

**OVERVIEW OF THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK
DISCUSSION PAPER**

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INTRODUCTION

- In decision 14/34, COP adopted the process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- The process requires that an initial discussion document summarizing and analysing the initial views of Parties and observers is made available in January 2019. The document will be further developed drawing on the subsequent comments on it by Parties, observers and stakeholders
- This document draws upon relevant decisions and recommendations adopted by the Convention, its Protocols and its Subsidiary Bodies; and the submissions made by Parties in response to recommendation 2/19 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation
- The document has a set of discussion questions which Parties and observers may wish to consider when providing further views on the scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

OBJECTIVES OF THE DISCUSSION PAPER

- To support the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- To support the ongoing consultation process.

RELEVANT DECISIONS FOR POST2020 PROCESS

- **Decision 14/34** sets out the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. To guide the process.
- The Decision further provides that the post-2020 framework should be accompanied by **an inspirational and motivating 2030 mission** as a stepping stone towards the **2050 Vision** “Living in harmony with nature”
- **Decision CP-9/7 of COPMOP** to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety sets out a process for developing a specific Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety as a follow-up to the Strategic Plan for the Protocol
- **Decision NP-3/15 of COPMOP** to the Nagoya Protocol on ABS invited Parties to the Protocol to participate in the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to undertake measures to enhance the implementation of the Protocol
- **Decision 14/34** requests the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, to provide recommendations concerning the potential role of TK and the contribution of **collective actions of IPLCs** to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,

RELEVANT DECISIONS FOR POST2020 PROCESS CONTINUED

- **Decision 14/20** establishes a science- and policy-based process on DSI on genetic resources with an extended Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG). The OEWG on post-2020 will consider the outcomes of the AHTEG and make recommendations on how to address DSI on genetic resources in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- **Decision 14/22** affirms that resource mobilization will be an integral part of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- **Decision 14/23** with respect post-2020 the focus is GEF support for implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in its first two years;
- **Decision 14/24** deals with organization of regional and stakeholder-specific consultative workshops and online discussion forums,
- **Decision 14/3** establishes an **Informal Advisory Group on Mainstreaming of Biodiversity**, to advise on ways to integrate mainstreaming adequately into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework,
- **Decision 14/30** of COP deals exploring ways in which the biodiversity related conventions can contribute to the elaboration of the post-2020 framework and identify specific elements that could be included in the framework;
- **Decision 14/1** -use of the regional assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services and other outputs of the IPBES in the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

SUMMARY OF SYNTHESIS OF SUBMISSIONS

The post-2020 global biodiversity framework:

- needs to be **commensurate with the challenges** of fostering the **transformational change** required to **addressing biodiversity loss** and achieve the 2050 Vision;
- should serve as a **universal framework** for action on biodiversity;
- should serve to **raise the profile of current biodiversity challenge**, engage attention at a high political level and mobilize action from all stakeholders;
- **not be less ambitious** than the current Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development or any other biodiversity-related plan or framework adopted under a multilateral environmental agreement;
- should **build** from the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;
- should **link to and support**, in a **coherent and synergistic manner**, other frameworks and processes which have a direct bearing on biodiversity, in particular the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change**, and other relevant processes adopted by the biodiversity related conventions;

SUMMARY OF SYNTHESIS OF SUBMISSIONS CONTINUED

- needs to **address the three objectives of the Convention** in a balanced way as well as reflect issues related to access and benefit sharing and biosafety;
- The different **elements of the post-2020** global biodiversity framework should **be linked through a conceptual framework**
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- **The 2050 Vision** of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 of “Living in Harmony with Nature by 2050” **remains relevant** and should be a **part of the post-2020** global biodiversity framework.
- should contain **targets which are specific, measurable, ambitious, realistic and time-bound**. The **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** has been suggested as a useful model in this respect
- Indicators, building on those identified for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, should **be identified and developed in parallel to the development of the post-2020** global biodiversity framework;

SUMMARY OF SYNTHESIS OF SUBMISSIONS CONTINUED

- should foster **strong ownership** and support **concrete actions** and contributions for its **immediate implementation**
- should have a **focus on implementation and have an effective process for monitoring and an effective review process** to improve transparency and accountability.
- The **NBSAPS** should continue to be the **main instrument for implementing the convention and the post-2020** global biodiversity framework. However, **NBSAPS** need to be **strengthened**;
- should have a **coherent and comprehensive communication and outreach action plan** to promote awareness of, and **effective engagement in its implementation**.
- should **effectively incorporate gender** considerations and the perspectives of **IPLCS**;
- should have a focus on **mainstreaming biodiversity** within sectors and across society.
- **Gaps** in the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 should **be addressed in the post-2020** global biodiversity framework

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

The questions...

- not intended to be limiting or to prejudge the outcomes of the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- facilitate the submission of further views and discussions.

A.) setting stage and establishing the architecture

B.) core of the system

C.) enabling elements

D.) Others issues or ancillary elements

E.) support functions

Questions

A.) setting stage / establishing the architecture

Structure

What could constitute an effective structure for the framework?

What should its different elements be, and how should they be organised?

Ambition of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework

What would “ambitious” specifically mean?

2050 Vision

What, in real terms, does “Living in Harmony” with nature entail?

What are the implications of this for the scope and content of the framework ?

What actions are needed between now and 2050 to reach the 2050 Vision?

Mission

What would be the elements and content of an actionable 2030 mission statement?

Questions

B.) core of the system and how the framework should be structure

The Targets

- What does “SMART” targets mean in practical terms?
- How should the set of targets in the framework relate to existing Targets?
- How should the set of targets in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework align with other global targets, including those adopted under the 2030 SDG?

Voluntary commitments and contributions

- what form should voluntary commitments for biodiversity take and how should these relate to or be reflected in the framework?

Relationship between the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and other relevant processes

- How could the framework help to ensure coherence, integration and a holistic approach to biodiversity governance?

Questions

B.) core of the system and how the framework should be structure

Mainstreaming

How can the post-2020 global biodiversity framework incorporate or support the mainstreaming of biodiversity across society and economies at large?

Relationship with the current Strategic Plan

What are the lessons learned from the implementation of the current strategic plan? And how can the transition from the current decade to the post 2020 framework avoid further delays in implementation and where should additional attention be focused?

Indicators

What indicators, in addition to those already identified in decision XIII/28, are needed to monitor progress in the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework at the national, regional and global scales?

Questions

C.) Enabling elements

Implementation and NBSAPs

How could the effectiveness and implementation of the NBSAPs be strengthened ?

What additional mechanisms or tools, if any, are required to support implementation of the framework ?

How should these be reflected in the framework?

Resource mobilization

How should the framework address resource mobilization ?

What implications does this have for the scope and content of the framework?

Financial Mechanisms

How could the GEF support the timely provision of financial resources to assist ?

Review process

What additional mechanisms, if any, are required to support the review of implementation of the framework ?

How should these be integrated into the framework?

Questions

D.) Other issues or ancillary process

Integrating diverse perspective

- IPLC
 - Women and gender
- Subnational government, cities\civil society
- Youth
- Private sector

Questions

E.) Support functions

Communication

How should the framework address issues related to communication and awareness

How can the next two years be used to enhance and support the communication strategy?