

Workshops held before the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

Nairobi, 25 July 2026

1. As announced in notification No. [2026-031](#), the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be holding workshops on the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; the outcomes of the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology; and the recently completed assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.
2. The workshops will be held in Nairobi on 25 July 2026, just before the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.¹
3. At its twenty-seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body adopted recommendation [27/1](#), on the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, in which it approved an annotated outline of the global report. At its twenty-eighth meeting, the Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider a draft report and provide scientific, technical and technological advice to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its seventh meeting.
4. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will also be invited to consider the report of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology and the draft 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 Convention and the Framework requested of the Executive Secretary in decision [16/21](#).
5. In line with the procedures set out by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in decision [XII/25](#) and the schedule annexed to decision [16/11](#), the Subsidiary Body will further be invited to consider the recent completed methodological assessment by the Platform of the impact and dependence of business on biodiversity and nature's contributions to people, known as the "business and biodiversity assessment", and the relevance of its findings and implications for the work undertaken under the Convention and for the development, as appropriate, of recommendations for the Conference of the Parties.

I. Global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework

6. At its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention adopted an enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, with a view to enhancing the implementation of the Convention and of the Framework, and decided to conduct at its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings a global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, including the means of implementation, based on national reports and, as appropriate, other sources of information.
7. At its sixteenth meeting, in decision [16/32](#), the Conference of the Parties took note of an indicative timeline for the process leading to the global review to be conducted at its seventeenth meeting. The global review will culminate in a decision or decisions by the Conference of the Parties.

¹ The meeting of the Subsidiary Body will be held from 27 July to 1 August 2026.

It will be primarily based on national reports and a global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties established an ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group for the preparation of the global report, which will report to and support the work of the Subsidiary Body.

8. The purpose of the workshop is to provide participants in the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body with an update on the progress in the preparation of the global report and a description of the role of the Subsidiary Body in that process. It will also give participants an opportunity to discuss the outcomes of the peer review² of the draft of the global report.

II. Outcomes of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology

9. In decision [16/21](#), the Conference of the Parties established a new ad hoc technical expert group on synthetic biology with responsibilities that included: reviewing and synthesizing information submitted by a variety of stakeholders pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of that decision, the outcomes of the Open-ended Online Forum on Synthetic Biology and the independent scientific study commissioned pursuant to subparagraph 9 (c) of that decision; identifying the current and potential benefits of synthetic biology; identifying the potential positive and potential negative impacts of the most recent technological developments in synthetic biology; and, in the light of future developments in synthetic biology, advising on ways to take into account capacity-building and development, access to and transfer of technology and knowledge-sharing in synthetic biology with respect to the draft thematic action plan mentioned in paragraph 4 of the present document.

10. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a draft 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 Framework, in line with the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development.³

11. The report of the Expert Group⁴ and the thematic action plan will be made available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body, in line with the requests from the Conference of the Parties. In that context, the workshop is aimed at providing an overview of the outcomes of the meeting of the Expert Group and the thematic action plan to inform the consideration of item 5, on synthetic biology, of the provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body.

III. Recently completed assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

12. At its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and urged Parties and other Governments, with the support of intergovernmental and other organizations, as appropriate, to implement the Framework, and, in particular, to enable participation at all levels of government, with a view to fostering the full and effective contributions of women, youth, indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society organizations, the private and financial sectors, and stakeholders from all other sectors, to that end.

² The peer review of a draft of the global report is planned to be conducted in June 2026.

³ Decision [15/8](#), annex I.

⁴ The meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology is scheduled to be held from 19 to 22 May 2026. The report of the meeting will be made available at www.cbd.int/meetings/SYN-AHTEG-2026-01.

13. At its twelfth session, held in February 2026, the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services approved the summary for policymakers of the business and biodiversity assessment⁵ and accepted its chapters.

14. The purpose of the workshop is to convey to participants in the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body the findings of the business and biodiversity assessment, with a view to facilitating the deliberations held during the meeting of the Subsidiary Body. During the workshop, an emphasis will be placed on the ways in which the findings of both approved and forthcoming assessments can support the implementation of the Framework.

IV. Organization of work

15. The organization of work for the three workshops is set out tables 1, 2 and 3. The workshops are open to all registered participants in the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, with whom a summary of the outcomes of the workshops will be shared. The registration desk for that meeting and for the workshops will open at 8 a.m. on 25 July 2026.

Table 1

Workshop on the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
9.30–9.45 a.m.	Opening remarks by the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
9.45–10.15 a.m.	Presentation on the preparation of the global report by the Co-Chairs of 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, followed by a question-and-answer session
10.15–11.15 a.m.	Presentation on the outcomes of the peer review of the global report by a representative of the Secretariat, followed by a question-and-answer session
11.15–11.45 a.m.	General discussion on the preparation of the global report
11.45 a.m.–noon	Summary and closing remarks

Table 2

Workshop on the outcomes of the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Noon–12.05 p.m.	Opening remarks by the Deputy Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (to be confirmed)
12.05–12.20 p.m.	Presentation on the thematic action plan in the context of synthetic biology by a representative of the Secretariat
12.20–12.55 p.m.	Presentation on the outcomes of the work of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology by the Co-Chairs of the Expert Group, followed by a question-and-answer session
12.55–1 p.m.	Summary and closing remarks

⁵ The assessment report, including the summary for policymakers, is available at www.ipbes.net/business-impact.

Table 3

Workshop on the recently completed assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
2–2.30 p.m.	Opening remarks by the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and a member of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
2.30–3.15 p.m.	Presentation on key messages included in the business and biodiversity assessment by the Co-Chairs and lead authors of the assessment (to be confirmed), followed by a question-and-answer session
3.15–4 p.m.	Breakout session in which participants will be invited to discuss in detail, in small groups, the implications of the assessment for the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and plans for using the report at the national level, before a plenary session in which participants will report on their discussion points
4–4.15 p.m.	Coffee break
4.15–4.45 p.m.	Overview by the member of the Bureau of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services of forthcoming assessments by the Platform, followed by a question-and-answer session
4.45–5 p.m.	Summary and closing remarks