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**Multi-year programme of work of the
Conference of the Parties**

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Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group II

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision [15/4](#) of 19 December 2022, in which it decided that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework¹ should be used as a strategic plan for the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity² and its Protocols, its bodies and its Secretariat over the period 2022–2030,

Recalling also its decision [15/33](#) of 19 December 2022, in which it noted that it would review progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Framework at each of its meetings up to 2030 and decided that the development of further guidance for policy development and implementation should support the achievement of the goals and targets set out in the Framework, the outcome of the global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets, and the global review of collective progress in implementation, as well as new information that might become available, including through scientific assessments,

1. *Decides* to update its multi-year programme of work up to 2030 according to the list of issues set out in the annex to the present decision;
2. *Also decides* to review and update, at its seventeenth and eighteenth meetings, the programmes of work and cross-cutting issues under the Convention on Biological Diversity, focusing on their alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and addressing a limited number of those programmes of work and issues at each of those meetings;
3. *Further decides* to address, at each of its meetings, standing items consistent with its previous decisions, as well as other issues arising from its decisions related to particular programmes of work and cross-cutting issues, to maintain sufficient flexibility in its multi-year programme of work to accommodate emerging issues or opportunities that it may identify and, to that end, to review its multi-year programme of work at its seventeenth and eighteenth meetings to enable any necessary adjustments to be made;

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¹ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

[4. *Requests the Executive Secretary:*

(a) To provide a list of standing items on the agendas for the eighteenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, to facilitate the review of the multi-year programme of work by the Conference of the Parties, for its consideration at its seventeenth meeting;

(b) To prepare, in consultation with the Bureaux of the Conference of the Parties and of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, an analysis of the programmes of work or cross-cutting issues related to the standing items on the agendas for the seventeenth and eighteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties and, where relevant, a proposal to align them with the Framework, for consideration by the relevant subsidiary body before the seventeenth and eighteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, respectively.]

[2 and 4 (b).alt *Decides that the programmes of work will not be updated until 2030.*]

Annex**List of the main issues to be addressed at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity during the period 2025-2030**

<i>Meeting of the Conference of the Parties</i>	<i>Strategic issues</i>
Seventeenth (2026)	(a) Global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets, to assess the contributions towards the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; [(b) Global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, including the means of implementation, based on national reports and, as appropriate, other sources of information;³]⁴ (c) Review of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;⁵ (d) Implications for the work under the Convention of the deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, including: (i) The thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (“nexus assessment”); (ii) The thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity; (iii) The methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature’s contributions to people; (e) Tools and guidance to support the implementation of the Framework, including those related to the mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors;⁶ (f) Midterm review of the Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030);⁷

³ Conducted in conjunction with the review of the strategy for resource mobilization (decisions [15/7](#), para. 46, and 16/--), the midterm review of the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030) (decision [15/11](#), para. 9), the review of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism (decisions [15/8](#), para. 32 (j), and 16/3, para. 7) and the review of the role of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities in the implementation of the objectives of the Convention and its Protocols and the Framework (decision [15/12](#), para. 7).

⁴ Text bracketed pending the adoption of the procedure for the global review in the decision on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review.

⁵ Decision [15/5](#), annex I.

⁶ Decision [16/13](#).

⁷ Decision [15/11](#), annex.

<i>Meeting of the Conference of the Parties</i>	<i>Strategic issues</i>
	(g) Follow up to decision 16/2 on digital sequence information on genetic resources;⁸ [(h) <i>Other items to be determined.</i>]
Eighteenth (2028)	(a) Review of the operations, performance and outcomes of the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund and future arrangements;⁹ (b) Four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities and assessment of funding needs to inform the tenth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (July 2030–June 2034); (c) Review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism;¹⁰ (d) Implications for the work under the Convention of the deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, including: (i) The methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people; (ii) The methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity; (e) Follow-up to the Framework, including a review of the effectiveness of measures to implement its goals and targets in line with the provisions of the Convention; (f) Review of effectiveness of the multilateral mechanism for the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of digital sequence information on genetic resources;¹¹ [(g) <i>Other items to be determined.</i>]
Nineteenth (2030)	(a) 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;¹² (b) Implications for the work under the Convention of the deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; (c) Update of and follow-up to the Framework and follow-up to the Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030) and the revised strategy for resource mobilization;¹³ [(d) <i>Other items to be determined.</i>]

⁸ Updated in accordance with decision 16/2, replacing previous placeholder text in brackets.

⁹ Decision [15/15](#), para. 29.

¹⁰ Decision 16/--.

¹¹ Updated in accordance with decision 16/2.

¹² Conducted in conjunction with the evaluation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development (decision [15/8](#), para. 16 (i)) and other mechanisms adopted by the Conference of the Parties to support the means of implementation.

¹³ Decisions 15/7, para. 46, and 16/--.