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**Subsidiary Body on Scientific,
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Twenty-eighth meeting**
Nairobi, 27 July–1 August 2026
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*
**Organizational matters: election of officers,
adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

Annotated provisional agenda

Introduction

1. The twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will be held in Nairobi from 27 July to 1 August 2026. Registration of participants will commence at 10 a.m. on 25 July 2026.
2. The Subsidiary Body was established under Article 25 of the Convention on Biological Diversity. In addition, in its Article 30, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety provides that any subsidiary body established by or under the Convention may, upon a decision by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, serve the Cartagena Protocol. Similarly, in its Article 27, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization provides that any subsidiary body established by or under the Convention may serve the Nagoya Protocol.
3. The purpose of the present document is to facilitate preparations for the meeting by Parties and observers.

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

4. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on 27 July 2026. Statements will be made by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body and the Executive Secretary.

Item 2

Organizational matters: election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work

(a) Election of officers

5. Following the elections held at the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh meetings of the Subsidiary Body and the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, at which a new chair of the

* [CBD/SBSTTA/28/1](#).

Subsidiary Body was elected, the composition of the Bureau for the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body is as follows:

Jean Bruno Mikissa (Gabon), Chair

Mostafa Madbouhi (Morocco)

Dickson Chitupa (Zimbabwe)

Camille Inatio¹ (Federated States of Micronesia), with Karl Fellenius (Marshall Islands) as substitute for matters pertaining to the Cartagena Protocol;

Ruliyana Susanti (Indonesia)

Karen Khachatrian (Armenia)

Jan Plesnik (Czechia)

Kishma Primus-Ormond (Antigua and Barbuda)

Paulina Stowhas Salinas (Chile), with Ana Laura Mello Villamarin (Uruguay) as substitute for matters pertaining to the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol

Niklaus Wagner (Switzerland)

Sanne Kruid (Kingdom of the Netherlands)

6. In order to ensure continuity through staggered terms of office within the Bureau, the Subsidiary Body will elect five new members to serve on the Bureau for a term commencing at the end of its twenty-eighth meeting and ending at the close of its thirtieth meeting, to replace the members from Chile, Czechia, Indonesia, Morocco and Netherlands (Kingdom of the).

7. One of the Bureau members will be elected as rapporteur for the meeting on basis of a recommendation by the Bureau.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

8. The provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body has been prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau.

9. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda and to approve the proposed organization of work included in the scenario note for the meeting.²

10. A list of pre-session documents for the meeting is provided in the annex.

Item 3

Planning, monitoring, reporting and review

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

11. By its decision [15/6](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted an enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review. In its decision [16/32](#), it defined the framework and timeline for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be conducted at its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings, including through the development of procedures developed by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

12. In its decision [16/32](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to provide advice on the technical aspects of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework. The second draft of the

¹ Pending nomination of a replacement.

² CBD/SBSTTA/28/1/Add.2.

global report will also be considered by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its seventh meeting, scheduled immediately after the present meeting.

13. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing an update on the preparation of the global report and key scientific and technical issues that the Subsidiary Body may want to take into account in its recommendation,³ as well as the second draft of the global report.⁴

14. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to review the technical aspects of the second draft of the global report and to adopt a recommendation containing elements of a draft decision for subsequent incorporation into the recommendation on the global review to be adopted by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its seventh meeting for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

(b) Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

15. By its decision [15/5](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. By its decision [16/31](#), it endorsed the technical updates to the headline and binary indicators in the monitoring framework, took note of the optional disaggregations of the headline indicators and voluntary component and complementary indicators and adopted the list of questions underpinning the binary indicators.

16. In its decision [16/31](#), the Conference of the Parties requested that the Subsidiary Body:

(a) Review updated metadata for headline indicators, as well as the list of component and complementary indicators in decision [15/5](#) that had met the criteria for inclusion in the monitoring framework since the adoption of that decision, for use by Parties in their eighth national reports (decision [16/31](#), para. 9);

(b) Review the needs of Parties in the implementation of the monitoring framework and consider how to address any technical or capacity gaps (*ibid.*, para. 24).

17. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested that the Executive Secretary compile certain information related to the monitoring framework and the indicators and make it available to the Subsidiary Body.

18. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing information on the use of the monitoring framework by Parties in their national reports, their associated capacity needs and suggested technical updates to the monitoring framework and to the metadata for the headline indicators.⁵

19. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the information provided in the note by the Secretariat and to prepare a recommendation for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Item 4

Matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

20. In its decision [16/11](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body to consider the outputs of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services according to a schedule annexed to the decision. It also requested the Executive Secretary to provide an update on joint activities conducted by the Secretariat and the Platform to the Subsidiary Body in each intersessional period.

³ CBD/SBSTTA/28/2.

⁴ CBD/SBSTTA/28/2/Add.1.

⁵ CBD/SBSTTA/28/2/Add.2.

21. At its twenty-seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body considered an overview of a number of adopted deliverables of the Platform and reviews of findings from the nexus assessment, the transformative change assessment and a scoping report for a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem service, as well as their respective implications for the work undertaken under the Convention, and adopted recommendation [27/2](#).

22. The Subsidiary Body will now have before it a note by the Secretariat on collaboration between the Secretariats of the Convention and of the Platform,⁶ which will include an analysis of the Platform's methodological assessment of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people.

23. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the information in the note by the Secretariat and prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Item 5

Synthetic biology

24. In its decision [16/21](#), the Conference of the Parties decided to develop a thematic action plan to support capacity-building and development, access to and transfer of technology and knowledge-sharing in the context of synthetic biology for the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in line with the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development.

25. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also established a new ad hoc technical expert group on synthetic biology tasked with, inter alia: (a) reviewing and synthesizing the information submitted during the intersessional period; (b) identifying the current and potential benefits of synthetic biology; (c) identifying the potential positive impacts of the most recent technological developments in synthetic biology; (d) identifying the potential negative impacts of the most recent technological developments in synthetic biology; (e) providing advice on how capacity-building and development, access to and transfer of technology and knowledge-sharing in synthetic biology can be taken into account with respect to the draft thematic action plan, in the light of future developments of synthetic biology; and (f) preparing a report of its work for consideration by the Subsidiary Body at the present meeting.

26. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a summary of the outcomes of the intersessional work conducted in relation to synthetic biology, including the outcomes of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology,⁷ and the draft thematic action plan in the context of synthetic biology.⁸

27. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the information in the two documents and to prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Item 6

Sustainable wildlife management

28. In its decision [16/15](#), the Conference of the Parties recognized that the sustainable use and management of wild species contributed to the achievement of relevant goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and to the Sustainable Development Goals.

29. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, in collaboration with the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable

⁶ CBD/SBSTTA/28/3.

⁷ CBD/SBSTTA/28/4.

⁸ CBD/SBSTTA/28/4/Add.1.

Wildlife Management, in particular the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and with inputs from Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and women, youth and relevant organizations, to prepare draft global guidance on the sustainable management of wildlife applicable to multiple species and multiple practices, with a focus on: (a) inclusive and participatory decision-making; (b) the inclusion of multiple systems of knowledge and the recognition of rights; and (c) the equitable distribution of costs and benefits.

30. Also in the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to compile and synthesize information on best practices for sustainable wildlife management submitted by Parties, other Governments, subnational governments at all levels, indigenous people and local communities, women and relevant organizations, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body.

31. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing the synthesis of best practices for sustainable wildlife management and an executive summary of the draft global guidance for the sustainable management of wildlife.⁹ The draft global guidance itself will be provided in an information document.

32. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the information contained in the note by the Secretariat and to prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Item 7

Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: strategic review of and update to the programme of work on protected areas

33. In 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 Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, although some programmes of work might need to be updated.

34. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties 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 in relation to that work, and to submit them for consideration by the Subsidiary Body at a meeting held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

35. Further to those requests, the Secretariat requested views and information relating to the strategic review and analysis of the current programme of work on protected areas in the context of the Framework through a notification issued in October 2025¹⁰ and compiled them as inputs for the strategic review and analysis used to prepare draft updates to the programme of work.

36. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing the results of the strategic review and analysis and draft updates to the programme of work on protected areas.¹¹

37. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the information contained in the note by the Secretariat and to prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

⁹ CBD/SBSTTA/28/5.

¹⁰ Notification No. [2025-135](#).

¹¹ CBD/SBSTTA/28/6.

Item 8

Marine and coastal biodiversity

38. By its decision [16/16](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted modalities for the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the description of new areas, and requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate their implementation. Since the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, submissions for the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the description of new areas have been received by the Secretariat.

39. Also in the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop voluntary guidelines on peer-review processes for the description of areas meeting the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and other relevant compatible and complementary scientific criteria, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body.

40. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing draft voluntary guidelines on peer-review processes for the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas.¹² The note will also include a progress report on intersessional activities undertaken in response to decision [16/17](#). An addendum containing a summary of the submissions for the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the description of new areas will also be provided.¹³ The submissions themselves will be provided in an information document.

41. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the note by the Secretariat and the addendum and to adopt a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Item 9

Other matters

42. Under agenda item 9, participants will have an opportunity to raise other matters of relevance to the Subsidiary Body.

Item 10

Adoption of the report

43. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the meeting. In accordance with established practice, it will also be invited to authorize the rapporteur to finalize the report after the meeting, with the guidance of the Chair and the assistance of the Secretariat.

Item 11

Closure of the meeting

44. The meeting is expected to close at 6 p.m. on 1 August 2026.

¹² CBD/SBSTTA/28/7.

¹³ CBD/SBSTTA/28/7/Add.1.

Annex

List of working documents

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