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**Subsidiary Body on Scientific,
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Twenty-seventh meeting
Panama City, 20–24 October 2025
Item 2 of the provisional agenda***
**Organizational matters: election of officers,
adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

Annotated provisional agenda

Introduction

1. The twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will be held in Panama City from 20 to 24 October 2025. Registration of participants will commence at 10 a.m. on 19 October 2025.
2. The Subsidiary Body was established under Article 25 of the Convention on Biological Diversity. In addition, in its Article 30, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety provides that any subsidiary body established by or under the Convention may, upon a decision by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, serve the Cartagena Protocol. Similarly, in its Article 27, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization provides that any subsidiary body established by or under the Convention may serve the Nagoya Protocol.
3. The purpose of the present document is to facilitate preparations for the meeting by Parties and observers.

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

4. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on 20 October 2025. Statements will be made by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body and the Executive Secretary.

Item 2

Organizational matters

Election of officers

5. Following the elections held at the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth meetings of the Subsidiary Body and the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, at which a new chair of the Subsidiary Body was elected, the composition of the Bureau for the present meeting is as follows:

Jean Bruno Mikissa (Gabon), Chair

* CBD/SBSTTA/27/1.

Mostafa Madbouhi (Morocco)
Kenneth Uiseb (Namibia)
Jahidul Kabir (Bangladesh)
Ruliyana Susanti (Indonesia)
Taulant Bino (Albania)
Jan Plesnik (Czechia)
Aria St. Louis (Grenada), with Francis Reyes Polanco (Dominican Republic) as substitute for matters pertaining to the Nagoya Protocol;
Paulina Stowhas Salinas (Chile), with Ana Laura Mello Villamarin (Uruguay) as substitute for matters pertaining to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols;
Scott Wilson (Canada), with Jane Stratford (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as substitute for matters pertaining to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols;
Sanne Kruid (Kingdom of the Netherlands)

6. In order to ensure continuity through staggered terms of office within the Bureau, the Subsidiary Body will elect five new members to serve on the Bureau for a term commencing at the end of the present meeting and ending at the close of its twenty-ninth meeting, to replace the members from Albania, Bangladesh, Canada, Grenada and Namibia.

7. One of the Bureau members will be elected as rapporteur for the meeting on basis of a recommendation by the Bureau.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

8. The provisional agenda for the twenty-seventh meeting¹ of the Subsidiary Body has been prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau.

9. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda and to approve the proposed organization of work (annex I).

10. All agenda items will be considered in plenary session. A scenario note² for the organization of work will also be issued.³

11. A list of working documents for the meeting is provided in annex II.

Item 3

Planning, monitoring, reporting and review: global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

12. In its decision [16/32](#) on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be conducted at the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties adopted concrete procedures for the global review and recognized the role of the Subsidiary Body in the global review in providing advice on relevant scientific, technical and technological matters, including traditional knowledge.

13. 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 on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, to provide scientific, technical and technological recommendations, including on traditional knowledge, for the preparation of the global report. The Advisory Group is to report to and support the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in providing scientific, technical and technological advice to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

¹ [CBD/SBSTTA/27/1](#).

² [CBD/SBSTTA/27/1/Add.2](#).

³ In accordance with paragraph 14 of decisions [16/25](#), [CP-11/5](#) and [NP-5/10](#).

14. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will be invited to provide advice on scientific inputs to the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, including on its annotated outline, as referred to in annex IV to decision [16/32](#), on the basis of work carried out by the Advisory Group, as provided in a note by the Secretariat.⁴

15. The Subsidiary Body will also be invited to consider the information provided and prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting. It will further consider the global review, in particular the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, at its twenty-eighth session, with a view to preparing a recommendation for the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, which will in turn prepare a recommendation for the Conference of the Parties on the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework.

Item 4

Matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

16. In its decision [16/11](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body to consider the outputs of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services according to a schedule annexed to the decision. It also requested the Executive Secretary to provide an update on joint activities conducted by the Secretariat and the Platform at a meeting of the Subsidiary Body in each intersessional period.

17. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the collaboration between the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Convention.⁵ The note will include an analysis of the following outputs, which were considered by the Plenary of the Platform during its eleventh session:

(a) The summary for policymakers of the thematic assessment of the interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food and health (“nexus assessment”);⁶

(b) The summary for policymakers of the thematic assessment of the underlying causes of biodiversity loss, determinants of transformative change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity (“transformative change assessment”);⁷

(c) The scoping report for a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services.⁸

18. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the information provided and to prepare recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Item 5

Biodiversity and climate change

19. In its decision [16/22](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop a supplement to the Voluntary Guidelines for the Design and Effective Implementation of Ecosystem-based Approaches to Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction providing voluntary guidance and tools based on good practices for the design, effective implementation and scaling up, as appropriate, of nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation to support the implementation of Targets 8 and 11, as well as other related targets, of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, where appropriate, consistent with United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/5, noting Mother Earth-centric

⁴ CBD/SBSTTA/27/2.

⁵ CBD/SBSTTA/27/3.

⁶ See CBD/SBSTTA/27/3/Add.1.

⁷ See CBD/SBSTTA/27/3/Add.2.

⁸ See CBD/SBSTTA/27/3/Add.3.

actions, as recognized by some countries, in line with different national circumstances, priorities and capabilities. The work will also include updating guidance for fit-for-purpose social and environmental safeguards, based on existing safeguards. The outcomes of the work are to be considered by the Subsidiary Body before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

20. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to invite Parties, observers and other stakeholders to submit their views on options for enhanced policy coherence, including a potential joint work programme of the Rio conventions, to be compiled by the Executive Secretary for the attention of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions. The Executive Secretary is further requested to submit its compilation for consideration the Subsidiary Body and to invite the executive secretaries of the other Rio conventions to collaborate on the organization of a technical information exchange in 2025 to further explore options to enhance cooperation and policy coherence to support the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement.

21. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a summary of the draft supplement to the Voluntary Guidelines for the Design and Effective Implementation of Ecosystem-based Approaches to Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction on the aforementioned areas, and a summary of the submissions received and outcomes of the technical information exchange containing options for enhanced policy coherence across the Rio conventions.⁹ The draft supplement itself will be provided as an information document.

22. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the information provided and to prepare recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Item 6

Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

(a) Strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention in the context of the Framework

23. In paragraph 9 of its decision [15/4](#) and paragraph 4 (e) of its decision [16/12](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to conduct a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work of the Convention in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to facilitate its implementation and, on the basis of the analysis, to prepare draft updates of the programmes of work for consideration by the Subsidiary Body.

24. In its decision [16/12](#), the Conference of the Parties recognized that the programmes of work and cross-cutting work of the Convention remained important tools to support the implementation of the Framework, although some programmes of work might need to be updated.

25. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work in the context of the Framework, building on related work undertaken for its twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth meetings.¹⁰

26. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the information provided in document CBD/SBSTTA/27/5/Add.1 and the draft recommendation in document CBD/SBSTTA/27/5, and to prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

⁹ CBD/SBSTTA/27/4.

¹⁰ CBD/SBSTTA/27/5/Add.1.

(b) Strategic review of and updates to the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity

27. Pursuant to paragraph 9 of decision [15/4](#) and subparagraph 4 (e) of decision [16/12](#), the Secretariat invited the submission of views and information relating to the strategic review and analysis of the current expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity in the context of the Framework through notifications Nos. [2025-031](#) and [2025-048](#), issued in March and April 2025, respectively, and compiled them as inputs for the strategic review and analysis. The Secretariat will provide a draft update to the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity on the basis of the inputs and subsequent analysis.

28. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the information provided in document CBD/SBSTTA/27/5/Add.2, which will contain the summary results of the strategic review and analysis of, as well as a draft update to, the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity, and the draft recommendation in document CBD/SBSTTA/27/5, and to prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

(c) Areas of potential further work

29. In paragraph 2 of its decision [16/12](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that work could be advanced in the following areas, avoiding duplication with existing multilateral processes and respecting their mandates:

- (a) Biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning;
- (b) Pollution and biodiversity;
- (c) Sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services that enhance biodiversity;
- (d) Equity, gender equality and the human rights-based approach relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources;
- (e) Different value systems, as stated in paragraph 7 (b) of section C of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

30. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat, for each of the issues referred to in the paragraph above:

- (a) To invite Parties, other Governments, relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other agreements, intergovernmental processes, international organizations and initiatives, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and other relevant stakeholders to provide submissions on their views and relevant experiences on those work areas;
- (b) To provide a summary of the submissions and, taking the workload at future meetings of the Conference of the Parties into account, make proposals for potential further work for consideration by the Subsidiary Body before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

31. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a summary of the submissions on the aforementioned areas, including the proposals for potential further work for some of those areas, drawing on the submissions.¹¹

32. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the information provided in document CBD/SBSTTA/27/5/Add.3 and the draft recommendation in document CBD/SBSTTA/27/5, and to

¹¹ CBD/SBSTTA/27/5/Add.3.

prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Item 7

Risk assessment and risk management

33. In its decision [CP-11/7](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol invited Parties to submit detailed information on their needs and priorities for further guidance materials on specific topics of risk assessment of living modified organisms, including a rationale following the criteria set out in annex I to decision [CP-9/13](#). It decided to establish an ad hoc technical expert group on risk assessment tasked with evaluating the needs and priorities identified by Parties through the submission of said information.

34. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a summary of the outcomes of the intersessional work related to risk assessment and a report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment with recommendations on further guidance materials on risk assessment evaluated according to the criteria set out in annex I to decision [CP-9/13](#).¹²

35. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to prepare recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol at its twelfth meeting.

Item 8

Invasive alien species

36. In its decision [16/18](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary:

(a) To further strengthen collaboration among relevant organizations through the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species, with a view to supporting the implementation of Target 6 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

(b) To hold an open-ended online forum to facilitate the exchange of information and experiences on issues related to invasive alien species, including: (i) work carried out by Parties and stakeholders, with regard to the prevention, management, control and eradication of invasive alien species, towards the implementation of Target 6 of the Framework; and (ii) approaches that can be taken to facilitate a collaborative response to biological invasions and the threats and impacts of invasive alien species, and how those individual approaches could be integrated into the One Health approach;

(c) To report on progress on the aforementioned activities to the Subsidiary Body.

37. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a progress report on intersessional activities on invasive alien species, including information on the fourteenth meeting of the Inter-agency Liaison Group, and a summary of the inputs provided through the online forum.¹³

38. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to take note of the information provided and prepare recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Item 9

Biodiversity and agriculture

39. In its decision [15/28](#), the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to provide, on a voluntary basis, information on their activities and results from the implementation of the Plan of Action (2020–2030) for the International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity, in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as appropriate, and

¹² CBD/SBSTTA/27/6.

¹³ CBD/SBSTTA/27/7.

requested the Executive Secretary to compile the submissions and make them available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body at a meeting held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

40. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a summary of the submissions received and an analysis with conclusions and draft recommendations to support Parties in moving forward with the implementation of said Plan of Action, in alignment with the Framework.¹⁴

41. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the information provided and to prepare recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Item 10

Biodiversity and health

42. In its decision [16/19](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary:

(a) To complete the work conducted pursuant to paragraph 13 (a) of decision [14/4](#) on the development of integrated science-based indicators, metrics and progress measurement tools on biodiversity and health;

(b) To facilitate capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer activities to support Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders in the uptake and implementation of the Global Action Plan on Biodiversity and Health;

(c) To continue to raise awareness of the important interlinkages between biodiversity and health;

(d) To enhance and strengthen cooperation with international organizations and the secretariats of other multilateral environmental, health and human rights agreements with regard to biodiversity and health interlinkages;

(e) To explore, in consultation with the World Health Organization and the other members of the Quadripartite alliance on One Health, the development of an online information platform to collate knowledge, tools and experiences on interlinked biodiversity and health policies and actions;

(f) To report on the outcomes of that work to the Subsidiary Body at a meeting held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

43. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing a progress report on intersessional activities on biodiversity and health, including a summary of inputs from submissions of information related to the development of indicators and measurement tools, as well as information on capacity-building and awareness-raising activities related to biodiversity and health.¹⁵

44. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to take note of the information provided and prepare recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Item 11

Other matters

45. Under agenda item 11, participants will have an opportunity to raise other matters of relevance to the Subsidiary Body.

¹⁴ CBD/SBSTTA/27/8.

¹⁵ CBD/SBSTTA/27/9.

Item 12

Adoption of the report

46. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the meeting. In accordance with established practice, it will also be invited to authorize the rapporteur to finalize the report after the meeting, with the guidance of the Chair and the assistance of the Secretariat.

Item 13

Closure of the meeting

47. The meeting is expected to close at 6 p.m. on 24 October 2025.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work

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