

Resource mobilization

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. *Takes note* of the report on progress in implementing decision [16/34](#) of 27 February 2025¹ prepared by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity;²

1bis *Requests* the Executive Secretary, to provide an updated progress report on requests contained in decision 16/34, ~~including the request to facilitate, subject to the availability of financial resources, an international dialogue with ministers of environment and finance from developed and developing countries to accelerate the achievement of Target 19 of the Framework;~~

2. *Recommends* that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision on resource mobilization that includes the following elements:³

The Conference of the Parties

Recalling Article 20 of the Convention on Biological Diversity as the basis for providing and mobilizing resources from all sources and the relevance of Articles 11 and 21 in this regard,⁴

Also recalling its decision⁵ [16/34](#) of 27 February 2025 to implement Articles 21 and 39 of the Convention and to address the global biodiversity finance gap by 2030, by:

(a) Establishing the permanent arrangement for the financial mechanism envisioned under Article 21 of the Convention;

(b) Assessing and improving the mobilization of finance from all sources;

Recognizing the need to broaden the contributor base for the implementation of the Convention and to review and amend the list of developed country Parties and other Parties which voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties, established pursuant to Article 20(2) of the Convention;

1. 1. ~~1.~~ *Takes note* of the review of implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization for the period 2025–2030,⁶ as conducted through the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;⁷

~~<Further to the proposal from Brazil, Possibly insert references to relevant paras in the SBSTTA PMRR recommendation or the emerging SBI-7 PMRR recommendation. For further discussion in the CG>~~

[Further notes that, despite reported increases in biodiversity related financial flows, international public finance remains insufficient, unpredictable, and unevenly accessible and that further efforts are required to achieve target 19 in particular sub-paragraph (a)];⁸

¹ CBD/SBI/7/3.

² [United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1760, No. 30619.](#)

³ In complement to recommendation [6/1](#) of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

⁴ Decision [16/34](#), preambular paragraph

⁵ Decision [16/34](#), paragraph 19

⁶ Decision [16/34](#), annex I.

⁷ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

⁸ [United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1760, No. 30619.](#)

[Further recognising the unprecedented failure in the achievement of target 19 ambition arising from failed commitments by Parties]

2. [Adopts] [Notes] the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism envisaged under Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity,⁹ which consist of the elements listed in paragraph 21 of decision [16/34](#) of 27 February 2025 [and the amendments thereto, ~~provided~~[included](#) in annex I to the present decision]

3. Invites the Global Environmental Facility and other relevant existing financial entities, including international financial institutions and multilateral development banks, to take the criteria into account, as appropriate, in their ongoing efforts to reform or improve their operations;

4. Requests the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in accordance with the road map established in paragraph 22 of decision [16/34](#), at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

(a) To conduct a review of progress in the reform of relevant existing financial entities to meet the criteria, following the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism referred to in paragraph 40 of decision [16/33](#) of 27 February 2025, while also taking into account the work undertaken further to paragraph 41 of the same decision;

(b) To prepare elements of a draft decision, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting, either to establish a new entity to operate the financial mechanism, whether by itself or alongside an existing entity or entities, or to confirm an existing entity or entities in that role;

(c) To include in the elements of a draft decision, if appropriate, the establishment of an intersessional process to develop the terms of reference and modalities of a new entity on the basis of the criteria;

(d) To undertake a stocktake review on the operations and performance of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, as mandated in decisions [15/7](#) paragraph 39 and [15/15](#) paragraph 29 of 19 December 2022, on the basis of the reports referred to in paragraph 9 below,¹⁰ relevant reports of the Global Environment Facility and other relevant information, as appropriate;

(e) To make a recommendation on responding to the stocktake review of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and integrate it into elements of a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;

5. ~~Notes the impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and elements for its further enhancement, as set out in document CBD/SBI/7/3/add.4annex II to the present decision; on the impediments to the effectiveness of biodiversity finance and elements for its further enhancement¹¹;~~

6. Invites Parties, other Governments, consistent with national circumstances, priorities and capabilities, relevant organizations and initiatives, multilateral development banks, the private sector and other stakeholders to take voluntary action immediately, where possible and as appropriate, [to address impediments to the effectiveness of biodiversity](#)

⁹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

¹⁰ The Secretariat has suggested, in document CBD/SBI/7/4, on the financial mechanism, that the preparatory work for the stocktake review be undertaken in conjunction with the seventh quadrennial review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism.

¹¹ [Note: this element requires further work](#)

~~finance; in relation to the elements for the further enhancement of global biodiversity finance, as set out in annex II to the present decision;~~

7. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and in accordance with the road map established in paragraph 23 of decision [16/34](#):

(a) To develop, on the basis, inter alia, of the [voluntary](#) elements provided in [annex II in document CBD/SBI/7/3/add.4, taking into account submissions shared by Parties at SBI 7 to the present decision](#), measures that could be taken to enhance global biodiversity finance in order to mobilize new and additional resources from all sources;

(b) To assess the performance of existing relevant financial instruments and entities with respect to the implementation of the Framework, in particular Target 19 (a), building inter alia on the work referred to above in paragraph 4;

8. [*Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of financial resources and in collaboration with relevant organizations, to support the work requested of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including by preparing or commissioning reports to support consideration by the Subsidiary Body of the items referred to in paragraphs 4 and 7 above;]

Option A:

[9. Invites developed country Parties and other Parties that may voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 20 of the Convention, to indicate to the Secretariat their interest in being included in the corresponding list established in accordance with that Article;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To issue the invitations referred to in paragraph 9 at every other meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting at its nineteenth meeting;

(b) To amend the list of developed country Parties and other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties in accordance with indications of interest received and to submit the amended list for review and adoption at every other meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting at its eighteenth meeting;]

Option B:

[9alt. Recognizes that broadening the contributor base, in line with decision 16/34, is consistent with the evolution of national circumstances and capabilities over time

10alt1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to review and amend the list of developed country Parties and other Parties that voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties using the World Bank country income classification as a proxy, to include Parties classified as “high income”¹², excluding Parties recognized by the United Nations as Small Island Developing States and to submit the amended list for review and adoption at every meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting at its eighteenth meeting;]

Option C:

[10alt2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to provide, after consultation with Parties, an update of the list that was adopted by decision VIII/18 of developed country Parties and other

¹² As referred to SBI/7/3/Add.1

Parties which voluntarily assume the obligations of the developed country Parties, for adoption at every meeting of the Conference of the Parties, starting at its eighteenth meeting;]

11. *Decides* to review the process described in paragraph[s] [9 and] 10 above at its twenty-first meeting.

Annex I

<Note on formatting:

- Text in regular font is agreed text verbatim from paragraph 21 of decision 16/34
- Text in tracked changes (i.e. underlined or strikethrough) are from Annex II of decision 16/34; specifically:
 - Underlined text are items, or elements of items, from Annex II that were recommended for inclusion (see CBD/SBI/7/3). Arabic numerals in parentheses indicate the item number in Annex II.
 - Strikethrough text are items, or elements of items, from Annex II that were recommended to not be considered further (see CBD/SBI/7/3/Add.3). Arabic numerals indicate the item number in Annex II.>

~~C~~Amendments to the criteria for the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism envisaged under Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity

The operation of the financial mechanism envisaged under Article 21 of the Convention can be entrusted to [one or more entities, be they new, reformed or existing, which would form] an institutional structure fulfilling at least the following criteria¹³:

- (a) It functions for the purpose of implementing the Convention and its Protocols;
- (b) It is under the authority and guidance of, and accountable to, the Conference of the Parties;
- (c) It operates within a democratic and transparent system of governance, ensuring a structure that is fair, equitable, inclusive, efficient and representative;
- (d) It is accessible by all eligible Parties to the Convention in a fair, timely, simplified, equitable, inclusive and non-discriminatory manner;

- (a) It functions for the purpose of implementing the Convention and its Protocols;
- (b) It is under the authority and guidance of, and accountable to, the Conference of the Parties [in accordance with Article 21 of the Convention][, which shall determine its policy, strategy, programme priorities and eligibility criteria relating to the access to, and utilization of financial resources];
- (c) It operates within a democratic and transparent system of governance, ensuring a structure that is fair, equitable, inclusive, efficient and representative, including by ensuring the full and effective participation of [all stake holders, including] indigenous peoples and local communities[, and relevant stakeholders] (from 9);

¹³ Note: The criteria listed [is non-exhaustive and non-prescriptive and] does not pre-judge the entity or entities to which the operation of the financial mechanism may be entrusted, the modalities of their operation, or the outcome of the review referred to in paragraph 4

- (d) It is accessible by all [developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition (from 10),][eligible Parties to the Convention]-in a fair, timely, simplified, equitable, inclusive and non-discriminatory manner, providing access to new, additional, predictable, and adequate financing (from 2) which responds to their needs and priorities (from 10);
- (e) It adds value and complementarity vis-à-vis the current biodiversity finance landscape (1);
- (f) It has a contributor base aimed at the mobilization of resources from all sources (3);
- (g) It is able to capitalize on synergies between support for biodiversity action and support for actions to address other related environmental challenges (18);
- (h) It relies on national executing agencies, ensuring the participation and involvement of relevant recipient-country authorities in all steps of the funding allocation process, including project development and execution (12 and 13);
- (i) It recognizes the role of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, including by providing direct access to finance (14);
- (j) It provides for a grievance and redress mechanism (15);
- (k) It provides direct allocation and/or project-based disbursement (11);
- (l) It ensures the accountability of the trustee and compliance with decisions of the governing body (17);

Annex II

Impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and elements for its further enhancement

<i>Impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance</i>	<i>Elements for the further enhancement of the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance</i>
Policy misalignment, poor synergy and mainstreaming challenges	
Lack of policy alignment and mainstreaming at all levels	Significantly increase action to meet Target 14 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; strengthen the role of national biodiversity strategies and action plans in national policy and planning, and integrate biodiversity considerations into wider economic, fiscal and sectoral decision-making.
Lack of alignment of relevant financial and fiscal flows; and weak synergies across environmental finance	Significantly increase action to meet Targets 14, 15 and 19(e); consider acting on recommendations provided in [placeholder for the operative paragraph of the present decision that would include the provisions of paragraph 8 of the elements of a draft decision contained in recommendation 6/1 of the Subsidiary Body of Implementation] and [placeholder for a reference to operative paragraph 6 of the draft decision contained in

Impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance

Elements for the further enhancement of the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance

Insufficient recognition and integration of nature-related risks and ecosystem dependencies within macroeconomic, fiscal, public investment and financial decision making, limiting the prioritisation and mobilisation of finance for biodiversity.

recommendation 27/3 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice], and harness and align project development support facilities across environmental finance

Integrating nature related risks and ecosystem dependencies into macroeconomic and fiscal planning, public investment appraisal, national development planning, and relevant financial sector regulatory and supervisory frameworks, reflecting growing recognition that nature loss presents systemic economic and financial risk.

Lack of coordination and complementarity across financial institutions and instruments

Strengthen synergies, coherence, interoperability, and effectiveness across MDBs, multilateral environment funds, development finance institutions, vertical funds, and other relevant financing instruments, including through improved coordination,

Lack of private sector involvement in biodiversity finance and insufficient alignment of private financial flows with biodiversity outcomes

Stimulate private biodiversity finance through, regulatory frameworks biodiversity positive policy signals, with innovative financial instruments such as blended finance and biodiversity credits, and the promotion of nature transition planning, and strengthen policy, legal and regulatory frameworks to progressively align private financial flows with the Framework

Subsidies and financial flows harmful to biodiversity

Subsidies and financial flows harmful to biodiversity, which often reduce the cost of activities that harm biodiversity or insulate them from market signals reflecting ecological damage

Significantly increase action to meet Target 18, taking into account national circumstances, and the need to support poverty eradication, food security and sustainable development, including through such tools as those supported by the Biodiversity Finance Initiative

Issues related to illicit financial flows, tax justice, tax evasion and illegal, unreported and unregulated resource exploitation

Consider policy reforms to enhance transparency, tax justice, accountability and enforcement, including through cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation

Macroeconomic and public finance constraints

Discretionary nature and institutional fragmentation of biodiversity spending; insufficient, unpredictable and declining international public financial support relative to implementation needs; ; and impact of debt sustainability

Significantly increase action to meet Target 19 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and fulfil the commitments reflected in article 20 of the Convention, in particular by scaling up the provision of new, additional, predictable, adequate and accessible international public financial resources; integrate biodiversity finance budget earmarking; and consider acting on recommendations provided in [place holder for the operative paragraph

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	of the present decision that would include the provisions of paragraph 5 of the elements of a draft decision contained in recommendation <u>6/1</u> of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation]
Mismatch between long-term finance needs and short-term project finance, in particular in international biodiversity finance	Align international biodiversity finance with longer-term country priorities; invest international biodiversity finance in capacity building and de-risking in order to mobilize sustainable domestic and private resources; invest finance for finance, with a view to developing capacity and mobilizing domestic resources; and invest in development and operationalization of national biodiversity finance plans or similar instruments
Institutional and absorptive capacity constraints	
Institutional capacity constraints	Integrate capacity needs into systemic long-term biodiversity finance planning; establish dedicated biodiversity finance units within both ministries of finance and environment where possible, and improve collaboration between these ministries; strengthen institutional and technical capacity through dedicated capacity building programmes; technology development and transfer and technical assistance
Absorptive capacity constraints	Review and streamline national policies, procedures and regulations, amongst others
Biodiversity finance tracking and taxonomy fragmentation	
Fragmented biodiversity finance tracking	Enhance national budget tagging and coherent reporting structures, including with climate finance tracking, domestically and internationally, <u>encourage MDBs to apply their common nature finance methodology</u> , and promote the development of harmonized tools for tracking biodiversity finance that are compatible with national planning and reporting systems
Insufficient uptake of biodiversity finance taxonomies	Incentivize the private sector to include and take up established biodiversity finance taxonomies
Safeguards, governance and monitoring gaps	
Capacity and resource gaps in implementing safeguards; weak coordination; measuring, reporting and verifying challenges; regulatory complexity; information asymmetry, trust gaps and awareness limitations; stakeholder engagement issues; and governance challenges	Consider recommendations provided in [place holder for the operative paragraph of the present decision that would include the provisions of paragraph 7 of the elements of a draft decision in recommendation <u>6/1</u> of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation]; enhance awareness and capacity-building on safeguards; improve national policies on

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	monitoring and reporting; and strengthen legal frameworks that support safeguards
Equity, access and power asymmetries in biodiversity finance	
Insufficient funding and limited access;	Simplify access with flexible, long-term, predictable financing; reduce application processing times; streamline administrative procedures; support capacity building and development and technology transfer, and invest in finance for finance in order to support domestic resource mobilization
Additional barriers faced by indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth; and unequal representation	Consider the strategies for improved access, including direct access modalities, compiled in document CBD/SB8J/1/2 , working through trusted intermediaries;
Particular constraints faced by least developed countries and Small Island Developing States, including co-financing requirements; minimum project sizes; creditworthiness; and eligibility thresholds	Consider improved direct access modalities and capacity support mechanisms to support least developed countries and Small Island Developing States in overcoming the particular constraints that they face
