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Subregional dialogue for Latin American countries on biodiversity monitoring and reporting with a focus on ecosystem restoration (Target 2 of the Kunming- Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework)

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Annotated agenda of the dialogue

Introduction

1. By its decision [15/6](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted an enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review with a view to enhancing implementation of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In its decision [16/32](#), the Conference of the Parties provided additional guidance on the mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review. The monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, which provides a set of headline, binary, component and complementary indicators for use in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national reports, was adopted in decision [15/5](#) of the Conference of the Parties and technical updates to the headline and binary indicators were endorsed in decision [16/31](#).
2. Between the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat of the Convention, in collaboration with other United Nations entities and several regional and subregional partners, held a series of 12 regional and subregional dialogues to support Parties in revising and updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and aligning their national targets with the Framework. The dialogues provided a forum where Parties could share experiences and identify challenges, opportunities, solutions and needs as they worked through the cycle of planning, implementation, monitoring, reporting and review in relation to the national biodiversity strategies and action plans.
3. In subparagraph 24 (e) of decision [16/32](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary of the Convention, subject to the availability of resources, 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 dialogues. The Conference of the Parties made further requests related to exchanging knowledge and building capacity with regard to the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the provision of capacity-building and development support from regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres.
4. As of 1 July 2025, 133 Parties had submitted national targets and 51 had submitted revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans. Those numbers reflected good progress in the implementation of the request for such submissions contained in decision [15/6](#). During the current intersessional period (2025–2026), most Parties will complete and start to implement and monitor their updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans. Further, Parties must prepare and

submit their seventh national reports by 28 February 2026, as requested by the Conference of the Parties in decision [15/6](#).

5. Establishing and improving monitoring systems are fundamental to implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans and ensuring that Parties are on track to achieve the goals and targets under the Framework. Many Parties indicated, however, that they had yet to establish monitoring systems or adapt existing ones. They highlighted that issue repeatedly in previous regional and subregional dialogues and during meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Conference of the Parties and identified it as an area where additional support was needed.

6. Pursuant to Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, Parties act to “[e]nsure that by 2030 at least 30 per cent of areas of degraded terrestrial, inland water, and marine and coastal ecosystems are under effective restoration, in order to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, ecological integrity and connectivity”. In decision [16/35](#), the Conference of the Parties invited the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in collaboration with the Rio conventions and other relevant partners, to continue to implement the Framework, including through the road map for Target 2, in consultation with Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth groups, people living with disabilities and other relevant stakeholders.

7. In a recent capacity needs assessment survey supported by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (see document [CBD/COP/16/INF/4](#)) significant needs related to national-level implementation of collective actions to reach Target 2 of the Framework were identified. Commonly identified needs included issues related to institutional coordination, supporting the use and analysis of the agreed headline indicator for Target 2, data collection and the application of global methodologies in the national context.

8. The present dialogue is being organized pursuant to the points noted above. It is being organized jointly by the Secretariat of the Convention, FAO, the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute, UNEP and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), with the financial support of the Accelerating Innovative Monitoring for Nature Restoration project funded by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the UNEP China Trust Fund and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). While the dialogue is being organized to help identify and address capacity needs for the implementation and monitoring of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework generally, its specific focus will be on Target 2 of the Framework.

Item 1

Opening of the dialogue

9. The dialogue will be opened on 17 November 2025 with introductory remarks by representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention, FAO, the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute and UNEP. Participants will then be invited to introduce themselves.

Item 2

Introduction and overview of the objectives and programme of the dialogue

10. A representative of the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute will provide an overview of the objectives, programme and expected outcomes of the dialogue. The proposed organization of work is provided in the annex below.

11. Building on experiences from the previous regional and subregional dialogues, the present dialogue has as its objective to identify, through the sharing of experiences and lessons learned among Parties, challenges, successes and solutions related to monitoring the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. As Parties will be establishing or improving their national monitoring plans and

preparing and submitting their seventh national reports during the present biennium, the dialogue will place a focus on national monitoring and reporting and include an in-depth technical focus on planning, monitoring and reporting related to Target 2 of the Framework which addresses ecosystem restoration. An additional objective will be to strengthen regional cooperation in the field of monitoring.

12. The expected outcomes of the dialogue include: (a) enhanced capacities for the development of national monitoring plans and systems and the development and use of indicators as a means of supporting the effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and its monitoring framework; (b) strengthened capacities for the preparation of the seventh national report, including through the use of the online reporting tool; (c) strengthened regional cooperation in monitoring and reporting; (d) increased capacity of regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres to provide methodological support and backstopping to countries in monitoring and reporting on the Framework, with a focus on Target 2; and (e) identification of opportunities for donors and partners to support countries in developing or strengthening their monitoring systems. While these outcomes will reflect a particular focus on Target 2, they will be relevant as well to the other targets and elements of the Framework.

Item 3

Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and online reporting tool

13. A representative of the Secretariat will introduce the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review and the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and provide an overview of the guidance and template for the seventh and eighth national reports, as contained in decisions [15/6](#) and [16/32](#) of the Conference of the Parties.

14. Discussions will be focused on two topics: (a) development of national monitoring plans and systems and (b) regional cooperation in monitoring.

Topic A. Development of national monitoring plans and systems

15. A member of the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute will: lay out the steps that can be taken to develop a national biodiversity monitoring system; discuss the need for standardized data and current major data gaps, in particular with regard to species monitoring-related data; and give a presentation on essential biodiversity variables and pipelines for converting data into indicators to help monitor progress towards achieving biodiversity targets, including through the use of the “BON in a Box” tool box and other tools.

16. Representatives of three Parties will be invited to share their countries’ experiences and lessons learned in the course of developing national monitoring plans and systems when updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including good practices, challenges, solutions and needs. This will be followed by breakout group discussions aimed at identifying key priorities and actions that would need to be taken in order for national monitoring plans and systems to be developed or improved.

Topic B. Regional support for national biodiversity strategy and action plan monitoring, focusing on Target 2

17. A representative of the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute will deliver a presentation on the role of the Institute as a subregional support centre for national biodiversity strategy and action plan monitoring, focusing on Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

18. A representative of the Secretariat will present the results of the indicators and monitoring system survey administered before the dialogue. This will be followed by an exercise focusing on countries' levels of confidence in using the headline indicators of the monitoring framework.

19. The representatives of the three Parties will be invited to share their countries' experiences and approaches in reviewing progress towards achieving national targets and the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and in preparing their seventh national reports.

Item 4

Fundamentals of Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

20. A representative of the Center for International Forestry Research and World Agroforestry will present the results of the application of the Target 2 self-assessment tool, highlighting national capacities, common challenges and opportunities for strengthening monitoring and reporting readiness under Target 2.

21. A representative of the Society for Ecological Restoration will make a presentation on the key elements of Target 2, including a discussion on how to determine the spatial extent of degraded areas in each of the three major ecosystem types and define the baseline.

22. Following the presentations, a group discussion will be convened during which delegates will be asked to share examples derived from country and local-level experiences, including examples of how to assess degradation and determine baselines. The identification of key priorities and actions for enhancing restoration planning, implementation and monitoring at the country level will be considered. Through the sharing of experiences, lessons learned and good practices, Parties will be able to build on each other's successes instead of having to start from scratch.

23. A representative of the Society for Ecological Restoration will deliver a presentation on approaches to determining the spatial extent of ecosystems in order to achieve national restoration targets. The following topics will be addressed in the presentation: effective restoration, the distinctions between rehabilitation and ecological restoration and how to align national target setting with site assessment and project planning, implementation and monitoring. At an interactive session to be convened following the presentation, regional data and experiences will be introduced in a discussion on setting national targets and securing information related to the national actions needed to reach those targets, taking into account key outcomes of restoration.

Item 5

Tools for geospatial monitoring of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, with a focus on its Target 2

24. A representative of FAO will deliver a presentation in which an overview of Target 2, the headline indicator and the metadata for reporting on Target 2 will be provided. Following the overview, a presentation focusing on the complementary indicator for Target 2 and the indicator for monitoring and reporting on land degradation neutrality and Sustainable Development Goal 15.3.1 will be given by a representative of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. An Indigenous Peoples representative will provide an overview of Target 22 and will present the LandMark mapping tool and explain how the tool can support disaggregation for indigenous and traditional territories as related to Targets 2, 3 and 22. This will be followed by an overview of the linkages between Targets 2 and 3.

25. Representatives of FAO will deliver a presentation providing further technical details regarding metadata, including definitions, parameters and disaggregation for reporting on restoration. This will be followed by an introduction to the Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring (FERM) for reporting on ecosystem restoration and the Target 2 default data review functionality, including its linkages to the online reporting tool reporting template. The presentation on data review

for the Target 2 headline indicator will reflect the aim of standardizing the data-collection process and improving the quality of the information reported.

26. Participants will be invited to review the default data for Target 2 compiled under the Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring and linked to the online reporting tool template. That review will focus on identifying discrepancies or gaps in the data and ensuring that the information is accurate and up to date, as well as gathering suggestions on how to improve the tool's functionality.

27. Three representatives of Parties will be invited to share their national restoration data compilation methods and platforms. This will be followed by a facilitated group discussion focused on identifying challenges and opportunities for monitoring and reporting on ecosystem restoration as related to data collection, compilation and validation.

Item 6

Action plans to address national needs for monitoring and reporting, with a focus on ecosystem restoration

28. Three representatives of Parties will be invited to participate in a panel discussion on identifying challenges and opportunities for monitoring and reporting on ecosystem restoration.

29. A facilitated group exercise will be organized to further address gaps and needs related to completion of the elements of the seventh national reports related to Target 2. Under this item, participants will assess the current status of and their plans for developing their national report and identify the additional information and resources required to finalize the report. Participants will be invited to begin formulating actions plans aimed towards addressing those gaps and needs.

Item 7

Conclusions and next steps for subregional priorities

30. A representative of the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership will make a presentation on opportunities for leveraging matchmaking support for implementing and monitoring national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

31. A representative of UNDP will provide an overview of the GEF umbrella programme to support the updates of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and seventh national reports, as well as an overview of the status of implementation in different countries of the region.

32. A representative of UNEP will introduce the UNEP China Trust Fund project and highlight its objectives, progress and planned activities to support the implementation of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in Latin America and the Caribbean. At the session, preliminary findings derived from the regional assessment of the status of national biodiversity strategy and action plan updates and implementation will be presented and an overview of common challenges, opportunities and emerging priorities across the region will be provided.

33. Representatives of Parties will be invited to share information on national experiences in updating and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans and discuss lessons learned and ongoing needs. Through an interactive World Cafe discussion, delegates will identify and make recommendations regarding regional priority areas and capacity-building actions which could inform and guide the design of regional cooperation initiatives and concept notes, to be further developed and validated during the upcoming regional workshop in Panama.

Item 8

Training-of-trainers session for the technical and scientific cooperation support centres

34. A closed training session will be held for representatives of the technical and scientific cooperation support centres in attendance. The participants will review key content emerging from

the dialogue and available training materials so as to enable the participating centres to host similar dialogues for the countries in their respective subregions.

35. At the training session, the utilization of a self-assessment tool for assessing readiness for monitoring and reporting on ecosystem restoration aligned with the headline indicator for Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, considerations regarding effective implementation of elements of Target 2 and use of the Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring as a reporting tool will be reviewed; and monitoring approaches will be explored.

36. Given that only a small number of participants will be attending the training-of-trainers session, it will be held after the closure of the meeting.

Item 9

Closure of the dialogue

37. Representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, FAO, the Society for Ecological Restoration and the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute will provide key takeaway points derived from the discussions held throughout the dialogue and participants will be invited to contribute their own takeaway points.

38. The dialogue will conclude with the brief closing remarks of representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention, FAO and the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute. The dialogue is scheduled to be closed at 1 p.m. on 20 November 2025.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
Monday, 17 November 2025	
8–8.30 a.m.	Registration
8.30–9 a.m.	Item 1. Opening of the dialogue
9–9.30 a.m.	Item 2. Introduction and overview of the objectives and programme of the dialogue
9.30–9.55 a.m.	Item 3. Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and online reporting tool
9.55–10.15 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.15–10.40 a.m.	Topic A. Development of national monitoring plans and systems Monitoring implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and preparing national reports Presentation on steps and tools for developing a national monitoring system
10.40–11.25 a.m.	Presentations by representatives of countries on experiences of and lessons learned by those countries in the development of national monitoring plans and systems when updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans
11.25 a.m.–12.25 p.m.	Breakout session: group discussion aimed at identifying key priorities and actions that needed to be undertaken to develop or improve national monitoring plans and systems
12.25–12.40 p.m.	Report back
12.40–1.40 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
1.40–2 p.m.	Topic B. Role of the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute as a subregional support centre for national biodiversity strategy and action plan monitoring support, focusing on Target 2
2–2.30 p.m.	Presentation of survey results for Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework-related reporting; and/or plenary exercise related to levels of confidence in the use of the headline indicators
2.30–3.40 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.40–4.30 p.m.	Country presentations on experiences and lessons learned in assessing progress and preparing the seventh national report for the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity Question-and-answer session/plenary discussion
4.30–5 p.m.	Item 4. Fundamentals of Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Presentation of the preliminary results of surveys (involving the self-assessment tool) focusing on monitoring and reporting readiness with respect to Target 2
5–5.15 p.m.	Closing of day 1
Tuesday, 18 November 2025	
8.30–8.40 a.m.	Opening of day 2 Recap of day 1
8.40–9.20 a.m.	Presentation on the key elements of Target 2, including a focus on understanding degradation in the three major ecosystem types and defining baselines

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
9.20–10.30 a.m.	Breakout session: group discussion focused on sharing of examples derived from country and local-level experiences, including on how to assess degradation and determine baselines
10.30–10.50 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.50–11.10 a.m.	Report back from group discussion
11.10–11.50 a.m.	Presentation on defining restoration outcomes and implementing effective restoration to achieve national targets
11.50 a.m.–1 p.m.	Breakout session: group discussion focusing on how to implement national targets and contribute to key outcomes for Target 2
1–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2–2.20 p.m.	Report back from group discussion
2.20–2.50 p.m.	Presentation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations covering the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration; the Accelerating Innovative Monitoring for Nature Restoration project; the Target 2 road map; monitoring of Target 2 parameters; and background information on the Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring
2.50–3.10 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.10–3.55 p.m.	Item 5. Tools for geospatial monitoring of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, with a focus on its Target 2 Country presentations: methods for compilation of national restoration data, monitoring and platforms
3.55–4.55 p.m.	Plenary discussion: country experiences in monitoring ecosystem restoration
4.55–5.05 p.m.	Closing of day 2
Wednesday, 19 November 2025	
8.30–8.50 a.m.	Opening of day 3 Recap of day 2
8.50–9.45 a.m.	• Presentation on the component indicator for Target 2 and the indicator for monitoring and reporting on land degradation neutrality and Sustainable Development Goal 15.3.1 • Presentation on headline indicator 22.1 under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework on collective rights over land (and its relationship to Target 2) • Presentation on the linkages between Targets 2 and 3 and how world data on protected areas can be used for disaggregation under Target 2
9.45–10.30 a.m.	Interactive session covering a Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring registry tutorial and data review functionality
10.30–10.50 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.50–11.30 a.m.	Interactive session covering a Framework for Ecosystem Restoration Monitoring registry tutorial and data review functionality (<i>continued</i>)
11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Plenary discussion focused on identifying challenges and opportunities for monitoring and reporting on ecosystem restoration as related to data collection, compilation and validation
12.30–1.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
1.30–3.10 p.m.	Item 6. Action plans to address national needs for monitoring and reporting, with a focus on ecosystem restoration

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
	Panel discussion with representatives of three countries: focus on the future – identifying needs and addressing gaps
3.10–3.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.40–4.10 p.m.	• Presentation by a representative of Initiative 20x20 • Presentation on the Central American Dry Corridor flagship initiative
4.10–5.10 p.m.	Facilitated group exercise focusing on addressing gaps and needs related to Target 2, based on self-assessment results, and all aspects of restoration
5.10–5.15 p.m.	Closing of day 3
Thursday, 20 November 2025	
8.45–9 a.m.	Opening of day 4 Recap of day 3
9–10:30 a.m.	Item 7. Conclusions and next steps for subregional priorities Presentation on opportunities for leveraging matchmaking support for implementing and monitoring national biodiversity strategies and action plans. Presentation on the Global Environment Facility umbrella programme to support the updates of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and seventh national reports. Followed by group discussion.
10.30–10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45 a.m.–12.10 p.m.	Item 7. Conclusions and next steps for subregional priorities (<i>continued</i>)
12.10–12.40 p.m.	Item 9. Closure of the dialogue Plenary discussion on the key points emerging from presentations, discussions and group exercises over the course of the dialogue; and wrap-up
12.40–1 p.m.	Closing messages
1–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2–5 p.m.	Item 8. Training-of-trainers session for the technical and scientific cooperation support centres