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Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. Takes note of document [CBD/SBI/7/10](#) on the progress report on the implementation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development and the Technical and Scientific Cooperation Mechanism, including a draft workplan and budget for the Global Coordination Entity;
2. Requests the Global Coordination Entity to prepare a revised workplan, including specific measurable objectives and deliverables, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting;
3. Also requests the Global Coordination Entity to prepare a revised budget for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting as part of its deliberations on budgetary matters;
4. Recommends that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt elements of a decision along the following lines:¹

The Conference of the Parties

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Capacity-building and development

1. Takes note of the outcomes of the first meeting of the Biodiversity Capacity-Building and Development Forum, convened in Cali, Colombia, on 19 October 2024;²
2. Also takes note of capacity gaps and barriers identified in the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,³ and underscores the urgent need to address these barriers;

¹ If adopted, the present elements will be consolidated with those in recommendation [6/5](#) of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation into a single draft decision.

² See www.cbd.int/cb/2024-cbd-forum-report.pdf.

³ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

3. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, subnational and local governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as organizations of women, youth and other relevant stakeholders, to consider, as appropriate, the key messages and recommendations from the Forum⁴ in the design and implementation of their capacity-building and development actions, according to their needs, national circumstances and legislation;

4. *Invites* the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and other regional bodies and relevant organizations to hold, as appropriate, regional capacity-building and development forums, with the effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and other relevant stakeholders, with a view to facilitating regional cooperation, peer learning and the sharing of experiences, good practices and lessons learned in capacity-building and development in support of national and regional biodiversity strategies and action plans and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

5. *Takes note* of the progress report⁵ in the implementation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development;⁶

6. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, subnational and local governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as organizations of women, youth and other relevant stakeholders, to share the experiences and lessons learned in designing and implementing capacity-building and development initiatives and programmes using the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework, through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism, according to national legislation, as appropriate;

7. *Urges* Parties, in accordance with Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity,⁷ and invites other Governments and relevant organizations, to provide financial and technical support to biodiversity capacity-building and development activities using the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework, taking into consideration the specific situations of developing country Parties, in particular those of the least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition, in line with the priority needs identified in national biodiversity strategies and action plans or national capacity-building and development strategies;

8. *Requests* the technical and scientific cooperation support centres, subject to the availability of resources, and invites relevant organizations, in line with the requests by Parties, to design and implement capacity-building and development activities using the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework, in particular the strengthening of regional cooperation, exchanges of experiences and peer learning;

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

(a) To develop, in collaboration with the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation, practical and user-friendly guidance and learning materials, including a step-by-step guide and e-learning modules on the design and implementation of capacity-building and development using the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework, including methods for measuring the progress in implementation, effectiveness, sustainability and long-term impact of capacity-building initiatives, in order to support implementation of the Framework, and to make such materials available through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism;

(b) To facilitate, in collaboration with the technical and scientific cooperation support centres and relevant organizations, the organization of capacity-building and development

⁴ www.cbd.int/cb/cbd-2024-forum-key-messages.pdf.

⁵ CBD/SBI/7/INF/8.

⁶ Decision 15/8, annex I.

⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

activities, including training-of-trainers workshops and peer-to-peer learning exchanges [technical mentoring and advisory support] for Parties, subnational and local governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and other relevant stakeholders;

(c) To collaborate with the Biodiversity Finance Initiative, other initiatives and relevant organizations in order to organize capacity-building activities for Parties, especially developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition, including their ministries responsible for finance, economic planning and national development and other relevant ministries, as appropriate, and indigenous peoples and local communities, as well as organizations of women, youth and other relevant stakeholders, as appropriate, on ways to mobilize domestic resources and gain access to international financing for capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer;

(d) To convene, in collaboration with partners, a third meeting of the Biodiversity Capacity-Building and Development Forum to facilitate the sharing of experiences, good practices and lessons learned in capacity-building and development in support of the implementation of the Framework before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(e) To monitor, in collaboration with the Informal Advisory Group, initiatives aimed at supporting the implementation of Target 20 of the Framework, and to compile emerging lessons and good practices and make them available through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism;

(f) To submit a progress report on the activities outlined in subparagraphs (a) to (e) above to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting to be held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;

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Technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer

10. *Takes note* of the progress report on the Technical and Scientific Cooperation Mechanism;⁸

11. *Notes with concern* the financial, institutional and capacity constraints limiting the full operationalization of the technical and scientific cooperation support centres and the Global Coordination Entity and the fact that operationalization has been uneven across regions;

12. *Expresses appreciation* to the Secretariat for initiating the operations of the Global Coordination Entity and providing staff to support the Entity's work until such time as the Entity becomes fully operational;

13. *Also expresses appreciation* to the technical and scientific cooperation support centres for their continued commitment and contributions to advancing technical and scientific cooperation;

14. *Further expresses appreciation* for the support provided by the Republic of Korea, through the Bio-Bridge Initiative and a Junior Professional Officer post in the Secretariat, and the financial contribution made by the European Union through voluntary contributions to facilitate the initial operationalization of the Global Coordination Entity;

⁸ [CBD/SBI/7/INF/10](#).

15. [Approves][Takes note of] the [proposed] workplan [and the budget] of the Global Coordination Entity for the biennium 2027–2028, as contained in the annex to the present decision;⁹

16. *Requests* the technical and scientific cooperation support centres to take into account the gaps, challenges and barriers noted in the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, and the seventh national reports of the Parties to the Convention, including challenges in the use of indicators summarized in document [CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/11](#), when providing capacity-building and development support to Parties;

17. *Also requests* the technical and scientific cooperation support centres to take into account, when providing capacity-building and development support to Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety¹⁰ and Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization,¹¹ the gaps, needs and challenges noted in the fifth assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol¹² and the second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Nagoya Protocol,¹³ and the national reports of the Parties;

18. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, subnational and local governments, United Nations entities, relevant international organizations, development agencies, research institutions, academia, the private sector and other stakeholders in a position to do so to provide adequate, predictable, timely and easily accessible financial resources, in-kind contributions, or both, to support the programmes and long-term operations of the Global Coordination Entity and the technical and scientific cooperation support centres;

19. *Invites* research institutions, academia and other relevant stakeholders to work actively with the technical and scientific cooperation support centres and the Global Coordination Entity by contributing their expertise, tools and other relevant resources;

20. *Reiterates* the request in paragraph 23 of decision [16/3](#) of 1 November 2024 to the Global Environment Facility, including through the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, and invites other relevant multilateral funds and international financial institutions, in accordance with their mandates, to continue to support in all eligible countries country-driven projects that include technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and capacity-building for the implementation of the Framework;

21. *Also reiterates* the request in paragraph 24 of decision [16/3](#) to the Global Environment Facility, including through the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, and invites other relevant multilateral funds and international financial institutions, in accordance with their mandates, to support the operationalization and activities of the technical and scientific cooperation support centres in developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition, as appropriate, in response to their requests in their respective subregions, in the context of country-driven projects of the eligible countries;

[22. *Invites* the Green Climate Fund, in recognition of the critical interdependence of biodiversity and climate change, to consider opportunities to support the activities of the technical and scientific cooperation support centres, especially those relating to country-driven projects in developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and Parties with economies in transition, aimed at implementing the

⁹ The annex will contain a workplan and budget based on those set out in the annex to document [CBD/SBI/7/10](#), as revised further to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present recommendation.

¹⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619

¹¹ *Ibid.*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

¹² [CBD/SBI/7/6](#).

¹³ [CBD/SBI/7/7](#).

Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework [in a manner [that avoids double counting][that enhances significantly transparency in accounting]];

23. *Urges* Parties, and invites other Governments, subnational and local governments, United Nations entities, relevant international organizations, development agencies, research institutions, academia, the private sector and other stakeholders, to work actively with and support the technical and scientific cooperation support centres and the Global Coordination Entity in addressing the challenges limiting their operations and effectiveness;

24. *Encourages* Parties, in their engagement with the technical and scientific cooperation support centres and relevant organizations, to ensure that technical and scientific cooperation and capacity-building activities are implemented with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and other relevant stakeholders, consistent with national circumstances and legislation, including through the co-design of programmes, the identification of capacity needs, joint research, knowledge exchange and the development of technologies;

25. *Requests* the technical and scientific cooperation support centres:

(a) To enhance the establishment and operationalization of their governance structures and institutional frameworks;

(b) To submit to the Global Coordination Entity by the end of the first quarter of 2027 their workplans for the biennium 2027–2028 based on the needs and priorities identified by the Parties that they support;

(c) To submit to the Global Coordination Entity activity reports for the biennium 2027–2028 at its request, pursuant to subparagraph 27 (d) of the present decision;

26. *Also requests* the technical and scientific cooperation support centres, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To develop and progressively scale up demand-driven support for Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and other relevant stakeholders, in accordance with national circumstances and legislation, on the basis of their identified priorities and needs, and use appropriate delivery modalities [, including through joint scientific research and technology development,] to respond to the demand for assistance;

(b) To further mobilize resources from all sources, including by developing joint project pipelines for support, leveraging innovative financing solutions and building on existing national, regional and international mechanisms, where applicable;

[27. *Requests* the Global Coordination Entity[, subject to the availability of resources]:

(a) To increase resource mobilization efforts and assist the technical and scientific cooperation support centres to do the same, by, inter alia, supporting project proposal development and identifying and engaging potential financial sources, including by convening round tables, and to assist the centres, upon request, in developing a multi-year budget, with specific funding targets and timelines, and resource mobilization strategies, accordingly;

(b) To enhance coordination, collaboration and knowledge exchange among the centres through, inter alia, the holding of regular coordination meetings, including at least one in-person meeting of their programme coordinators in each biennium, to facilitate experience sharing, peer-to-peer learning and the development of joint initiatives;

(c) To develop, in consultation with the centres and with assistance from the Informal Advisory Group, a common monitoring framework and reporting templates for the centres, with a view to ensuring consistent tracking of the outcomes and the effectiveness of their technical and scientific cooperation support and to facilitating the review of progress by the

Subsidiary Body of Implementation at a meeting to be held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(d) To submit to the Secretariat a progress report on the Technical and Scientific Cooperation Mechanism for the biennium 2027–2028 based on its work and the biennial activity reports of the centres, for circulation as an information document at a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to be held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties [and at the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties];

[(e) To submit to the Secretariat a proposed workplan and budget for the biennium 2029–2030, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting to be held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;]]

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

[(a) To further facilitate the full and effective operationalization of the Global Coordination Entity];

(b) To increase resource mobilization efforts to support the work of the Technical and Scientific Cooperation Mechanism, including by actively engaging with, as appropriate, multilateral funding sources, such as bilateral and multilateral financial institutions, development banks, philanthropic organizations and the private sector, with a view to securing adequate and predictable funding accessible by the Global Coordination Entity and the technical and scientific cooperation support centres[, while recognizing that private sector support should complement and not replace public international support for capacity-building];

(c) To strengthen collaboration with the secretariats of other biodiversity-related conventions and multilateral environmental agreements, United Nations entities and relevant partners, with a view to enhancing cooperation and complementarity, reducing fragmentation and maximizing the collective impact of capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation in support of the implementation of the Framework;

(d) To provide the progress report on the Technical and Scientific Cooperation Mechanism, [as prepared by the Global Coordination Entity further to subparagraph 27 (d) above,] for circulation as an information document at a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to be held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties [and at the eighteenth meeting the Conference of the Parties].
