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**Subregional dialogue on national biodiversity
strategies and action plans for States
members of the Association of Southeast
Asian Nations and Timor-Leste**
Manila, 14–17 August 2023
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*
**Overview of the objectives and programme of
the dialogue**

Annotated provisional agenda

Introduction

1. By its decision [15/4](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and noted that its implementation would be supported by decisions [15/5](#), [15/6](#), [15/7](#), [15/8](#), [15/9](#) and [15/13](#), which it affirmed to be of equal standing to the Framework. The Conference of the Parties also noted that the implementation of the Framework would be supported by relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization, in particular the Implementation Plan and the Capacity-building Action Plan for the Cartagena Protocol.¹
2. By its decision 15/6, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention adopted an enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, with national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), revised or updated in alignment with the Framework and its goals and targets, as the main vehicle for the implementation of the Framework. The Conference of the Parties requested Parties to revise and update their NBSAPs, aligned with the Framework and its goals and targets, and to submit them by its sixteenth meeting. In decision 15/7, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties to develop, update and implement national biodiversity finance plans or similar instruments, on the basis of the NBSAPs. In decision 15/8, it urged Parties to integrate capacity-building and development components in their NBSAPs, while updating them in line with the Framework, and/or to develop dedicated biodiversity capacity-building and development action plans, and programmes, as appropriate.
3. In decision 15/6, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to support the operationalization of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including by collaborating with relevant partners to provide necessary capacity-building and other support and by supporting the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in the further

* CBD/NBSAP/OM/2023/1/1.

¹ Decisions CP-10/3 and CP-10/4, respectively.

development and piloting of a modus operandi of an open-ended forum for voluntary country reviews of implementation. In decision 15/8, it also requested the Executive Secretary to support and advise Parties on ways to integrate capacity-building and development components into their NBSAPs.

4. With generous funding from the Government of Japan, provided through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, and from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Union, the Secretariat is supporting the overall organization of a series of regional or subregional dialogues in 2023 and 2024 aimed at facilitating the sharing of experiences and mutual learning related to the revision or updating of NBSAPs in alignment with the Framework, including setting and aligning national targets with the Framework. The dialogues will be organized at the regional or subregional level with the support of specific partners and donors identified for each dialogue.

5. With the support of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, the present subregional dialogue for States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Timor-Leste will be held in Manila, from 14 to 17 August 2023. A number of representatives of relevant United Nations and regional organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholder groups will also be invited to attend. The dialogue will provide participants with an opportunity to share experiences and lessons learned in the revision or updating of NBSAPs to date, including good practices and ways and means to address challenges in this regard. It will also contribute to the further piloting of the open-ended forum for the voluntary country review of implementation, under the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, requested in decision 15/6. The dialogue will include breakout sessions related to financing of the NBSAPs, capacity-building and development, and the integration of the provisions of the Protocols and relevant multilateral environmental agreements, which will feed into the overall discussion. The discussions will be aimed at addressing challenges that countries are facing, identifying opportunities and providing information that will enhance the overall development and implementation of NBSAPs. Annex I contains a detailed programme of work. The dialogue will be followed by the Consultation Meeting on the ASEAN Regional Strategy to contribute to the implementation of the Framework, on 18 August 2023, which will be held by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, with the support of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit.

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

6. The dialogue will be opened at 9 a.m. on 14 August 2023. A recorded address by the Acting Executive Secretary will be shown at the opening. Representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines, the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office in the Philippines and the Executive Director of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity will be invited to make opening remarks.

Item 2

Overview of the objectives and programme of the dialogue

7. Participants will be presented with the objectives of the dialogue and the organization of work contained in annex I. They will also be briefed on logistical arrangements.

8. Participants will be invited to briefly introduce themselves.

Item 3

Background introduction

9. By its decision 15/6, the Conference of the Parties adopted an enhanced planning, monitoring, review and reporting mechanism, with a view to strengthening the implementation of the Convention, building on the existing multidimensional review approaches. In the decision, NBSAPs are reaffirmed as the main instruments for the implementation of the Convention at the national level. The Secretariat will provide an introduction to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and associated decisions of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the

Convention, the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.

Item 4

Experiences and lessons learned in revising or updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national target revision or setting

10. Each participating country will be provided with an opportunity to share its national experiences and lessons learned to date in updating or revising its NBSAP, including setting or revising the national targets in alignment with the goals and targets of the Framework. Country presentations and associated discussions will be organized around the following five topics:

- (a) Whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach;
- (b) National target setting or revision;
- (c) Integration of the provisions of the Protocols into NBSAPs;
- (d) Development of a national monitoring plan;
- (e) Challenges and opportunities for the overall revision or updating of NBSAPs.

11. Under each of the first four topics, countries will be invited to share the progress made to date, good practices implemented and challenges encountered. Following those presentations, discussions aimed at understanding common challenges faced by countries in the region and at identifying possible solutions will be held. Representatives from relevant organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders will be invited to contribute to the discussions, including by sharing their experiences and perspectives. Under the fifth topic, participants will discuss challenges and opportunities for the overall revision or updating of NBSAPs. Participants will prepare a summary of regional findings that will capture key messages from the discussions held during the sessions and will contribute to the overall conclusions of the dialogue.

12. Under the first topic, discussions will focus on institutional arrangements or mechanisms established for updating or revising NBSAPs, approaches employed for mainstreaming and integrating the provisions of other multilateral environmental agreements and for engaging relevant ministries, sectors, indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders, challenges encountered and possible ways to enhance coordination and engagement. Under the second topic, participants will look at progress made to date in setting or revising national targets, including in identifying gaps in ambition, the process followed and challenges encountered, as well as support needed. Under the third topic, participants will address how the provisions of the two Protocols can be integrated into NBSAPs. Under the fourth topic, participants will discuss the steps and challenges in the development of a monitoring plan, including indicators as part of the revised or updated NBSAP, for example by identifying monitoring needs and the use of headline indicators. Under the fifth topic, participants will consider other issues or challenges that may be encountered in such a process and attempt to identify possible solutions or opportunities to address them.

Item 5

Breakout sessions on capacity-building and development and national biodiversity financing

13. At its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision 15/7 on resource mobilization and decision 15/8 on capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation. Those decisions are of equal standing to the Framework and outline the need for biodiversity finance plans and capacity development plans to accompany NBSAPs. An overview presentation of how the two decisions are related to NBSAPs will be made, after which participants will hold breakout sessions on: (a) capacity-building and development; and (b) biodiversity financing planning. Participants will be invited to join the groups, with one country representative in each group.

14. Each breakout session will comprise introductory presentations, facilitated group discussions and group exercises on the development of national capacity development plans or national biodiversity financing plans. Participants in the breakout sessions are expected to report back in plenary session key messages from the discussions that will contribute to the overall conclusions of the dialogue.

Item 6

Conclusions of the dialogue

15. Participants will discuss and prepare a summary of conclusions for the dialogue based on the discussions held in both plenary and breakout sessions. Representatives of countries will be also invited to share their plans for the next steps, including possible timelines for completing the revision or updating of NBSAPs, for example by submitting national targets before the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and outlining the support that they may need in this regard. The conclusions of the dialogue will contribute to the preparation by the Secretariat of relevant documents for forthcoming meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Conference of the Parties, including its pilot open-ended forum for voluntary country review.

Item 7

Closure of the meeting

16. The meeting is scheduled to be closed at 4.30 p.m. on 17 August 2023, with closing remarks by representatives of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity and the Secretariat.

Annex I

Organization of work

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Description</i>
Monday, 14 August		
8–9 a.m.	Registration	n/a
9–9.50 a.m.	Item 1. Opening of the meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Opening remarks by representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines, the United Nations Resident Coordinator Office in the Philippines and the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity – Group photo
9.50–10.30 a.m.	Item 2. Overview of the objectives and programme of the dialogue Item 3. Background introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation by the Secretariat of the objectives and programme of work of the dialogue – Introductory presentations by the Secretariat
10.30–10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.45 a.m.–12.45 p.m.	Item 4. Experiences and lessons learned in revising or updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national target revision or setting	<p><i>Topic (a): whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentations by two to three countries of their national experiences on the revision or updating of NBSAPs and the institutional arrangements that exist to promote the integration into NBSAPs of the provisions of multilateral environment agreements and the whole-of-society approach and the engagement of various sectors (10 minutes each). The presentations may include good practices, successes and challenges – Presentations by two to three representatives of non-State actors and indigenous peoples and local communities (5 minutes each) – Facilitated discussion aimed at understanding common challenges and identifying solutions
12.45–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2–3 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	<p><i>Topic (b): national target setting or revision</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation by the Secretariat of the guidance for revising or updating NBSAPs, as contained in annex I to decision 15/6 – Presentations by two to three countries on how they have revised existing national targets or set new targets to align them with the Framework
3–3.15 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
3.15–5 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Facilitated group discussions aimed at understanding opportunities and common challenges and identifying solutions. Challenges and solutions may include ways in which non-State actors are engaged in the process – Reporting back by the groups in plenary session

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Description</i>
Tuesday, 15 August		
9–11 a.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	<i>Topic (c): integration of the provisions of the Protocols into NBSAPs</i> – Presentations by two to three countries of their experiences, key lessons and best practices in integrating into NBSAPs the provisions of the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, including elements of national biosafety frameworks –Facilitated discussion aimed at understanding common challenges and identifying solutions
11–11.15 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.15 a.m.–12.45 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	<i>Topic (d): development of a national monitoring plan</i> – Presentation by the Secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework – Presentations by two to three countries of experiences in the development of national monitoring plans for NBSAPs and the use of headline indicators in NBSAPs – Presentation by a non-State actor – Presentation by representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities on other forms of knowledge – Facilitated discussion on opportunities and common challenges and solutions, including on how research institutions, citizen or community monitoring entities and other non-State actors can contribute to improved monitoring
12.45–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2–3.30 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	<i>Topic (e): challenges and opportunities for the overall revision or updating of NBSAPs</i> Group discussions on challenges and opportunities for the revision or updating of NBSAPs based on the presentations made and discussions held under topics (a) to (d)
3.30–3.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
3.45–4.45 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)	Summary of regional findings: – Group discussions (<i>continued</i>) – Reporting back from the groups in plenary session and discussions
4.45–5 p.m.	Item 5. Breakout sessions on capacity-building and development and national biodiversity financing planning	– Introduction of the breakout sessions: (a) Capacity-building and development planning (b) Biodiversity finance planning – The breakout sessions will comprise presentations, group exercises and group discussions
Wednesday, 16 August		

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Description</i>	
9–10.30 a.m.	Item 5 (<i>continued</i>)	<i>Breakout groups</i>	
		(a) <i>Capacity-building and development</i> National capacity development assessments for the implementation of the Framework	(b) <i>Biodiversity finance</i> Identifying financial needs or costing of actions for the implementation of NBSAPs
10.30–10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>		
10.45 a.m.–12.45 p.m.	Item 5 (<i>continued</i>)	(a) <i>Capacity-building and development (continued)</i> National capacity development assessments for the implementation of the Framework (<i>continued</i>)	(b) <i>Biodiversity finance (continued)</i> Determining biodiversity expenditures
12.45–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>		
2–3 p.m.	Item 5 (<i>continued</i>)	(a) <i>Capacity-building and development (continued)</i> Formulating a national capacity-development action plan for the implementation of the Framework	(b) <i>Biodiversity finance (continued)</i> Identifying possible sources of funding
3–3.15 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>		
3.15–5 p.m.	Item 5 (<i>continued</i>)	(a) <i>Capacity-building and development (continued)</i> Formulating a national capacity development action plan continues	(b) <i>Biodiversity finance (continued)</i> Developing a national biodiversity financing plan or national resource mobilization strategy
Thursday, 17 August			
9–10.30 a.m.	Item 5 (<i>continued</i>)	<i>Capacity-building and development and finance at the national level:</i> Each country will prepare and give a presentation of their capacity and finance needs or draft plans for capacity-building and development and financing, including resource needs and potential sources of resources	
10.30–10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>		
10.45 a.m.–12.45 p.m.	Item 5 (<i>continued</i>)	Country teams will be invited to develop a timeline and activities on the next steps. It is assumed that this exercise will have to be repeated at the national level with all relevant stakeholders	

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Description</i>
12.45–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2–3.30 p.m.	Item 6. Conclusions of the dialogue	Participants will discuss and prepare the conclusions from the dialogue, including opportunities, challenges and solutions. This session will be aimed at summarizing key points from all the previous sessions to be included in the report on the dialogue
3.30–3.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
3.45–4.30 p.m.	Item 6 (<i>continued</i>) Item 7. Closure of the meeting	– Each country will present its plan for the next steps, including possible timelines for completing the revision or updating of its NBSAP – Closing remarks by representatives of the Secretariat and of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

Abbreviations: national biodiversity strategy and action plan, NBSAP.