation was therefore prepared by the Secretariat in a document for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its resumed third meeting, held in Geneva in March 2022.⁷ Parties submitted written comments on the modus operandi contained in that document prior to and after the meeting. Many Parties stressed the importance of facilitative, non-punitive peer learning and experience sharing, that the open-ended forum should not impose an added burden on Parties and that it should complement and build on other processes such as the voluntary peer reviews. However, owing to time constraints, the proposal was not considered in detail by the Subsidiary Body. In June 2022, informal discussions on the modus operandi were held at a workshop convened prior to the fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, held in Nairobi.

17. Based on views expressed, the modus operandi was further revised by the Secretariat and provided for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at the second part of its fifteenth meeting

⁷ Document CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.5.

in the draft decision on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review contained in document [CBD/COP/15/2](#). However, the Conference of the Parties did not have time to address the proposal and, in its decision 15/6, requested the Executive Secretary to support the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in the further development and piloting of a modus operandi of an open-ended forum for the voluntary country review.

18. The Secretariat has consequently developed and initiated activities to support the piloting of the modus operandi for the open-ended forum for the voluntary country review and has provided, in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.1, a proposal in this regard for consideration by the Subsidiary Body. The revised modus operandi includes a preparatory phase which would involve in-country consultations and preparation and regional/subregional dialogues. The open-ended forum itself would be held at meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation under its agenda item for the review of implementation and its outcomes would be reflected in a recommendation by the Subsidiary Body to the Conference of the Parties.

19. With the support of donors and in collaboration with other organizations and host countries⁸ since September 2023 the Secretariat has been organizing regional dialogues designed to support Parties in revising and updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in alignment with the Framework, including through the sharing of experiences. An important aim of these dialogues has been to enable gaining of experiences relevant to a preparatory phase for the open-ended forum. The dialogues that have been held thus far have provided information on the current experiences and challenges of countries in developing their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets. Information on the dialogues is provided in information document CBD/SBI/4/INF/6, a summary is contained in the document CBD/SBI/4/2 and the report of each dialogue is available online.⁹

F. Reporting of information on non-State actor commitments towards the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

20. In its decision [14/34](#), the Conference of the Parties encouraged indigenous peoples and local communities and all relevant organizations and stakeholders, including the private sector, to consider developing biodiversity commitments that could contribute to an effective post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to make such information available as a contribution to the Action Agenda for Nature and People. Subsequently, the Secretariat established an online platform for the Action Agenda and appointed a global champion to bolster outreach efforts and generate momentum. Outreach initiatives were conducted in the months leading up to the second part of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, resulting in the registration of approximately 700 commitments on the online platform.¹⁰

21. In its decision [15/6](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that information on commitments towards the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by non-State actors will be a part of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review (para. 1 (g)). In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited non-State actors to develop, on a voluntary basis, commitments contributing to national biodiversity strategies and action plans and to the Framework, and to share them through the online platform for the Action Agenda (para. 26). Owing to time constraints, the Conference of the Parties, at its fifteenth meeting, was unable to consider the core reporting elements for commitments from non-State actors that had been provided for its consideration in a template contained in annex IV of the draft decision on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review (CBD/COP/15/2). Consequently, also in its decision 15/6, the

⁸The Dialogues have been conducted with financial support from the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the Governments of Denmark and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Union, in collaboration with various organizations, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Centre for Biodiversity, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme and the Caribbean Community, and with support from countries hosting the dialogues, including Fiji, Guyana, Japan, Jordan and the Philippines.

⁹ See www.cbd.int/nbsap/.

¹⁰ Commitments for the Action Agenda can be found at www.cbd.int/action-agenda/contributions.

Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to support the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in the further development of core elements for reporting of non-State actors and to further develop a mechanism for tracking the commitments of non-State actors, including voluntary online reporting, in accordance with the Action Agenda (para. 29 (f)).

22. Accordingly, the Secretariat has further developed the core reporting elements for commitments from non-State actors and provides those elements for the consideration of the Subsidiary Body in annex II of the draft decision contained in section III of the present note. This includes an elaboration of how such commitments can be captured in a structured manner, which could support Parties in better understanding the contributions of non-State actors to implementation and complement their efforts in tracking progress of the Framework. Furthermore, the template for submission of national targets contained in annex I of decision 15/6 and included in the online reporting tool contains an optional section where Parties can list any commitments made by non-State actors towards the national target and indicate whether the commitment has been shared on the online platform for the Action Agenda.

III. Recommendation

23. By its recommendation 25/2, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice provided the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, for appropriate review, with elements of a draft decision concerning the procedures for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be submitted for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.¹¹ The Subsidiary Body on Implementation may wish to consider adopting a recommendation that contains the elements of that draft decision, together with additional elements, along the following lines:

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. *Welcomes* the modus operandi for the open-ended forum for voluntary country review of implementation, contained in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.1;
2. *Notes* that the modus operandi for the open-ended forum for voluntary country review utilizes preparatory subregional or regional dialogues, that such dialogues have been conducted in several subregions/regions and that additional dialogues are planned in the coming months;
3. *Decides* to conduct an open-ended forum for voluntary country review at its fifth meeting based on the procedures outlined in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.1;
4. *Welcomes* the further development of the online reporting tool as the tool on the clearing-house mechanism for the submission of national targets¹² and as the tool for the submission of national reports;¹³
5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:
 - (a) Continue the development and testing of the online reporting tool;
 - (b) Continue supporting regional or subregional dialogues to support Parties in preparation for the open-ended forum for the voluntary country review to be conducted by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fifth meeting, in collaboration with relevant organizations and host countries, as appropriate;

¹¹ See the report of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its twenty-fifth meeting (CBD/SBSTTA/25/13), sect. I.

¹² The template for the submission of national targets, as contained in annex I of decision 15/6, was adopted by the Conference of the Parties in that decision.

¹³ The guidance and draft reporting template for the submission of the seventh and eight national reports, as contained in annex II of decision 15/6, were adopted by the Conference of the Parties in that decision. An updated template is provided in annex I of the draft decision recommended for adoption by the Conference of the Parties in the present recommendation.

6. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties, at its sixteenth meeting, adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 6, 23, and 26 of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions 15/5 and 15/6,

Emphasizing that the implementation by Parties of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review is critical for the effective implementation of the Convention, its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,

Noting with appreciation the work conducted by the Executive Secretary to further develop the online reporting tool with functionality for the submission of national targets aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the submission of national reports, as well as the work conducted to further develop the decision-tracking tool to allow better tracking of the implementation of decisions,

1. *Adopts* the national reporting template for the seventh and eight national reports contained in annex I of the present decision;

2. *Requests* Parties to make use of the template for their seventh national reports and the online reporting tool to submit their national reports by the deadline of 28 February 2026;

3. *Adopts* the core elements for the reporting of non-State actors contained in annex II of the present decision;

4. *Invites* indigenous peoples and local communities and all relevant organizations and stakeholders, including the private sector, to develop commitments that can support the successful implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, guided by the core elements contained in annex II of the present decision, and submit them through the online platform for the Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming and Montreal Action Agenda for Nature and People;

5. *Welcomes* the modus operandi for the open-ended forum for voluntary country review provided in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.1 and piloted by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fifth meeting;

6. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at meetings held prior to the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, to conduct an open-ended forum for voluntary country review based on that modus operandi;

7. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to cooperate at the regional and international levels to share experiences and lessons learned, including as a contribution to regional dialogues preceding the open-ended forum for voluntary country review conducted by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;

8. *Recognizes* that the open-ended forum for voluntary country review provides a platform for sharing experiences and lessons learned related to the implementation of the Convention, national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including sharing of experiences and lessons learned with respect to promoting synergies with other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements;

9. *Also recognizes* that the open-ended forum for voluntary country review will contribute to the global review of collective progress in the implementation in the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

10. *Decides* that the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, to be conducted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings, will be conducted on the basis of the following elements:

(a) The global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets;

(b) The outcomes of the open-ended forums for voluntary country review conducted by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;

(c) A global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

(d) Relevant recommendations prepared by the subsidiary bodies and working groups under the Convention;

(e) High-level discussions among Parties under the auspices of the Presidencies of the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties;

11. *Also decides* to establish an advisory committee for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, to provide advice on the preparation of all aspects of the global review, including the implementation of the modus operandi for the open-ended forum for voluntary country review, with the terms of reference contained in annex III of the present decision;

12. *Further decides* that the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework will be entitled “Global biodiversity outlook: first global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework”;

13. [Placeholder for the decision contained in recommendation 25/2 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice];

14. *Takes note* of the detailed procedures, including the indicative timetable and cost estimates, for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, including for the preparation of the global report, contained in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.2, and requests the Executive Secretary to conduct work related to the global review on the basis of this plan;

15. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue supporting the implementation of the guidance for national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the guidance for the seventh and eighth national reports, as adopted in decision 15/6, and taking into account the final template for the seventh and eighth national reports contained in annex I of the present decision;

(b) To further develop a mechanism for tracking commitments of non-State actors using the template contained in annex II of the present decision and in accordance with the Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming and Montreal Action Agenda for Nature and People;

(c) To support the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in conducting the open-ended forum for voluntary country review as outlined in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.1;

(d) To support the Conference of the Parties in conducting the review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including by supporting the establishment and operation of the advisory committee for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, with the terms of reference contained in annex III of the present decision;

(e) To prepare, under the overall guidance of the advisory committee and with scientific and technical guidance from the ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group, the global report focused primarily on assessing progress in the implementation of the Framework based on the procedures contained in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.2;

(f) To continue coordinating and collaborating with relevant partners in support of the implementation of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review;

16. *Invites* donors, Governments and multilateral and bilateral agencies to support the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including the strengthening of national-level monitoring, in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Annex I

Template for the seventh and eighth national reports¹

Template for the seventh national report

Section I. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report

<p>Please briefly describe the process undertaken for the preparation of this report (responses may include the following):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination mechanisms and methodology for data collection and validation employed (if applicable) as well as key challenges encountered • Consultations undertaken at various levels for preparing this report, involving and engaging various stakeholders and taking into account national circumstances

Section II. Status of the revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP) in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

<p>Has your country revised or updated its NBSAP in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In process If you answered “No” or “In process”, please indicate the anticipated date of completion of the revision or updating of the NBSAP: _____
<p>Did your country involve and engage stakeholders in revising or updating its NBSAP?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If you answered “Yes”, please indicate (drop down menu): Women, Indigenous peoples and local communities, Youth, Other
<p>Has your country’s revised or updated NBSAP been adopted as a policy or a legal instrument?</p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In process <input type="checkbox"/> Other If you answered “No”, please indicate the anticipated date of adoption: _____
<p>If you answered “Yes” directly above, please indicate the type of policy instrument your country’s revised or updated NBSAP has been adopted as.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted through legislation or otherwise by parliament <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by the Council of Ministers, the Office of the President/Prime Minister or an equivalent whole-of-government body <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by the Ministry of the Environment or another sectoral ministry

¹ The guidance and the template for the eighth national report can be adjusted, if necessary, building on the experiences and lessons learned in the preparation of the seventh national report.

	<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated into the poverty reduction strategy, sustainable development strategy, national development plan or another, related strategy or plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____
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Section III. Assessment of progress towards national targets

Please use the following templates to report on progress in the implementation of your national targets and revised or updated NBSAP in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In cases where no national target is linked with related global target(s), it is suggested that countries report directly on progress towards the global target(s). A Party may choose to report on the global targets if it has not developed or adopted national targets.

National target <i>(pre-populated from the submission of national targets or from the text of the global target when a national target does not exist for that global target)</i>	
Please briefly describe the main actions taken to implement this target	
Please indicate the current level of progress towards this target	<input type="checkbox"/> On track to achieve target <input type="checkbox"/> Progress towards target but at an insufficient rate <input type="checkbox"/> No significant progress <input type="checkbox"/> Moving away from target <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Please provide a summary of progress towards this target, including the main outcomes achieved, key challenges encountered and different approaches that may be taken for further implementation	
Please provide data on indicators (headline, component, complementary or other national indicators) used for assessing progress towards this target <i>(pre-populated from the submission of national targets)²</i> <i>This part can be completed for targets with a headline indicator.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Use national data set <input type="checkbox"/> Use the available data (data sources provided) <input type="checkbox"/> No data available. Please provide the reason: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant. Please describe why: _____ <i>If countries choose to use national data sets, these data will be submitted in a tabular format. Parties will submit data for each indicator once even if the indicator is used for multiple goals/targets.</i> <i>If countries choose to use globally or regionally available data sets, Parties will be provided with a tabular view of the data for the indicator.</i> <i>If countries indicate “no data available”, then they will be requested to briefly describe efforts under way to develop relevant indicators and data sets.</i> Comments (optional): _____

² See the online reporting tool for an example of how the submission of data has been included in the tool.

<p>Please respond to the questions for the binary indicator³</p> <p><i>This part can be completed only for targets with a binary indicator</i></p>	<p><i>Questions will be included based on the list adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting (COP-16).</i></p> <p>Comments (optional): _____</p>
<p>Please provide data on component, complementary or other national indicators used for assessing progress towards this target (optional)</p>	<p><i>Countries could provide national data and sources of information in a tabular format.</i></p> <p>Comments (optional): _____</p>
<p>Please provide examples or cases to illustrate the effectiveness of the actions taken to implement this target. Provide relevant web links or attach related materials or publications, if needed</p>	
<p>Please briefly describe how the implementation of this target relates to progress in achieving the related Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets and implementation of other related agreements (optional)</p>	

Section IV. Assessment of national progress towards the goals of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Please provide an assessment of progress and trends related to the goals of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

2050 goals	Summary of national progress contributing to the global goals	Headline/binary indicators	Component, complementary or other relevant indicators, including national indicators (pre-populated from the submission of national targets)	Source of data for indicator(s), where needed
Goal		<i>(Relevant indicators will be provided for selection, as described in section III above)</i>	<i>(Relevant indicators will be provided for selection, as described in section III above)</i> <i>For national indicators, countries may need to use a table to submit relevant national indicators.</i>	

³ For the list of binary indicators, please refer to decision 16/–, adopted at the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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Section V. Conclusions on the national implementation of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

In the present section, countries are encouraged to provide a summary of the national implementation of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including the main outcomes achieved and major challenges encountered, particularly those related to capacity, technical, technological, institutional and financial gaps and constraints and support provided for implementation. Countries could refer to cross-cutting challenges affecting the implementation of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework or specific obstacles that have hindered progress. Those challenges may include lack of adequate financial, human and technical resources; difficulties regarding inter-ministerial/inter-agency cooperation and coordination; lack of timely and reliable access to knowledge, information and data; lack of the scientific expertise needed to support project development and management; and lack of access to relevant technologies for implementation. Countries should try to avoid duplication if relevant information is covered in the sections above.

<p>In this section, please provide a summary assessment of the implementation of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including all the sections of the Framework, and the main outcomes achieved and major challenges encountered, particularly those related to capacity, technical, technological, institutional and financial gaps and constraints and support provided for implementation.</p>

Enclosure

Information as requested in related decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth and sixteenth meetings

It is suggested that Parties annex information on the implementation of the following decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth and sixteenth meetings:¹

- (a) Long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development (decision 15/8, annex I);
- (b) Strategy for resource mobilization (decision 15/7, annex I);
- (c) Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030) (decision 15/11, annex);
- (d) Long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming biodiversity;²
- (e) Global plant conservation strategy.³

Note: If the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting adopts the relevant decisions, footnotes 1 to 3 directly below can be deleted.

¹The requests for information contained in the present enclosure should be reviewed following the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

² Pending consideration and adoption at a future meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

³ Pending consideration and adoption at a future meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Annex II

Reporting of commitments by non-State actors¹

I. General principles for including commitments from non-State actors in the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review

1. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework embraces a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach and its success relies on the action and cooperation of all actors of society. Offering an opportunity to non-State actors to contribute, on a voluntary basis, to the goals and targets of the Framework can have a positive effect on implementation and strengthen collaboration across all sectors of society. Provision of information and data about the actions of non-State actors can make a valuable contribution to the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review and should be guided by the following considerations:

(a) Standardized guidelines and templates for reporting commitments of non-State actors will improve global-level analysis. The preparation and reporting of commitments should be as simple as possible, while demonstrating that they contribute to goals and targets of the Framework;

(b) Use of established and available metrics is highly recommended whenever possible and such metrics may provide information which can improve the monitoring of the Framework, particularly when baselines are being established related to impacts on biodiversity and to demonstrate progress over time;

(c) In recognizing the different realities existing among non-State actors, the proposed template will allow for some flexibility, while ensuring that relevant information about commitments is properly captured.

II. Core reporting elements for commitments by non-State actors

General information

1. Name of Organization or Coalition (official name of Organization responsible for a single commitment OR name of Coalition if commitment is collective).
2. Website (please provide website information for the lead organization OR coalition, if available) (optional).
3. Focal point (full name, job title and email address of person responsible for the commitment, or the submission, within the organization or coalition).
4. Address (full address of lead organization including City, State/Province/Territory and Country).
5. Geographical scope of organization or coalition (please indicate whether organization or coalition operates at the local, subnational, national, regional or multinational level and provide a list of locations whenever possible).
6. Type of organization (please indicate type of organization or coalition): (a) academic and research; (b) business/industry; (c) financial institution; (d) indigenous peoples and local communities; (e) non-governmental organization; (f) philanthropic organization; (g) subnational or local government/authority; (h) women's organization; (i) youth organization; (j) other (please specify).

¹ Reporting is voluntary and would be open to actors beyond national Governments, including indigenous peoples and local communities and all relevant organizations and stakeholders, including the private sector. The range is broad and extends beyond strictly non-State actors.

Commitment

7. Title of commitment.
8. Description of commitment. Please provide a full description of the commitment, including:
 - (a) An overview of scope and the actions proposed;
 - (b) Which drivers, indirect drivers or enabling conditions of biodiversity loss the commitment will seek to address;
 - (c) Intended impacts and outcomes towards the achievement of the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and relevant national targets, if any (including positive impacts as well as reduced negative impacts).
9. Endorsements (for example, in the case of a collective commitment by a coalition of organizations, has the commitment been endorsed by the chief executive officers (CEOs) and/or governing bodies of the constituent organizations?)
10. Provide a description of any accountability mechanism for the commitment, including measures to enhance transparency and responsibility.
11. Indicate which goal(s) and target(s) of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework the commitment is aimed at contributing to and any relevant headline indicators:
 - (a) Primary target or goal (selection of the single most relevant target or goal) and indicator;
 - (b) Other relevant targets and/or goals (multiple targets and/or goals possible) and indicator.
12. Geographical coverage of the commitment (please indicate a specific biome/ecosystem, region, country or group of countries).
13. Financing currently available for the commitment (optional).
14. Expected financing requirement (optional).
15. Sustainable Development Goal(s) or other multilateral environmental agreement to which the commitment contributes (optional).
16. Partners (name and location of other organizations involved in the commitment).
17. For organizations contributing to the achievement of Target 15 of the Framework (that is to say, businesses and financial institutions, in particular large and transnational entities), please indicate: how your organization reports on disclosures of risks, dependencies and impacts and plans made to reduce negative impacts, and/or contribution to access and benefit-sharing and/or information made available to consumers to promote sustainable consumption patterns.

Progress tracking

18. Timeline of commitment (please indicate kick-off and conclusion dates). Alternatively, please indicate if this is an open-ended commitment and share information on plans for next steps.
19. Key performance indicators or other relevant indicators of measurable success (such as percentages, figures or other quantitative pieces of information, noting links with the indicators of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (decision [15/5, annex I](#)) when applicable).
20. Monitoring and reporting (indicate if monitoring and implementation arrangements are in place and the format, frequency and public availability of reporting on implementation):
 - (a) Link to monitoring report, if available (optional);

(b) Is there recognition, certification or validation by the environmental authority or another recognized private-type institution which can apply to the commitment (yes/no). Please provide details, if available.

21. Potential measures to address challenges and opportunities in achieving effective implementation of the commitment and its contribution to targets and goals of the Framework.

Annex III

Terms of reference of the Advisory Committee for the Global Review of Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

1. The Advisory Committee for the Global Review of Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework will provide advice and guidance to the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on the preparation of the first global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework which will be conducted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting. The advice of the Advisory Committee will be provided in line with the concrete procedures for the global review adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting and decision 15/6.

2. The Advisory Committee will:

(a) Provide guidance across all elements of the global review in the lead-up to the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(b) Provide strategic oversight for the preparation of the global report of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework;

(c) Oversee the processes for voluntary country review, which include the open-ended forum under the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the voluntary peer reviews, ensuring that those processes fulfil their purpose of stimulating and improving implementation and bring Parties' experiences and their challenges and opportunities into the global review process;

(d) Support, as appropriate, the high-level discussions organized by the Presidency of the Conference of the Parties as part of the global review.

3. The Advisory Committee will serve to ensure Party leadership in the preparation of the global report of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework and provide guidance with respect to the strategic vision of the report. The Committee will be provided with updates on the work undertaken by the ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group to support the preparation of the global report. The Committee will provide the Secretariat with guidance:

(a) On issues related to the workplan, style and presentation of the report, the communication strategy and the structure of the report;

(b) On how the global report should feed into the global review of collective progress on the implementation of the Framework;

(c) On ensuring high-level involvement and follow-up regarding the outcomes of the global report, to be considered by the Conference of the Parties when conducting the global review.

4. The Advisory Committee will be composed of 15 experts nominated by Parties and by indigenous peoples and local communities, the scientific community and relevant organizations, including those representing women and youth, with due regard to equitable regional representation and gender balance. The number of experts from observer organizations will not exceed the number of experts nominated by Parties. The membership will reflect a balanced representation of experts on matters regarding the three objectives of the Convention. Members will be selected on the basis of the following criteria, as evidenced in their curricula vitae:

(a) At least five years of working experience on issues related to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and/or other relevant international agreements and processes;

(b) Expertise relevant to biodiversity planning, monitoring, review and reporting;

(c) Demonstrated experience in the field of regional or international cooperation processes and programmes related to biodiversity and/or the environment.

5. The co-chairs of the ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group for the preparation of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework will be invited to the meetings of the Advisory Committee. The Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will be invited as an ex officio member.

6. The Committee will elect two co-chairs from among its members, one from a developed country and one from a developing country.

7. The Committee shall conduct its work primarily by electronic means and, subject to the availability of resources, shall also meet in person, if possible, at least twice during the intersessional period.

8. The timeline of the workplan of the Committee shall be guided by the concrete procedures for the global review developed by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and adopted by the Conference of the Parties, with the understanding that the first global review will be conducted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

9. The Committee should be established and start its work as soon as possible after the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and should report on its work to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its meetings held prior to the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
