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REPORT ON THE WORKSHOP ON THE EVIDENCE BASE FOR THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK: FIFTH EDITION OF THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK AND IPBES GLOBAL ASSESSMENT

Montreal, Canada, 23 November 2019

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological and the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) organized a workshop on the evidence base for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including the fifth edition of the *global biodiversity outlook* (GBO-5) and the *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* issued by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. The workshop was held in Montreal, Canada on 23 November 2019 and was attended by approximately 200 participants, representing Parties and observers to the Convention.
2. The workshop was convened in support of several decisions and recommendations of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Subsidiary Bodies.¹ The overall purpose of the workshop was to inform participants of the findings of relevant assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), in particular the IPBES *Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*, and the first draft and draft summary for policymakers of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* (GBO-5) as well as other assessments and reports such as the second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlook* (LBO-2) and the *Global Plant Conservation Report*. The workshop presented information relevant to the discussions during the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, in particular on agenda item 3 on informing the scientific and technical evidence base for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
3. The workshop was opened by Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, the Officer in Charge of the of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Ana María Hernández, the Chair of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) also provided introductory remarks. David Cooper, the deputy Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and Anne Larigauderie, the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, co-chaired the workshop.
4. During the workshop's morning session, several presentations were made by experts from *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* and other assessment processes on the evidence base for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Presentations² were made on:
 - (a) The key messages from the *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* (Sandra Díaz, co-chair, IPBES Global Assessment);

¹ Including decision [XII/25](#), [XIII/29](#), [14/1](#), [14/34](#), [14/35](#), [SBSTTA-XXI/1](#)

² All of the presentations made during the workshop are accessible from <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/POST2020-WS-2019-14>

(b) The preparations for the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and its communication strategy (Tim Hirsch, lead author for GBO-5);

(c) The preparations for the second edition of the *Local Biodiversity Outlooks* (Joji Carino and Maurizio Farhan Ferrari, editors of the second edition of LBO);

(d) The next edition of the *Global Plant Conservation Report* (Suzanne Sharrock Director of Global Programmes at Botanic Gardens Conservation International);

(e) The current status and trends of biodiversity and nature's contributions to people and drivers of change, based on the *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* (Kate Brauman and Alex Pfaff, Coordinating Lead Authors of Chapter 2, IPBES Global Assessment);

(f) The current progress on reaching international goals and targets, based on the *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* (Suneetha Subramanian, Coordinating Lead Author of Chapter 3, IPBES Global Assessment);

(g) Relevant scenario analysis and modelling of biodiversity and ecosystem services, based on the *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* (Paul Leadley, Lead Author of Chapter 4, IPBES Global Assessment);

(h) Options for achieving transformative change, based on the *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* (Marcel Kok and Alex Pfaff, Lead Author and Coordinating Lead Author, Chapters 5 and 2, IPBES Global Assessment).

5. During the workshop's afternoon session participants divided into discussion groups to further explore the issues presented in the morning. Each discussion group was facilitated by an expert involved in the *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*. Among the issues considered in the discussion group were:

(a) The urgent need to address the worrying trends in state of biodiversity, its contributions to people and the drivers of biodiversity loss;

(b) Possible levers and transitions for sustainability and the need to address the direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity loss through these;

(c) The need for transformative change in society's relationship with nature and what such transitions could mean in practical terms;

(d) The need to scale up action on biodiversity issues, including by building on current successes but also by learning from challenges;

(e) The need to address biodiversity issues in concert with other societal challenges, including climate change and poverty reduction.

6. In the final session of the workshop Francis Ogwal, one of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, provided comments on the importance of scientific evidence, including the findings of the *Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* and the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*, to the deliberations of the working group. Further, Hesiquio Benitez Diaz, the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice provided comments and observations on the discussions and their relationship to the twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice. Following the customary exchange of courtesies David Cooper and Anne Larigauderie closed the workshop.
