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Agenda item 8

**Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

**Draft recommendation submitted by the Chair**

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice *recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines, complementing the draft decision contained in recommendation 23/1:

*The Conference of the Parties*,

*Recalling* decisions 12/25 and 14/36,

*Also recalling* that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice has systematically considered the assessment reports prepared by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, which represent best available knowledge on the matter, and has provided pertinent recommendations for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties, in line with the procedures established in decision XII/25;

1. *Welcomes* the rolling work programme of the Platform up to 2030, adopted by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in its decision 7/1, noting with appreciation that the request of the Conference of the Parties set out in decision 14/36 has been met, and that work under the six objectives, including the three initial assessments set out in the work programme, are expected to contribute and be essential for the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

2. *Also welcomes* the ground-breaking efforts of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to advance the inclusion of indigenous and local knowledge and diverse knowledge systems in all its assessments and other functions through the implementation of its approach to recognizing and working with indigenous and local knowledge in the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services set out in annex II to decision IPBES-5/1, as well as its engagement with self-organized networks and organizations of indigenous peoples and local communities and other stakeholders through the implementation of its stakeholder engagement strategy set out in annex II to decision IPBES‑3/4, and encourages the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to strengthen these efforts in the implementation of the relevant objectives of the 2030 work programme;

3. *Further* *welcomes* the fact that the rolling work programme up to 2030 of the Platform includes objectives related to each of the four functions of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, implemented in a manner whereby the objectives are mutually supportive, as well as advanced work on scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services (objective 4 (b)) and strengthened communication and engagement of Governments and stakeholders (objectives 5 (a), (b) and (c));

4. *Takes note* of the scoping reports[[1]](#footnote-2) for the nexus and transformative change assessments and the important scientific contribution of these assessments for the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and *invites* relevant organizations to contribute to the assessment through the formal review processes to ensure that relevant information on concepts such as “nature-based solutions” and “One Health” is made available to assessment authors;

5. *Also takes note* of the progress made in the preparation of the methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits, including biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, the thematic assessment of the sustainable use of wild species and the thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control, and *requests* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to review the findings of those assessments when they become available and provide recommendations relating to the implementation of the Convention and in particular the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its respective meetings;

6. *Further takes note* of the report of the expert workshop[[2]](#footnote-3) convened by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services on biodiversity and pandemics,[[3]](#footnote-4) and notes its relevance for the work of the Convention, including the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as well as the work carried out under the Convention on the interlinkages between biodiversity and health;

7. *Welcomes* the cooperation between the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, *takes note* ofthe report[[4]](#footnote-5) of the co-sponsored workshop on biodiversity and climate change, noting the conclusions therein, and recalling decision 14/36, *encourages* the two bodies to continue and further strengthen their collaboration with a view to increasing coherence while avoiding duplication of work, and *requests* Parties to work with the national focal points to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change with a view to supporting an integrated approach to assessments on biodiversity and climate change;

8. *Notes* that the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at its ninth session will reconsider the requests, inputs and suggestions received in time for consideration at that session, including for a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services and for an assessment on ecological connectivity, and *invites* the Platform to prepare a second global assessment and to consider a request to prepare an assessment on ecological connectivity;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to compile views of the Parties on elements to be covered by a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services, to ensure, among other things, that it complements and contributes to the monitoring and review of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, to be undertaken under the Convention before 2030, and, after peer review, submit the final report to the Platform in advance of the ninth session of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services;

10. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to consider nominating a representative to participate in the ad hoc technical expert group on indicators for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

11. *Notes* the information contained in the annex to the note by the Executive Secretary,[[5]](#footnote-6) *also* *notes* the progress in a number of countries in elaborating national assessments of biodiversity and ecosystem services, *encourages* all Parties and other Governments as well as subnational governments to carry out such national or subnational assessments, with the full engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, civil society, academia and business, adapting the process of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to the local contexts, and to be used as potential input to the rolling work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and *invites* relevant organizations, and Parties in a position to do so, to provide technical and financial support, as appropriate.

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1. Pending the approval of the scoping reports by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services at its eighth session. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. This workshop report and any recommendations or conclusions contained therein have not been reviewed, endorsed or approved by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. IPBES (2020). Workshop report on biodiversity and pandemics of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. IPBES secretariat, Bonn. <https://ipbes.net/pandemics>. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. This workshop report and any recommendations or conclusions contained therein have not been reviewed, endorsed or approved by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services or the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. CBD/SBSTTA/24/8. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)