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**Mechanisms for planning,
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Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be conducted at the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties*

Draft decision submitted by the President

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 6, 23 and 26 of the Convention on Biological Diversity,¹

Recalling also its decisions [VI/25](#) of 19 April 2002, [VIII/7](#) of 31 March 2006, [X/4](#) of 29 October 2010, [XII/2](#) of 17 October 2014 and [15/3](#), [15/5](#), [15/6](#) and [15/11](#) of 10 December 2022 concerning the findings of the five editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the two editions of the *Local Biodiversity Outlook*,

Recalling further its decisions [XIII/25](#) of 9 December 2016 and [14/29](#) of 29 November 2018,

Recalling that, in accordance with decision [15/6](#), the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review will be undertaken in a facilitative, non-intrusive and non-punitive manner, respecting national sovereignty and avoiding placing undue burden on Parties, in particular developing countries,

Recalling also that, pursuant to paragraph 2 of decision [15/6](#), the Conference of the Parties will consider and provide any recommendations, as necessary, at its meetings, with a view to achieving the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,²

Recalling further that, pursuant to paragraph 20 of decision [15/6](#), Parties may take the outcome of the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework into account in future revisions and in the implementation of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans,

* The present document was originally issued without formal editing on 1 November 2024.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² Decision 15/4, annex.

including the provision of means of implementation to developing country Parties, with a view to improving actions and efforts, as appropriate,

Noting that the implementation by Parties of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review will contribute to the effective implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and the Framework,

Noting with appreciation the work conducted by the Executive Secretary to further develop the online reporting tool with functionalities for the submission of national targets aligned with the Framework and the submission of national reports,

Underscoring the critical importance of scientific, technical and technological inputs, including from traditional knowledge, for all elements of the global review,

Recognizing the contributions of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as well as the role of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in reviewing their findings, and noting the role of the *Global Environment Outlook* and other major international scientific assessments in improving global biodiversity knowledge and information,

Recognizing also the role of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in providing advice on relevant scientific, technical and technological matters, including traditional knowledge, for the global review,

Recalling its request to Parties in paragraph 13 of decision [15/6](#) that they use headline indicators and, as appropriate, other indicators in their national reports,

Welcoming the decision of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at its tenth session to undertake a fast-track methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people by 2026, a fast-track methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity by 2027 and a scoping process for a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services by 2024, with a view to producing the second global assessment in 2028, as part of its rolling work programme up to 2030,³

Stressing the importance of the aforementioned rolling work programme for the global review, in particular the importance of the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for the review to be conducted by the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth meeting,

Recalling that Parties are requested to submit their seventh national reports by 28 February 2026 and their eighth national reports by 30 June 2029,

1. *Endorses* the revisions to the national reporting template for the seventh and eighth national reports, as contained in annex I to the present decision;

2. *Encourages* Parties to collaborate, where appropriate, with other reporting processes, such as those under the Sustainable Development Goals and relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including by using, on a voluntary basis, the Data Reporting Tool for Multilateral Environmental Agreements or other modular data reporting tools;

Commitments by actors other than national Governments

3. *Adopts* the core reporting elements for commitments by actors other than national Governments⁴ contained in annex II to the present decision;

4. *Recalls* its invitation to actors other than national Governments, in paragraph 26 of decision [15/6](#), to develop and share, on a voluntary basis, commitments contributing to national biodiversity strategies and action plans and to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity

³ Decision IPBES-10/1.

⁴ See decision [15/6](#), paragraph 26, for the full list of actors other than national Governments.

Framework, and invites those actors to be guided by the general principles and the core reporting elements of the template contained in annex II to the present decision;⁵

Open-ended forum or regional or interregional dialogue

5. *Takes note* of the views shared by Parties and the summary by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation of the pilot open-ended forum for voluntary country review of implementation conducted at the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body;⁶

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

6. *Reiterates* its decision in paragraph 16 of decision [15/6](#) to conduct a global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework at its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings;

7. *Decides* that the global review will culminate in a decision or decisions by the Conference of the Parties, including, as necessary, any recommendations to identify and address challenges in collective progress in implementation, including on the means of implementation, in particular for developing country Parties, with a view to achieving the goals and targets of the Framework;

8. *Also decides* that the global review should be focused on assessing collective progress and that it will be undertaken in a facilitative, non-intrusive and non-punitive manner, respecting national sovereignty and avoiding placing an undue burden on Parties, in particular developing countries, with no focus on individual Parties and respecting their policy space;

9. *Further decides* that the global review is a Party-driven process conducted in a comprehensive, facilitative, efficient, inclusive and transparent manner, avoiding duplication of work, at all its stages, including when preparing the global report;

10. *Decides* that, in order to support the effective and equitable participation of Parties, all inputs should be made fully accessible, including online;

Design of the global review

11. *Decides* that the global review, including of the means of implementation, will be primarily based on:

- (a) National reports;
- (b) A global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework;

12. *Also decides* that the global review will also draw upon relevant recommendations of the subsidiary bodies and working groups⁷ and, as relevant, the outcomes of the informal technical dialogue referred to in subparagraph 24 (h) below, the outcomes of the subregional or regional dialogues and the possible interregional dialogue referred to in subparagraph 24 (e) below, and the global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans described in subparagraph 1 (c) of decision [15/6](#);

Global report

13. *Decides* that the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be considered in the global report in a balanced manner, as reflected in the Framework;

⁵ No data, information, projects or reports published by the Secretariat of the Convention shall be relied on as a basis for asserting or denying any claims with regard to sovereignty, sovereign rights or jurisdiction, including in respect of any disputes relating thereto.

⁶ CBD/SBI/5/4, sect. II, annex.

⁷ As established by the Conference of the Parties.

14. *Also decides* that specific challenges to the implementation of the Framework, especially for developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, will be considered throughout the global report;

15. *Emphasizes* that the global report should draw upon data and information provided by Parties and the best available peer-reviewed scientific, technical and technological information, as well as traditional knowledge given access to with the free, prior and informed consent of indigenous people and local communities;

16. *Also emphasizes* the need to ensure balance, transparency and inclusivity in the preparation of the global report at all its stages;

17. *Decides* that the global report will be focused primarily on assessing progress in the implementation of the Framework and contain the following structural elements:

- (a) An introduction to the report and the Framework;
- (b) A concise scientific and technical synthesis of the status of, and trends in, biodiversity;
- (c) A review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, including a target-by-target assessment of progress towards the 23 targets, the 2030 mission and other elements of the Framework, including its sections C, I, J and K;
- (d) A dedicated section on the provision of means of implementation consistent with the Framework;
- (e) An analysis of progress towards the goals of the Framework and the 2050 vision;
- (f) A concise compilation of examples of contributions of relevant multilateral environmental agreements towards the implementation of the Framework, in line with their respective mandates;
- (g) A conclusion that summarizes the relevant key messages and content of the report;

18. *Also decides* that the following sources of information should be drawn upon when preparing the global report:

- (a) As the primary source, national reports submitted in compliance with Article 26 of the Convention and in line with decision [15/6](#);
- (b) The analysis of the usage of the headline, binary, component and complementary indicators and of national indicators in national reports;⁸
- (c) The global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets provided pursuant to paragraph 15 of decision [15/6](#);
- (d) The five editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the two editions of the *Local Biodiversity Outlook* to date;
- (e) Assessments, reports and deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and other relevant intergovernmentally reviewed scientific assessments and reports, including those of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other science-policy platforms of the United Nations;
- (f) Relevant national, regional and international scientific and technical assessments, including subregional and regional assessments;

⁸ Conducted pursuant to paragraph 29 of decision 16/-- on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

(g) Reports on means of implementation, including those of the Council of the Global Environment Facility on progress in the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund;

(h) Other relevant scientific and technical peer-reviewed literature;

(i) Reports of the regional and subregional dialogues, as referred to in subparagraph 24 (e);

(j) Information on commitments by actors other than national Governments towards the Framework,⁹ including disaggregated information on contributions from indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth;

(k) Relevant information from the secretariats of biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, international organizations and processes, including reports submitted under related conventions and on the Sustainable Development Goals;

(l) Relevant traditional knowledge, innovations, practices and technology of indigenous peoples and local communities that are given access to with their free, prior and informed consent;

Governance for the global review

19. *Decides* that the global review, in particular with regard to paragraphs 6 to 12 above, will be a Party-led process guided by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, with support from its Bureau, informed by Party submissions and a peer review, as needed, followed by consideration by the Conference of the Parties;

20. *Takes note* of the indicative timeline for the global review, including for the preparation of the global report, contained in annex IV to the present decision,¹⁰

Governance for the global report

21. *Decides* to establish an ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group for the preparation of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, with a time-bound mandate until the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the terms of reference contained in annex III to the present decision, to provide scientific, technical and technological recommendations, including on traditional knowledge, for the preparation of the global report on the basis of the sources noted in paragraph 18;

22. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework will report to and support the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in providing scientific, technical and technological advice to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, which will guide the global review;

23. *Further decides* that the global report will be made available for peer review and review by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation before its submission to the Conference of the Parties;

Requests to the Executive Secretary

24. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To continue to support the implementation of guidance for national biodiversity strategies and action plans and for the seventh and eighth national reports, as adopted in decision [15/6](#), taking into account the reporting template contained in annex I to the present decision;

⁹ Pending adoption of paragraphs 3 and 4 of the present decision.

¹⁰ Owing to the fact that the present decision will only be considered in February 2025, the timeline for the global review has been updated.

(b) To continue to facilitate the voluntary use of modular tools for data reporting, such as the Data Reporting Tool for Multilateral Environmental Agreements;

(c) To continue to support capacity-building and the development of Parties in the use of the online reporting tool for both national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national reports;

(d) To further develop a mechanism for tracking the commitments of actors other than national Governments using the template contained in annex II to the present decision;

(e) To convene, under the guidance of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, subregional and/or regional dialogues, taking into account the experiences and lessons learned from the previous regional dialogues,¹¹ as well as a possible interregional dialogue, subject to the availability of resources, taking into account the experiences of the pilot open-ended forum convened at the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body;

(f) To support indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth in sharing information that they have developed to inform the global review;

(g) To continue to coordinate actions and collaborate with relevant partners in support of the implementation of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including in relation to the voluntary peer review;

(h) To facilitate, with the support of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group, an informal technical dialogue among Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth representatives, academia, the private and financial sectors, experts and other stakeholders on the scientific, technical and technological aspects of the global report and other relevant inputs to the global review, including the sharing of best practices, challenges, gaps and solutions;

25. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to facilitate the global review and provide to Parties regular updates on the preparation of the global report, including at meetings of the subsidiary bodies;

26. *Invites* Parties, other Governments and multilateral and bilateral agencies to support the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including the strengthening of national-level monitoring, in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Framework;

27. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to contribute to the global review, and in particular to the work of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group, in a manner fully respectful of their respective mandates.

Annex I

Template for the seventh and eighth national reports *

I. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report

Country name	
National authorities responsible for the preparation and submission of the report	

¹¹ See www.cbd.int/nbsap.

* The guidance and the template for the eighth national report may be adjusted, as necessary, building on the experiences gained and lessons learned in the preparation of the seventh national report.

Contact person	
Contact details	
<p>Briefly describe the process followed for the preparation of the present report. Responses may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination mechanisms and methodology for data collection and validation employed, if applicable, as well as key challenges encountered. • Consultations undertaken at various levels for preparing the present report, involving and engaging various stakeholders and taking into account national circumstances, including by using a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach. 	

II. Status of the revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

1.	Has your country revised or updated its national biodiversity strategy and action plan in alignment with the Framework?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In progress If the answer is “no” or “in progress”, please indicate the expected date of completion of the revision or updating of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan: _____
2.	Did your country involve and engage stakeholders in revising or updating its national biodiversity strategy and action plan?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If the answer is “yes”, please select among the following (drop-down menu): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Indigenous peoples and local communities <input type="radio"/> Women <input type="radio"/> Youth <input type="radio"/> Local and/or subnational government <input type="radio"/> Private sector <input type="radio"/> Other stakeholders
3.	Has your country’s revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan been adopted as a policy or a legal instrument, and/or integrated into other strategies?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the answer is “no” or “other”, please specify and indicate the expected date of adoption: _____

4.	<p>If the answer to question 3 is “yes”, indicate how your country’s revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan has been adopted.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Adopted through legislation or otherwise by parliament</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by the Council of Ministers, the Office of the President or of the Prime Minister, or an equivalent body</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by the Ministry of the Environment or another sectoral ministry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Integrated into the poverty reduction strategy, sustainable development strategy, national development plan or another related strategy or plan</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)</p> <hr/>
5.	<p>Briefly describe the national biodiversity monitoring system and how it tracks progress in the implementation of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan.</p>	<hr/>

III. Assessment of progress towards national targets

Please use the following template to report on progress in the implementation of your country’s national targets and revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan in alignment with the Framework. In cases where no national target is linked with one or more related global targets, it is suggested that countries report directly on progress contributing to the global targets.

<p>National target (pre-populated from the submission of national targets or from the text of the global target when a national target does not exist for that global target)</p>		
1.	<p>Briefly describe the main actions taken to implement the target</p>	
2.	<p>Indicate the current level of progress towards the target</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> On track to achieve target</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Progress made but at an insufficient rate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No significant progress</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Achieved</p>
3.	<p>Provide a summary of progress towards the target, including the main outcomes achieved</p> <p>Provide a summary of key challenges encountered and different approaches that may be taken for further implementation</p>	
4.	<p>Provide data on headline indicators used for assessing progress towards the target (pre-populated from the submission of national targets)¹²</p> <p><i>This section can be completed for targets with a headline indicator.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Use national data sets</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Use the data available from relevant global data sources provided</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No data available. Please explain why:</p> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant. Please explain why:</p> <hr/> <p><i>Parties that choose to use national data sets are requested to submit them in a tabular format</i></p>

¹² See the online reporting tool for an example of how the submission of data has been included in the tool.

		<p><i>and to specify the sources of data. Parties will submit data for each indicator once, even if the indicator is used for multiple goals and targets.</i></p> <p><i>Parties that choose to use globally or regionally available data sets will be provided with a tabular view of the data for the indicator.</i></p> <p><i>Parties that answer “no data available” are requested to briefly describe efforts under way to develop relevant indicators and data sets.</i></p> <p>Comments (optional): _____</p>
5.	<p>Respond to the questions for the binary indicator¹³</p> <p><i>This section applies to targets with a binary indicator only</i></p>	<p><i>The binary indicators and questions will be included on the basis of the list adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Parties will submit data for each binary indicator only once, even if the indicator is used for multiple goals and targets.</i></p> <p>Comments (optional): _____</p>
6.	<p>Provide data on component, complementary or other national indicators used for assessing progress towards the target (optional) (pre-populated from the submission of national targets)</p>	<p><i>Parties may wish to provide data and sources of information in a tabular format.</i></p> <p>Comments (optional): _____</p>
7.	<p>Provide examples or cases to illustrate the effectiveness of the actions taken to implement the target. Provide relevant hyperlinks or attach related materials or publications, as needed.</p>	
8.	<p>Briefly describe how the implementation of the target relates to progress in achieving the related Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets, and the implementation of other related agreements (optional)</p>	

IV. Assessment of national progress contributing to the goals of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

<i>2050 goals</i>	<i>Summary of national progress contributing to the global goals</i>	<i>Headline and binary indicators</i> <i>(pre-populated from the submission of national targets)</i>	<i>Component, complementary or other national indicators</i> <i>(pre-populated from the submission of national targets)</i>	<i>Source of data for indicators</i>
Goal ____		<i>(Relevant indicators will be provided for selection,</i>	<i>(Relevant indicators will be provided for selection, as</i>	

¹³ See decision 16/-- for the list of binary indicators.

		<i>as described in section III above)</i>	<i>described in section III above)</i> <i>For national indicators, countries may need to submit relevant national indicators in a tabular format.</i>	
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V. Conclusions on the national implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

In the present section, Parties are encouraged to provide a summary of the national implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Framework, including their main achievements and the major challenges encountered, in particular those related to capacity, technical, technological, institutional and financial gaps and constraints, and support provided for implementation. Parties may refer to cross-cutting challenges affecting the implementation of the Convention and the Framework or specific obstacles that have hindered progress. The challenges and obstacles may include lack of adequate financial, human and technical resources; difficulties regarding interministerial or inter-agency cooperation and coordination; lack of timely and reliable access to knowledge, information and data; lack of the scientific expertise needed to support project development and management; and lack of access to relevant technology for implementation. Parties should try to avoid duplication if such information is covered in the sections above.

Provide a summary assessment of the implementation of the Convention and the Framework, including all its sections, and the main achievements and the major challenges encountered and, where applicable, resolved, in particular those related to capacity, technical, technological, institutional and financial gaps and constraints, and support provided for implementation.

**Annex II
Communication of commitments by actors other than national Governments***

I. General principles for including commitments from actors other than national Governments in the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review

1. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework¹⁴ embraces a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, and its success relies on the action and cooperation of all actors in society. Actors other than national Governments are encouraged to communicate commitments, on a voluntary basis, towards the implementation of the Framework, with a particular focus on national targets, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, contributing, where appropriate, to global targets or to any other aspect of the Framework. The contributions of actors other than national Governments can have a positive effect on implementation and strengthen collaboration across all sectors of society. The submission of information on commitments from actors other than national

* The list of actors other than national Governments is provided in paragraph 26 of decision [15/6](#) and comprises indigenous peoples and local communities, subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, intergovernmental organizations, other multilateral environmental agreements, non-governmental organizations, women, youth, research organizations, the business and finance community and representatives of sectors related to or dependent on biodiversity.

¹⁴ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

Governments can make a valuable contribution to the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review and should be guided by the following considerations:

(a) Standardized guidelines and templates for communicating the commitments of actors other than national Governments may improve information-sharing and national reporting, as appropriate, and a global review. Communicating commitments for actors other than national Governments should be as simple as possible, while allowing them to demonstrate their contribution to the implementation of the Framework, with a particular focus on national targets, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, or both;

(b) The use of established and available metrics, including relevant indicators from the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,¹⁵ national targets and national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as appropriate, is highly recommended, whenever possible, as such metrics may provide information that can improve the monitoring of the Framework implementation, in particular when baselines are being established in relation to impacts on biodiversity and to demonstrate progress over time;

(c) In recognizing the diverse circumstances of actors other than national Governments, the proposed template will allow for some flexibility, while ensuring that relevant information about commitments is captured;

(d) The template is designed in such a way as to recognize that countries may have specific modalities to engage with actors other than national Governments in the revision or update of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets, and to include their contributions in those strategies and plans and in national reports.

2. Actors other than national Governments may communicate their commitments by using the standard template, or national focal points of the Convention on Biological Diversity who wish to do so could communicate the commitments on their behalf by uploading them to the online reporting tool of the clearing-house mechanism.¹⁶ Information will be shared with the relevant national focal points through an automated notification sent to Parties that wish to be informed of information shared on the portal.

3. National focal points who wish to do so will be able to view the commitments submitted by actors other than national Governments before publication, on a non-objection basis.¹⁷

4. Actors other than national Governments that submitted commitments or national focal points who communicated them on their behalf are encouraged to communicate progress towards achieving those commitments and upload them to the portal mentioned in paragraph 2, on a voluntary basis. They are also invited, when possible, to send them before the relevant deadlines set out in decision [15/6](#).

5. The commitments communicated by actors other than national Governments are made exclusively for the contributions to the objectives of the Convention and the implementation of the Framework, including its goals and targets, and they do not imply the recognition of the territorial sovereignty or the legal status of a State, a territory, an area or their authorities, where applicable.

¹⁵ Decision [15/5](#), annex I, and decision 16/--.

¹⁶ A designated section of the online reporting tool will be developed for that purpose.

¹⁷ The phrase non-objection basis means that all submissions from actors other than national Governments would be available for national focal points to review. After a period of four weeks, the submitted commitment would be published if the relevant national focal point has not objected, with the understanding that the commitment could be withdrawn from publication at any time if there is an objection.

II. Core reporting elements for commitments by actors other than national Governments

1. General information

6. Name of the organization or coalition (official name of the organization responsible for a single commitment or, if the commitment is collective, name of the coalition).
7. Website (web address of the lead organization or coalition, if available) (optional).
8. Contact person (full name, job title and email address of person responsible for the commitment, or the submission, within the organization or coalition).
9. Address (full address of lead organization, including city; state, province or territory; and country).
10. Geographical scope of organization or coalition (indicate whether the organization or coalition operates at the local, subnational, national, regional or multinational level and provide a list of locations whenever possible).
11. Type of organization (select all that apply): (a) academic and research; (b) business or industry; (c) financial institution; (d) indigenous peoples and local communities; (e) non-governmental organization; (f) philanthropic organization; (g) subnational or local government or authority; (h) women's organization; (i) youth organization; (j) other (please specify).

2. Commitment

12. Title of commitment.
13. Description of commitment, including:
 - (a) An overview of scope, and the actions proposed;
 - (b) Which direct and indirect drivers or enabling conditions of biodiversity loss the commitment will seek to address (optional).
14. Timeline of commitment (start and completion dates). Alternatively, indicate whether the commitment is open-ended and share information on plans for next steps.
15. Key performance indicators or other relevant indicators of measurable success (such as percentages, figures or other quantitative pieces of information, noting links with the indicators from the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and national targets, when applicable) (optional).
16. Endorsements (for example, in the case of a collective commitment by a coalition of organizations, if the commitment has been endorsed by the chief executive officers or governing bodies of the constituent organizations, including traditional authorities) (optional).
17. Goals and targets of the Framework, as well as national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and national targets, that the commitment is meant to contribute to, and any relevant headline indicators:
 - (a) Primary national or global target (selection of the single most relevant target or goal) and indicator;
 - (b) Other relevant targets and goals (multiple targets and goals are possible) and elements of the Framework (e.g. its section C) and indicator (optional).
18. Geographical coverage of the commitment (specific region, country or group of countries and biome or ecosystem, as relevant).
19. Funding to be used towards meeting the commitment (optional).
20. Is the funding sufficient for achieving the commitment? (Yes/no).

21. Sustainable Development Goals and multilateral environmental agreements and instruments to which the commitment contributes (optional).

22. Partners (name and location of other organizations involved in the commitment).

23. Is the commitment explicitly mentioned in any national biodiversity strategy and action plan? If yes, indicate in which country or countries.

3. Progress tracking

24. Will you report or provide information on Target 15 of the Framework? If yes, what and how?

25. Is progress towards the commitment tracked? If yes:

(a) What is the format (e.g. online or in a printed publication), frequency and public availability of progress tracking against the commitment;

(b) Provide a web address, if available (optional).

26. Potential ways to address challenges and opportunities in achieving effective implementation of the commitment and its contribution to the Framework, including its section C and its targets and goals, and other decisions (e.g. the Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030)).¹⁸ (optional)

Annex III

Terms of reference for the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

1. The Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework shall support the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the provision of scientific, technical and technological inputs for the preparation by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation of global reports on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, including on means of implementation.

2. The Advisory Group shall oversee and guide the compilation, analysis and synthesis of relevant scientific, technical and technological information for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in preparing the scientific and technical aspects of the global report, on the basis of the sources listed in paragraph 18 of the present decision. The Group is specifically tasked to:

(a) Provide advice on the scientific, technical and technological contributions to the draft report;

(b) Provide advice on the use in the global report of the indicators of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;¹⁹

(c) Ensure the scientific and technical soundness of the draft global report and its associated products.

3. The Advisory Group shall:

(a) Prepare and present to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice an outline of content and key questions that will structure the scientific and technical aspects of the global report, on the basis of the present decision;

(b) Support the preparation of content for relevant sections of the draft global report, as described in the present decision.

¹⁸ Decision [15/11](#), annex.

¹⁹ Decision [15/5](#), annex I.

4. The Advisory Group shall also contribute to the informal technical dialogue referred to in the present decision.
5. The Advisory Group shall be composed of 15 experts nominated by Parties, who may include experts from relevant academic and research institutions, and 10 representatives nominated by observers, including 5 from indigenous peoples and local communities and women and youth groups, with due regard to equitable regional representation, gender balance and representation of various areas of technical expertise, ensuring balance in expertise in all aspects of the goals and targets of the Framework. The Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with the support of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, shall select experts from the nominations submitted by Parties and observers
6. Experts may be selected from nominees with, inter alia:
 - (a) A record of scientific, technical and technological publications or expertise related to the analysis of biodiversity status and trends, biodiversity indicators and social and cultural aspects of biodiversity;
 - (b) Expertise and experience in a field related to the goals and targets of the Framework;
 - (c) Demonstrated knowledge of the Convention and other international scientific and technical assessment processes related to biodiversity;
 - (d) Knowledge of and perspectives on the three objectives of the Convention and traditional knowledge, such as those held by indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth.
7. The Advisory Group will elect two co-chairs from among the selected experts, one from a developed country and one from a developing country.
8. The Chairs of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities may participate, in an ex officio capacity, in the meetings of the Advisory Group, when appropriate. The Advisory Group may invite other experts, as appropriate, with due regard to equitable regional representation, including that of developing countries, and gender balance, to contribute their expertise and experiences on specific issues related to its terms of reference.
9. The Advisory Group shall conduct its work primarily by electronic means and, subject to the availability of resources, shall also meet in person, if possible, at least twice during the intersessional period.
10. Once established, the Advisory Group shall inform the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties of its work.
11. The timeline for the workplan of the Advisory Group shall be guided by the procedures developed by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for the global review, noting that the global reports should be finalized in time for consideration at the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings, respectively, of the Conference of the Parties.
12. The Advisory Group shall report on its work to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its meetings held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Annex IV**Indicative timeline of the global review on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties***

<i>Steps and elements</i>	<i>Estimated dates</i>
<i>Step 1: development of an annotated outline for the global report (preparation phase)</i>	
Establishment of an ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group for the preparation of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	April 2025
Provision of guidance on the scientific, technical and technological aspects of the annotated outline of the global report by the Advisory Group (online meetings)	May–June 2025
Annotated outline of the global report made available for peer review and consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	August 2025
Holding of subregional and/or regional dialogues, as well as a possible interregional dialogue, subject to the availability of resources	May–December 2025
Provision of advice on scientific inputs to the global report, including on its annotated outline, by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	October 2025
Provision of advice on traditional knowledge inputs to the report by the Subsidiary Body on Article 8 (j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities	October 2025
<i>Step 2: production of a first draft of the global report</i>	
Preparation of an extended outline of all sections of the report and of a draft of an introduction to the report (sect. I) and a concise scientific and technical synthesis of the status of, and trends in, biodiversity (sect. II)	January–February 2026
Deadline for submission of the seventh national reports ²⁰	28 February 2026
Review of a zero draft and provision of guidance for the preparation of the extended outline and workplan of the global report by the Advisory Group	February–March 2026
Preparation of a first draft of all sections of the global report	February–May 2026
Review of the scientific, technical and technological aspects of the first draft of the global report by the Advisory Group	May 2026
Second draft of the global report made available for peer review and consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	June 2026

* The estimated dates have been updated in the present table to reflect the changes required by the fact that the draft decision will be considered for adoption by the Conference of the Parties in February 2025.

²⁰ The submission deadline for the national reports was agreed in decision [15/6](#).

<i>Steps and elements</i>	<i>Estimated dates</i>
Review of the technical aspects of the second draft by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	End of July 2026
Holding of an informal technical dialogue, subject to the availability of resources	July/August 2026 ²¹
Review of the second draft by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation	Early August 2026
Provision of guidance on the preparation of the scientific, technical and technological aspects of the final report by the Advisory Group	August 2026
<i>Step 3: finalization of the report and informing the global review</i>	
Finalization of the report and submission for translation and layout	3–28 August 2026
Conclusions made available to Parties and observers	7 September 2026
Full report made available to Parties and observers	21 September 2026
Publication of the report	19 October 2026
Global review by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting	19–31 October 2026

²¹ Exact date to be determined.