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**Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation
of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
and matters related to the work programme of the
Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity
and Ecosystem Services: strategic review and analysis of the
programmes of work under the Convention on Biological
Diversity in the context of the Framework**

Approach and methodology for the strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention in the context of the Framework

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In paragraph 8 of its decision [15/4](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework should be used as a strategic plan for the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, its bodies and its Secretariat over the period 2022–2030 and that, in that regard, the Framework should be used to better align and direct the work of the various bodies of the Convention and its Protocols, its Secretariat and its budget according to the goals and targets of the Framework.
2. In paragraph 2 of its decision [15/33](#), the Conference of the Parties 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.
3. In paragraph 9 of decision [15/4](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to conduct a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work of the Convention in the context of the Framework to facilitate its implementation, and, on the basis of that analysis, to prepare draft updates of those programmes of work for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as appropriate.
4. In response to paragraph 9 of decision [15/4](#), the Secretariat prepared document [CBD/SBSTTA/25/4](#), which included the results of an initial rapid analysis of the programmes of work of the Convention in the context of the Framework. The full rapid analysis is contained in information document [CBD/SBSTTA/25/INF/1](#).

* [CBD/COP/17/1/Rev.1](#).

5. On the basis of that and other information, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, at its twenty-fifth meeting, adopted recommendation [25/3](#), in which it requested that the Executive Secretary: (a) undertake a comprehensive review and analysis of existing tools and guidance that could support the implementation of the targets and other elements of the Framework; (b) compile views and information submitted as inputs for undertaking the comprehensive review and analysis; (c) identify gaps and redundancies, with a view to addressing those gaps and potential needs for updates; and (d) on the basis of the analysis carried out, prepare technical advice, including, if appropriate, recommendations for the adjustment of work undertaken under the Convention.
6. In response to that recommendation, the Secretariat prepared document [CBD/SBSTTA/26/3](#), in which it identified overarching scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Framework and their implications for the work of the Convention. A full gap and needs analysis for the Framework and the ways in which the existing programmes of work and cross-cutting issues supported the Framework were also provided in document [CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/15](#).
7. In subparagraph 1 (a) of its decision [16/12](#), the Conference of the Parties recognized that the programmes of work and cross-cutting work of the Convention remained important tools to support the implementation of the Framework, although some programmes of work might need to be updated. In subparagraph 4 (e) of the same decision, it requested the Secretariat to conduct a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work of the Convention in the context of the Framework to facilitate its implementation, to prepare draft updates of the programmes of work on the basis of the analysis, taking into account documents prepared for the twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice related to that work, and to submit them for consideration by the Subsidiary Body at a meeting held before the present meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
8. In paragraph 1 of its recommendation [27/4](#), the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice requested the Executive Secretary, further to the requests by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 9 of decision [15/4](#) and subparagraph 4 (e) of decision [16/12](#), to propose a systematic approach, timeline and schedule of review and potential updating for the programmes of work under the Convention, demonstrating their alignment with the Framework, identifying efficiencies and improving consistency in their implementation, using consistent evaluation methodology, to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration, with a view to addressing the issue at the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in the context of the multi-year programme of work.
9. The present note contains the proposed systematic approach, timeline and schedule for the review and potential updating for the programmes of work under the Convention. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties considered the proposed approach, timeline and schedule on 16 April 2026 and decided not to add the item to the agenda of the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.
10. The present note has been prepared in response to paragraph 1 of recommendation [27/4](#). It is not intended to lead to any revision of or amendment to the draft decision contained in paragraph 2 of that recommendation.

II. Scope of the review and approach

11. Strategic reviews and analyses will be undertaken for the following programmes of work:
 - (a) Agricultural biodiversity;
 - (b) Inland waters biodiversity;
 - (c) Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity;
 - (d) Mountain biodiversity.

III. Evaluation methodology for a systemic approach

12. On the basis of the experience gained through the strategic reviews and analyses of the programmes of work on marine and coastal biodiversity and island biodiversity,¹ forest biodiversity² and protected areas,³ the Secretariat proposes the following approach and methodology for the strategic reviews and analyses of the programmes of work that have not yet been reviewed.

13. The status of implementation of the programmes of work will not be analysed. Rather, the strategic reviews and analyses will be focused on the extent to which the elements of the programmes of work and subsequent decisions of the Conference of the Parties address the targets of the Framework and on the identification of any significant gaps and areas in need of further work.

14. In line with the approach taken in previous strategic reviews and analyses of other programmes of work, it is recommended that the methodology for the strategic reviews and analysis of each of the programmes of work to be reviewed consist of the steps outlined in sections III A to E below.

A. Compilation and review of relevant documents and information

15. Information and documents related to the programme of work will be compiled, including:

- (a) Original adopted programmes of work, as well as any subsequent updates to the programmes of work adopted by the Conference of the Parties;
- (b) Any subsequent decisions of the Conference of the Parties that directly address either the programme of work or important elements of the programme of work;
- (c) Documents emerging from any previous reviews of the programme of work.

B. Assessment against the elements of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

16. The review and analysis will include a target-by-target analysis of the extent of the alignment of the programmes of work with the Framework by considering the ways in which the principal issues are addressed either explicitly or implicitly in the respective programme of work.

17. Whether those principal issues are reflected in the programme of work, including related decisions of the Conference of the Parties, will then be identified as part of the analysis.

C. Identification of gaps and areas in need of further work

18. For the principal issues that are either insufficiently addressed or are not addressed at all, analysis will be undertaken to review whether they are addressed more directly and appropriately under (a) other streams of work under the Convention or (b) the work of other competent intergovernmental bodies or processes.

19. The principal issues reflected in the targets of the Framework for the respective area that are not addressed in either other streams of work under the Convention or the work of other competent intergovernmental bodies or processes above will then be listed as potential gaps in the programme of work.

D. Peer review and refinement

20. The draft strategic review and analysis and the list of gaps and areas in need of further work will be made available for peer review through a notification. Input received in response to the notification will be used to further refine the list of gaps and areas in need of further work before

¹ See documents [CBD/SBSTTA/26/7](#), [CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/9/Rev.1](#) and [CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/10](#) and decision [16/17](#).

² See documents [CBD/SBSTTA/27/3/Add.2](#) and [CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/9](#) and recommendation [27/5](#) of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

³ See documents [CBD/SBSTTA/28/6/Rev.1](#) and [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/3](#) and recommendation [28/5](#) of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

those gaps and areas are made available to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

E. Consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Conference of the Parties

21. The list of gaps and areas in need of further work will be made available to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for their consideration, before consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

IV. Timeline and schedule for the review of the programmes of work

22. With a view to limiting the number of agenda items at meetings of the Subsidiary Bodies and the Conference of the Parties, and with the aim of reviewing all programmes of work under the Convention by 2030, and considering the need for human resources, the Secretariat recommends that a maximum of two programmes of work be reviewed during one intersessional period, subject to the availability of financial resources. A tentative timeline is provided in the table below.

Tentative timeline

<i>Programme of work</i>	<i>Intersessional period and meeting of the Conference of the Parties</i>
Mountain biodiversity	2027–2028, for the eighteenth meeting
Inland waters biodiversity	2027–2028, for the eighteenth meeting
Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity	2029–2030, for the nineteenth meeting
Agricultural biodiversity	2029–2030, for the nineteenth meeting