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Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review

Procedures for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Note by the Secretariat

I. Elements of the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

1. The global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework will be undertaken by the Conference of the Parties with support and inputs from the subsidiary bodies. It will be conducted on the basis of the elements described below:

(a) *Global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets.* The global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans to assess national contributions towards the implementation of the Framework, to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting and at each of its subsequent meetings (decision [15/6](#), paras. 1 (c) and 15), would be a key element of the global review. An initial report on the national biodiversity strategies and action plans is provided in document CBD/SBI/4/2. A global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets, will be prepared for future meetings of the Subsidiary Body and the Conference of the Parties;

(b) *Outputs of the Open-ended Forum for Voluntary Country Review conducted under the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.* In decision 15/6, the Conference of the Parties decided to further develop and pilot an open-ended forum for voluntary country review under the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (paras. 1 (f) and 29 (c)). A draft modus operandi for the Open-ended Forum for Voluntary Country Review is presented in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.1. The Open-ended Forum for Voluntary Country Review will review implementation-related successes and challenges, including those related to the means of implementation;

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

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the Framework could provide a summary of the status and trends of biodiversity based on scientific and technical assessments, and of collective progress based on actions and outcomes reported by Parties in their national reports;¹

(d) *Relevant recommendations prepared by the subsidiary bodies and working groups under the Convention.* Recommendations of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, or its successor, including recommendations related to means of implementation, would be inputs for the global review by the Conference of the Parties. In addition, the subsidiary bodies could integrate outcomes from elements described in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) directly above in various recommendations;

(e) *High-level discussions among Parties under the auspices of the Presidencies of the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties.* The Conference of the Parties has invited Parties hosting its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings to consider organizing a high-level discussion on the review of progress towards the implementation of the Framework (decision 15/6, para. 21). These discussions would be convened in the context of the high-level segment of the meetings and could be instrumental in building political support for decisions related to enhancing implementation of the Framework.

2. The outcomes of the global review would inform decisions by the Conference of the Parties. This would include guidance that could be used by Parties to take action in line with paragraph 20 of decision 15/6 and paragraphs 17 and 21 of the annex to decision [15/4](#), regarding considerations on improving actions and efforts through future revisions and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including the provision of means of implementation to developing country Parties, with a view to improving actions and efforts, as appropriate.

II. Conduct and oversight of the global review

3. Initiated by a decision of the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting, the preparatory process for the global review, to be conducted at its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings, would be placed under the authority of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation would guide and provide overall oversight across all elements of the global review. It would facilitate the Open-ended Forum for Voluntary Country Review and would conduct a review of implementation as a standing item in its agenda. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice would ensure scientific, technical and technological rigour, in particular of the global report on collective progress. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, or its successor, would provide advice appropriate to the scope of its mandate. To ensure Party leadership throughout the process, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice would be supported by, respectively, an advisory committee and an ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group.

4. An advisory committee for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, composed of a regionally representative and gender balanced group of experts nominated by Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, major stakeholder groups and relevant organizations, would be established to work under the authority of the Subsidiary Body on

¹ The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its twenty-fifth meeting, recommended that a global report, focused primarily on assessing progress in the implementation of the Framework, should be an element of the global review (recommendation 25/2). The Subsidiary Body recommended key elements to be contained in the structure of the report, the sources of information to be drawn upon and other important parameters for guiding its preparation. In that recommendation, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation provided elements of a draft decision to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

Implementation to guide the process of the global review. A draft for its terms of reference is included in annex III to the draft decision contained in section III of document CBD/SBI/4/4. The advisory committee would:

- (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 of the preparation of the global report on collective progress;
- (c) Oversee the processes established for voluntary country reviews, which include the Open-ended Forum conducted under the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the voluntary peer reviews, ensuring that they 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.

5. In addition, an ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group, whose terms of reference were set out in the annex to recommendation 25/2 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, would be established to oversee the collection, analysis and synthesis of scientific, technical and technological inputs for the global report.²

6. Concerning their respective roles in relation to the global report, the advisory committee would define the policy needs for the report, while the ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group would provide guidance on its scientific, technical and technological aspects. The meetings of the two groups could be organized back to back and joint meetings could be held as necessary. The co-chairs of the two groups would coordinate their work and share information.

III. Timeline, resource and logistical requirements

7. The national reports submitted by Parties will be a key input to the global review, including to the global report on collective progress in implementation. The deadline for the submission of the seventh national report and the national reports under the Protocols is 28 February 2026, approximately eight months before the likely scheduling of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. This will impose a tight schedule on aspects of the process informed by the national reports, in particular on the preparation of the global report.

8. Two rounds of peer review of the global report are envisaged: an early technical review and a governmental and technical review held concurrently with the review by the subsidiary bodies. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice would focus on reviewing the scientific, technical and technological aspects of the report, while the Subsidiary Body on Implementation would review the full draft. To enable this, it is observed that meetings of the subsidiary bodies would need to be held in June or July 2026.

9. An indicative timeline for the preparation of the global review is provided in table 1 and a cost estimate is provided in table 2.

² The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its twenty-fifth meeting, recommended that the preparation of the global report be supported by an ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group to oversee the collection, analysis and synthesis of scientific, technical and technological inputs for the report. The Subsidiary Body included draft terms of reference for the advisory group in its recommendation 25/2.

Table 1

Indicative timeline for the preparation of the global review and the global report on collective progress¹

<i>Step/element</i>	<i>Scenario 1 (Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in June 2026)</i>	<i>Scenario 2 (Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in July 2026)</i>
Establishment of advisory committee on review of progress and ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group	February 2025	February 2025
Virtual kick-off meeting of advisory committee on review of progress and ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group (virtual)	April 2025	April 2025
Annotated outline of the global report made available	July 2025	July 2025
Regional dialogues on preparation of national reports	March–November 2025	March–November 2025
Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice provides advice on scientific inputs to the report¹	October/November 2025	October/November 2025
Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8 (j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity provides advice on traditional knowledge inputs to the report	October/November 2025	October/November 2025
Preparation of zero draft of the global report (sects. 1 and 2, with extended outlines of sects. 3, 4, 5 and 6)	January–February 2026	January–February 2026
Deadline for submission of seventh national reports ²	28 February 2026	28 February 2026
First in-person meeting of advisory committee on review of progress and ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group to review zero draft and guide preparation of first draft	10 and 11 March 2026	10 and 11 March 2026
Preparation of first draft of the global report (sects. 1–6)	2–26 March 2026	2 March–11 April 2026
Technical review of first draft (first peer review)	30 March–12 April 2026	13 April–3 May 2026
Preparation of second draft of the global report (all sections)	13 April–8 May 2026	4 May–5 June 2026
Virtual meeting of the ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group to preview second draft	29 April 2026	26 May 2026
Publication of the working document for Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and Subsidiary Body on Implementation	11 May 2026	8 June 2026
Governmental and technical review of the second draft (second peer review)	25 May–10 July 2026	29 June–7 August 2026
Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice reviews technical aspects of the second draft¹	22–27 June 2026	20–25 July 2026
Subsidiary Body on Implementation reviews the second draft¹	29 June–4 July 2026	27–31 July 2026
Finalization of the report	6 July–28 August 2026	3–28 August 2026
Second in-person meeting of ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group to prepare the final report	18 and 19 August 2026	18 and 19 August 2026
Report submitted for translation	31 August 2026	31 August 2026
Summary for policymakers made available to Parties and observers	7 September 2026	7 September 2026
Full report made available to Parties and observers	21 September 2026	21 September 2026

Publication of the report	19 October 2026	19 October 2026
Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties undertakes global review¹	19–31 October 2026	19–31 October 2026

¹ Subject to a decision by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting on the budget for the integrated programme of work of the Secretariat for the biennium 2025–2026 and to arrangements for the scheduling of the intersessional meetings and the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

² Inputs received after the deadline will not be included in the global report.

Table 2

Cost estimate for the preparation of the global report on collective progress and other aspects of the global review of progress to be conducted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting

(Thousands of United States dollars)

<i>Expenditure type</i>	<i>Item</i>	2025	2026	<i>Total</i>
Support for drafting of the report	Compilation of information and elaboration of biodiversity trends	100	100	200
	Drafting and editing, science editor	–	200	200
Report production and communication	Maps, graphs and figures	–	50	50
	Development of online version compatible with different devices (for example, telephone)	–	50	50
	Translation/adaptation and proofreading for the five remaining language versions	–	150	150
	Typesetting and graphic design (all products, all languages)	–	50	50
	Communications strategy development and implementation	10	90	100
Meetings of ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group	Two in-person meetings	35	35	70
Meetings of advisory committee on review of progress	Two in-person meetings	35	35	70
Total costs	Subtotal			870
	Programme support costs (13 per cent)			113
	Total			983