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### **Sustainable Ocean Initiative Regional Capacity-building Workshop for East, South and South-East Asia** Seoul, 5–8 September 2023

## **Annotated provisional agenda**

**Note by the Secretariat**

### **I. Introduction**

1. The Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) was created on the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to respond to the need for training and capacity-building of developing country Parties with regard to marine conservation and management, as emphasized by the Conference of the Parties in decision X/29. Sustainable Ocean Initiative is a global platform that aims to build partnerships and enhance capacity to achieve the global goals and targets on marine and coastal biodiversity. Its implementation is being coordinated by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with various partners.
2. The Sustainable Ocean Initiative focuses on achieving a balance between conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity by applying an action-oriented, holistic and integrated capacity-building framework. It is committed to building bridges between biodiversity conservation and resource management sectors.
3. At its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, as part of a package of decisions focused on implementation, monitoring and reporting for the Framework. The Framework contains a new set of global goals and targets for biodiversity, particularly a set of action-oriented targets to be achieved by 2030 and outcome-oriented goals to be achieved by 2050. The goals and targets of the Framework are crafted to be generic and applicable in all biomes and for all biodiversity. As such, nearly all aspects of the Framework are relevant to marine and coastal biodiversity and an all-of-society approach will be needed to fully implement the Framework. The goals and targets of the Framework represent the most ambitious global political commitments for nature that we have seen. Robust and enhanced efforts will be needed to implement the targets of the Framework and capacity-building is urgently needed in order to put in place the enabling conditions to fully implement the Framework.
4. At its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties also adopted decision 15/24, in which it welcomed the capacity-building, experience-sharing and partnership activities being facilitated notably through the Sustainable Ocean Initiative, expressed its gratitude to donor countries and many other partners for providing financial and technical support for the implementation of activities under the Sustainable Ocean Initiative, and requested the Secretariat of the Convention to continue to facilitate capacity-building activities under the Sustainable Ocean Initiative in order to support the implementation of the Framework, including its monitoring framework, with respect to marine, coastal and island biodiversity.

5. Pursuant to this request, the Secretariat is convening the Sustainable Ocean Initiative regional capacity-building workshop for East, South and South-East Asia, in collaboration with various regional organizations and initiatives. The workshop will be held from 5 to 8 September 2023 in Seoul. It is being organized with financial support from the Government of the Republic of Korea, through the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries and technical support from the National Marine Biodiversity Institute of Korea.
6. The workshop seeks to identify means, opportunities, priorities and challenges in implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in the region with respect to marine and coastal biodiversity. Workshop participants will primarily comprise experts, managers, officers and specialists in marine biodiversity conservation and fisheries management from Parties, relevant global and regional organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities.
7. The workshop will be organized in plenary and breakout group sessions and will include thematic presentations with question-and-answer sessions, plenary and moderated discussions, breakout group exercises and discussions. The Secretariat, in consultation with collaborating organizations, will nominate workshop co-chairs for the plenary sessions, as well as facilitators and rapporteurs for the breakout groups, based on the experience and expertise of the workshop participants.
8. The list of documents for the workshop is contained in annex I.
9. The proposed organization of work for the workshop is contained in annex II.
10. The workshop will be conducted in English.

#### **Item 1**

##### **Opening of the meeting**

11. Representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention, the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea and the National Marine Biodiversity Institute of Korea will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on 5 September 2023.

#### **Item 2**

##### **Workshop background, objectives, scope and expected outcomes**

12. The Secretariat will deliver a presentation to review the meeting background and objectives, followed by a question-and-answer session.

#### **Item 3**

##### **Regional and national context**

13. In order to provide regional context for the workshop, experts from regional organizations will deliver a coordinated presentation outlining the state of the marine environment and biodiversity in East, South and South-East Asia.
14. Then, experts from regional organizations will deliver a coordinated presentation outlining the state of the marine fisheries and fisheries management in East, South and South-East Asia. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session.
15. In order to provide national context for the workshop, experts from each Party present at the workshop will deliver presentations to summarize progress thus far in, and future plans for, the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in their respective countries.
16. This will be followed by breakout group discussions in which participants will have focused discussion on the common priorities and challenges across the region/subregions.

#### **Item 4**

#### **Overview of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and its relevance for marine and coastal biodiversity**

17. A representative of the Secretariat will deliver a presentation providing an overview of the Framework and its relevance for the ocean. This will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

#### **Item 5**

#### **Approaches to implementing the targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in marine and coastal areas**

18. A representative of the Secretariat will give a presentation providing an overview of Targets 1 to 4 of the Framework, after which a panel of regional experts will highlight key considerations, expert guidance and possible tools and approaches to implement those targets. A question-and-answer session will follow.
19. Breakout group discussions will then be held, during which participants will highlight challenges, opportunities, and priorities for the region in accelerating the implementation of Targets 1 to 4 in the ocean in an aligned manner with regional goals and strategies.
20. A representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will then coordinate a special session on sustainable fisheries and the Framework, in particular with respect to Targets 5, 9, 10 and 11.
21. The Secretariat will provide an overview of Targets 6 to 8 of the Framework after which a panel of regional experts will highlight key considerations, expert guidance and possible tools and approaches to implement these targets. A question-and-answer session will follow.
22. Then breakout group discussions will be held during which participants will highlight challenges, opportunities and priorities for the region in accelerating the implementation of Targets 6 to 8 in the ocean in an aligned manner with regional goals and strategies.

#### **Item 6**

#### **Developing strategies and action plans to accelerate the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

23. Participants from Parties in the region will outline strategies, opportunities, next steps and action items on how to progress in implementing the targets of the Framework in marine and coastal areas in their region and in their respective countries. This will build on the discussions held thus far in the workshop and participants will be encouraged to work with experts from organizations represented at the workshop.
24. Each Party will present its strategy in order to receive feedback from other workshop participants.

#### **Item 7**

#### **Conclusion and next steps**

25. To conclude the meeting, participants will have the opportunity to identify ways to implement their proposed strategies in their countries, means to enhance regional approaches to support implementation and to identify potential sources of support for this work.

#### **Item 8**

#### **Closure of the meeting**

The meeting is expected to close at 5 p.m. on 8 September 2023.

## Annex I

### List of documents for the meeting

#### Working documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD/SOI/WS/2022/3/1	Provisional agenda
CBD/SOI/WS/2022/3/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda

#### Reference material

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Title</i>
Decision 15/4	Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
Decision 15/8	Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation
Decision 15/5	Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
Decision 15/6	Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review

## Annex II

### Proposed organization of work

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
<b>5 September</b>	
9–9.30 a.m.	Item 1. Opening of the meeting <i>Opening statements (5 minutes each)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>• Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea</li> <li>• National Marine Biodiversity Institute of Korea</li> </ul>
9.30–9.45 a.m.	Item 2. Workshop background, objectives, scope and expected outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by the Secretariat on background and objectives (15 minutes)</li> </ul>
9.45–10.15 a.m.	<i>Coffee break and group photo</i>
10.15–11 a.m.	Item 3. Regional and national context (a) Environment, biodiversity and fisheries issues in East, South and South-East Asia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinated presentations from regional organizations outlining (i) the state of the marine environment and (ii) the state of marine fisheries and fisheries management in the region</li> </ul> Questions and answers and discussion (15 minutes)
11 a.m.–noon	(b) National presentations (10 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations from each Party in the region on their national priorities, challenges and experiences</li> </ul>
12–1 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1–2.45 p.m.	Item 3 ( <i>continued</i> )
2.45–3 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3–5 p.m.	(c) Breakout discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common priorities and challenges across the region/subregions</li> </ul>
<b>6 September</b>	
9–9.15 a.m.	Overview of day 1 discussions
9.15–10 a.m.	Item 4. Overview of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and its relevance for marine and coastal biodiversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by the Secretariat providing an overview of the Framework and its relevance for the ocean</li> </ul> Questions and answers and discussion
10–10.30 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30 a.m.–noon	Item 5. Approaches to implementing the targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in marine and coastal areas (a) Targets 1–4: Spatial planning, restoration, protection and conservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by the Secretariat providing an overview of Targets 1 to 4</li> </ul>

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel of regional experts on Targets 1 to 4</li> </ul> Questions and answers and discussion
Noon–1 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1–2 p.m.	Breakout group discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenges, opportunities, and priorities for the region in accelerating the implementation of Targets 1 to 4 in the ocean in an aligned manner with regional goals and strategies</li> </ul>
2–2.30 p.m.	Reporting back from breakout group discussions
2.30–3.30 p.m.	(b) Sustainable fisheries and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special interactive session coordinated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (details forthcoming)</li> </ul>
3.15–3.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3–5 p.m.	Item 5 ( <i>continued</i> )
<b>7 September</b>	
9–9.15 a.m.	Overview of day 2 discussions
9.15–10.15 a.m.	(c) Targets 6, 7 and 8: IAS, pollution, climate change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation by the Secretariat providing an overview of Targets 6 to 8</li> <li>Panel of regional experts on Targets 6 to 8</li> </ul> Questions and answers and discussion
10.15–10.30 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30 a.m.–noon	Item 6. Developing strategies and/or action plans to accelerate the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in marine and coastal areas at the regional, national and subnational scale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building on the workshop discussions, participants will outline strategies, opportunities, next steps, and action items on how to progress on implementing the targets of the Framework in marine and coastal areas in their region and in their respective countries.</li> </ul>
Noon–1 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1–2.45 p.m.	Item 6 ( <i>continued</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing strategies and/or action plans</li> </ul>
2.45–3 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3–4.30 p.m.	Item 6 ( <i>continued</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing strategies and/or action plans</li> </ul>
4.30–5 p.m.	Item 6 ( <i>continued</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report on the progress to be provided by each group</li> </ul>
<b>8 September</b>	
9–9.15 a.m.	Overview of day 3 discussions
9.15–10.30 a.m.	Item 6 ( <i>continued</i> )

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concluding the development of strategies/and or action plans and finalizing the presentations</li> </ul>
10.30–11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m.–noon	Item 6 ( <i>continued</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations of strategies and/or action plans</li> </ul>
Noon–1 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
1–3 p.m.	Item 6 ( <i>continued</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations of strategies and/or action plans</li> </ul>
3–3.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.30–5 p.m.	Item 7. Conclusions, next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap-up plenary discussion and future steps</li> <li>• Key conclusions</li> <li>• Closing of the workshop</li> </ul> Item 8. Closure of the meeting

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