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Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization First meeting

Kinshasa, 25–29 September 2023

Annotated provisional agenda

1. The Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization was established by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting (decision 15/7, para. 43). The Advisory Committee was assigned three main tasks, with a view to providing recommendations thereon to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting:

(a) To fully align the **strategy for resource mobilization**, adopted by the same decision, with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and to ensure that it will provide a solid basis to guide Parties and other actors towards the mobilization of adequate resources, commensurate with the ambition of the Framework (para. 40 of the decision);

(b) To **explore the current biodiversity finance landscape** with a view to assessing gaps and overlaps, and to identifying opportunities to strengthen, simplify and reform existing instruments to strengthen the current finance landscape for biodiversity (para. 41 of the decision);

(c) To **explore proposals for a global instrument on biodiversity finance** to mobilize resources from all sources, commensurate to the ambition of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, based on the assessment made and the gaps identified (para. 42 of the decision).

2. The Executive Secretary was requested to support the work of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization (decision 15/7, para. 47). The terms of reference for the Advisory Committee further elaborate that the Committee will conduct its work both electronically and, subject to the availability of resources, physically, meeting at least twice during the intersessional period before the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of Parties.

3. An online preparatory meeting of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization was held on 5 September. Participants in the meeting:

(a) Heard a presentation by the Secretariat providing an overview of the mandate of the Advisory Committee and on preparatory activities already undertaken;

(b) Reviewed and commented on the proposed workplan for the Advisory Committee and on the proposed table of content for the exploratory study on the global biodiversity finance landscape;

(c) Elected Ines Verleye (Belgium) and Patrick Luna (Brazil) as Co-Chairs of the Advisory Committee.

4. Based on comments received, the Secretariat has prepared the preliminary agenda for the upcoming in-person meeting of the Committee. The present meeting of the Advisory Committee will

be held in Kinshasa, from 25 to 29 September 2023, with the financial support of the European Union and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

5. The meeting will be held in English, with courtesy interpretation in French.

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

6. Welcoming remarks will be provided by the Minister of Environment of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ève Bazaiba, and by the Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, David Cooper.

7. The Co-Chairs of the Advisory Committee will present their opening remarks.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

8. Participants will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda for the meeting (CBD/RM/AC/2023/1/1).

(b) Organization of work

9. Participants will be invited to adopt the proposed organization of work (see annex I). The work will be conducted in plenary session.

10. The list of documents for the meeting is contained in annex II.

11. After addressing organizational matters, participants will be invited to briefly introduce themselves and express their expectations from the process.

12. The Minister of Environment of the Democratic Republic of the Congo will deliver a presentation.

Item 3

Strategy for resource mobilization

13. The Secretariat will introduce a document addressing the alignment and strengthening of the strategy for resource mobilization (CBD/RM/AC/2023/1/3). The Committee may wish to review the general approach suggested in that document, as a basis for further work. The Committee may wish to abstain from a substantial discussion as the document will be revisited and discussed further under agenda item 5 (b).

Item 4

Exploration of the biodiversity finance landscape

14. The Secretariat will present updated work on the exploratory study on the global biodiversity finance landscape as contained in document (CBD/RM/AC/2023/1/2), taking into account the comments received from the Committee at its preparatory meeting.

15. The Secretariat will provide a brief overview on the preparations for the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources.

16. A representative of the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility will provide an update on the establishment of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Fund, and provide updates on work undertaken pursuant to specific requests related to the Global Environment Facility contained in decision 15/7.

(a) International public and private finance

17. Some Committee members representing international financial institutions, donor and recipient countries, as well as stakeholder organizations, including the private sector, will be invited to provide short kick-off presentations, sharing their perspectives on the current state of international public and private finance for biodiversity.

18. During the subsequent open discussion, all members of the Advisory Committee are encouraged to participate actively and share their perspectives.

(b) Domestic public and private finance

19. A representative of the United Nations Development Programme BIOFIN programme will provide an update of its work to support the development of national finance plans with a view to mobilizing domestic public and private finance.

20. Some Committee members, representing donor and recipient countries, as well as stakeholder organizations, including the private sector, will be invited to provide short kick-off presentations, sharing their perspectives on the current state of domestic public and private finance for biodiversity.

21. In the open exchange, Committee members will be invited to share their perspectives on mobilizing domestic finance.

(c) Identifying gaps and overlaps within the current biodiversity financing landscape

22. Based on the earlier exchanges, Committee members will be invited to share their initial thinking on gaps and overlaps that exist within the present biodiversity financing landscape, on how to determine the priority gaps that require immediate attention, and on approaches to effectively address these identified gaps and overlaps.

(d) Opportunities for improving existing instruments, funds and frameworks, as well as their coherence, coordination and synergies

23. Based on the previous discussion, Committee members will be invited to share their initial thinking on how to improve existing instruments, funds, and frameworks, as well as on how to enhance the effectiveness and coordination of current mechanisms.

Item 5

Exploration of proposals for a global instrument for biodiversity finance

24. Committee members will be invited to share their initial perspectives and ideas on how to approach the three questions on the global instrument on biodiversity finance, as contained in annex II to decision 15/7.

Item 6

Considerations for further work

(a) Aligning and strengthening the strategy for resource mobilization

25. Based on document CBD/RM/AC/2023/1/3 and the exchanges under agenda items 3 and 4, the Committee will be invited to discuss how to further advance the work on aligning and strengthening the strategy for resource mobilization.

(b) Exploratory study of the global biodiversity finance landscape

26. Based on the scoping document provided by the Secretariat (CBD/RM/AC/2023/1/2) and the exchanges under agenda item 4, the Committee will be invited to discuss how to further advance the work on the exploration of the global biodiversity finance landscape.

(c) Global instrument for biodiversity finance

27. Based on the initial discussion under agenda item 5, the Committee may wish to discuss how to further address, in its future work, the three questions on the global instrument on biodiversity finance, as contained in annex II to decision 15/7.

Item 7

Workplan of the Advisory Committee

28. The Advisory Committee may wish to discuss and agree on the modalities for undertaking the remaining work of the Committee.

Item 8

Closure of the meeting

29. Closing remarks will be provided by the Minister of the Environment of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and by the Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention.

30. The meeting is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 28 September 2023.

Annex I**Provisional organization of work**

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Meeting activities</i>
Monday, 25 September 2023	
8–9 a.m.	Registration
9–11 a.m.	<p>Item 1. Opening of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by the Minister of the Environment of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ève Bazaiba • Opening remarks by the Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, David Cooper • Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs of the Advisory Committee on resource mobilization, Ines Verleye and Patrick Luna
11–11.30 a.m.	Coffee/tea break
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Item 2. Organizational matters</p> <p>(a) Adoption of the agenda (b) Organization of work</p>
	<i>Introduction of participants and their expectations</i>
	<i>Presentation by the Minister of Environment of the Democratic Republic of the Congo</i>
	Item 3. Strategy for resource mobilization
1–2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30–4 p.m.	<p>Item 4. Exploration of the existing biodiversity finance landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on the exploration of the global biodiversity finance landscape (document CBD/RM/AC/2023/1/2) • Presentation by the Secretariat on the preparations for the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources • Presentation by the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility on progress with regard to work undertaken pursuant to specific requests related to the Facility
4–4.30 p.m.	Coffee/tea break
4.30–6 p.m.	<p>Item 4 (a). International public and private finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiences and perspectives from international finance institutions on multilateral and bilateral international finance for biodiversity: kick-off presentations by Committee members from the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation • Open exchange

7.30–10 p.m.	Dinner (sponsored by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo)
Tuesday, 26 September 2023	
9–10.30 a.m.	<p>Item 4 (a) (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences and perspectives from donor and recipient countries on multilateral and bilateral international finance for biodiversity: kick-off presentations by Committee members from a donor and a recipient country Open exchange
10.30–11 a.m.	Coffee/tea break
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	<p>Item 4 (a) (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences and perspectives from the private sector and stakeholder organizations on multilateral and bilateral international finance for biodiversity Presentation on the recent launch of the Nature-related Financial Disclosure Framework Open exchange and wrap-up discussion
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch
2–3.30 p.m.	<p>Item 4 (b). Domestic public and private finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by UNDP BIOFIN Experiences and perspectives from donor countries and recipient countries on mobilizing domestic finance. Open exchange
3.30–4 p.m.	Coffee/tea break
4–5.30 p.m.	<p>Item 4 (b) (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiences and perspectives on mobilizing domestic finance from stakeholder organizations, including the private sector Open exchange and wrap-up discussion
Wednesday, 27 September 2023	
9 a.m.–10.30 p.m.	<p>Item 4 (c). Identifying gaps and overlaps within the current biodiversity financing landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary presentation by the Co-Chairs on the perspectives heard in the earlier sessions Plenary discussion with a view to (tentatively) identifying existing gaps and overlaps in biodiversity finance
10.30–11 a.m.	Coffee/tea break
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	<p>Item 4 (d). Opportunities for improving existing instruments, funds, and frameworks, as well as their coherence, coordination, and synergies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary presentation by the Co-Chairs on the perspectives heard in the earlier sessions Plenary discussion with a view to (tentatively) identifying opportunities for improving existing instruments, funds, and

	frameworks, as well as their coherence, coordination, and synergies
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch
2–3.30 p.m.	<p>Item 5. Exploration of proposals of a global instrument for biodiversity finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members will share their initial perspectives and ideas on how to approach the three questions on the global instrument on biodiversity finance, as provided in annex II to decision 15/7
3.30–4 p.m.	Coffee/tea break
4–5.30 p.m.	<p>Item 6. Considerations for further work</p> <p>Item 6 (a). Aligning and strengthening the strategy for resource mobilization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on how to further advance the work on the alignment and strengthening of the strategy for resource mobilization, based on document CBD/RM/AC/2023/1/3 and the discussions held under items 3 and 4.
Thursday, 28 September 2023	
9–10.30 a.m.	<p>Item 6 (b). Exploratory study of the global biodiversity finance landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on how to further advance the work on the exploration of the global biodiversity finance landscape, based on document CBD/RM/AC/2023/1/2 and the discussions held under agenda item 4.
10.30–11 a.m.	Coffee/tea break
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	<p>Item 6 (c). Global instrument for biodiversity finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on how to further advance the work on the three questions on the global instrument on biodiversity finance, as provided in annex II to decision 15/7, based on discussions held under item 5.
12.30–2 p.m.	Lunch
2–3.30 p.m.	<p>Item 7. Workplan of the Advisory Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee may wish to discuss and agree on the working modalities for its remaining work
3.30–4 p.m.	Coffee/tea break
4–5 p.m.	<p>Item 8. Closure of the meeting</p> <p>Closing remarks by the Minister of the Environment of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Co-Chairs of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization.</p>
Friday, 29 September 2023	
Excursion	Please refer to the information note for participants for further details.

Annex II

List of documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
Working documents	
CBD/RM/AC/2023/1/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/RM/AC/2023/1/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
CBD/RM/AC/2023/1/2	Scoping the exploration of the global biodiversity finance landscape
CBD/RM/AC/2023/1/3	Aligning and strengthening of the strategy for resource mobilization
Reference material	
Decision 15/4, annex	Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
Decision 15/7	Resource mobilization
Decision 15/9	Digital sequence information on genetic resources
