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Agenda item 4

Adoption of the report

Draft report of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on its fifth meeting

Introduction

1. The fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation was attended by the following Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity: [to be completed].
2. The following States not party to the Convention were also represented: [to be completed].
3. The meeting was also attended by observers from the following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, convention secretariats and other bodies and organizations: [to be completed].
4. Information on participation in the meeting is available in information document CBD/SBI/5/INF/1.

Item 1

Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

5. The meeting was opened at 10.15 a.m. on 16 October 2024 by the Chair, Chirra Achalender Reddy (India).
6. After welcoming participants to the meeting, the Chair spoke briefly about the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the role of the Subsidiary Body in reviewing and enhancing the effectiveness of the implementation of the Convention and the Framework. The four goals and 23 targets of the Framework covered the full range of biodiversity topics, such as reclamation of degraded ecosystems, protection of terrestrial, marine and water areas, finance and health. In his view, the most important and complex topic was digital sequence information, which over the course of time Parties would discuss, debate and come to a consensus on that would be of benefit to all. Parties were expected to prepare national biodiversity strategies and action plans for achieving the goals and targets of the Framework, as well as their own national biodiversity targets according to their priorities, circumstances and capabilities, by 2030. It was important to recognize that preparing the national biodiversity strategies and action plans, along with national biodiversity targets aligned with the Framework, was a huge undertaking, in which it was essential to involve all stakeholders, including indigenous peoples and local communities, government agencies and non-government organizations.

7. Opening statements were made by the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, Susana Muhamad, the Deputy Director General of the Department of Nature and Ecology Conservation of China, Ning Liu, on behalf of the President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, Huang Runqiu, and the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention, Astrid Schomaker.

8. In a video address, the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia welcomed participants to Cali, a city surrounded by the biological and cultural diversity of the Pacific. She expressed the hope that the setting would prove conducive to productive dialogue and deliberations, leading to consensus on all items on the agenda of the present meeting. Over the next few days, the Subsidiary Body had the extraordinary challenge of sending the Conference of the Parties a clear message on the status of implementation of the Framework, with a special emphasis on the open-ended forum for voluntary country review. The world was at a crossroads where biodiversity loss, climate change and pollution were destroying the web of life, and stronger commitment by all Parties was needed at the national and local levels, along with the mobilization of the whole of society and the whole of government, to define an ambitious path for achieving transformative changes toward the sustainability of the planet, economies and society. That required rigorous monitoring, based on scientific knowledge and capacity, but also on dialogue with ancestral knowledge and local communities, especially those on the front lines that lived with the impact of the crises. That dialogue and those social agreements, along with the availability of agile, innovative and direct finance, would be key to fulfilling the implementation commitments made by all Parties at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. She wished the participants success in their deliberations while reminding them that their work was building towards peace with nature.

9. The Deputy Director General of the Department of Nature and Ecology Conservation of China, speaking on behalf of the President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, also welcomed delegates to Cali, a city known for its rich cultural heritage and biodiversity. The present meeting was the last to be held under the presidency of his country before the baton was handed to Colombia, marking the beginning of a new phase, with new challenges but also new opportunities. The adoption of the Framework had set the direction for global biodiversity conservation for the next decade and beyond. Parties were now taking the first step in implementing the Framework, by developing their national biodiversity strategies and action plans to support national targets. He expressed the hope that the discussions at the present meeting would provide the inspiration needed by those still engaged in the process of completing them. Setting national targets was nevertheless only the first step in implementing the Framework, and effective implementation was key. China had taken the practical step of establishing the Kunming Biodiversity Fund with an initial investment of 1.5 billion yuan. The Fund had been launched in December 2023, with an official launch in May 2024 marked by the signature of a cooperation agreement with the United Nations Environment Programme and the Office of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol in Beijing. Project assessment had begun, and he hoped that a first set of projects would be approved and fundraising guidelines for future projects would be produced during the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Noting that the Action Initiative for the Framework launched by China in December 2023 had also drawn widespread international attention, with 27 Parties and institutions having joined to date, he called upon developed and developing countries to use the Fund to support the implementation of the Framework. In closing, he called upon countries and organizations to work together to find solutions and achieve a positive impact and pledged to work with the Bureau, the Chair, the Secretariat and all delegates to ensure a successful meeting.

10. In her remarks, the Executive Secretary noted the opportunity presented by the present meeting to review the development of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets, as well as their alignment with the Framework. Over the past two years, Parties had focused on preparing their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and, to date, 29 Parties had submitted their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and 91 had submitted national targets. With many targets now in place, it was time to shift the focus to implementation. The Framework was

humanity's blueprint for halting and reversing biodiversity loss and recognized linkages to many other issues, which was both its strength and its challenge. To achieve its goals by 2030, however, Parties would need to deliver more, and faster. To succeed in its work, the Subsidiary Body had to reckon with the inherent complexity of gauging the effectiveness of action to protect biodiversity. The adoption of the Framework had tamed that inherent complexity by introducing 23 measurable targets grounded in science and lessons learned from the pursuit of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. It was now time to review the progress made and determine the way forward. One reliable gauge of progress was the state of play in the alignment of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets with the Framework. In 2023 and 2024, the Secretariat had convened a series of dialogues to facilitate the sharing of experiences and peer learning related to the revision and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans. The outcomes of those dialogues would feed into the discussions at the present meeting, where the first order of business was to review progress with implementation.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Election of the Rapporteur for the meeting

11. At its 1st plenary session, on 16 October, the Subsidiary Body agreed that Moustafa Fouda (Egypt) would act as Rapporteur for the meeting.
12. The Rapporteur made a statement of thanks on behalf of all participants.

Adoption of the agenda

13. At its 1st plenary session, the Subsidiary Body adopted the following agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat:¹

1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Opening of the meeting;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Review of implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including means of implementation.
3. Other matters.
4. Adoption of the report.
5. Closure of the meeting.

Organization of work

14. Also at its 1st plenary session, the Subsidiary Body approved the proposed organization of work.²

Item 2

Review of implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including means of implementation

15. The Subsidiary Body began its consideration of agenda item 2 at its 1st plenary session. It had before it notes by the Secretariat on: review of implementation: progress in national target-setting and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, which included a draft recommendation;³ an analysis of national biodiversity strategies and action plans revised and updated

¹ CBD/SBI/5/1.

² CBD/SBI/5/1/Add.2, annex I.

³ CBD/SBI/5/2/Rev.1.

aligned with the Framework;⁴ an analysis of targets established by Parties aligned with the Framework;⁵ a summary of key findings from regional and subregional dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans;⁶ and the pilot open-ended forum for voluntary country review of implementation at the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, which included a draft recommendation.⁷ In addition, all the findings from the dialogues were available as reference documents on the meeting web page.⁸

General statements

16. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, European Union and its member States, Ghana, Guatemala, Japan, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal (on behalf of the African States), Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, Switzerland, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Zimbabwe.

17. At its 2nd plenary session, on 16 October, the Subsidiary Body resumed its consideration of agenda item 2.

18. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Algeria, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chile, China, Dominican Republic, Guinea, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Peru, Republic of Moldova, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Vanuatu (on behalf of the Pacific Islands represented at the meeting) and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

19. Statements were also made by representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

20. Further statements were made by representatives of the CBD Women's Caucus, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the Indigenous Women Network on Biodiversity from Latin America and the Caribbean and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

21. Following the exchange of views, the Chair said that he would prepare a draft recommendation, in consultation with the Secretariat, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body, taking into account the views expressed by Parties.

22. At the 4th plenary session, on 17 October, the Chair established a group of friends of the Chair, facilitated by Andrea Cruz Angón (Mexico), to assist him in streamlining the text of the draft recommendation.

23. At its 5th plenary session, on 18 October, following a report by the facilitator of the group of friends of the Chair on the group's work, the Subsidiary Body considered a draft recommendation submitted by the Chair, on review of implementation: progress in national target setting and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

⁴ CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.1/Rev.1.

⁵ CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.2/Rev.1.

⁶ CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.3.

⁷ CBD/SBI/5/3.

⁸ See www.cbd.int/conferences/2024/sbi-05/documents.

24. Statements were made by representatives of the following Parties: Afghanistan, Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, European Union and its member States, Gabon, Iraq, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, Russian Federation, South Africa, Togo, Turkmenistan and Uganda.

25. [to be completed]

Pilot open-ended forum for voluntary country review

26. At the 2nd plenary session, the Chair opened the pilot open-ended forum for voluntary country view. The forum was facilitated by Natasha Walker and Martín Sánchez Vilchis and consisted of three thematic sessions in addition to the opening session.

27. The representative of the Secretariat introduced document CBD/SBI/5/3 and drew attention to additional information on the pilot forum in the scenario note for the meeting.⁹

28. The Subsidiary Body then heard from a panel comprising representatives of Parties that had hosted dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans, who shared some of what they had heard during the dialogues. The panellists were Taimur al-Said, Environmental Specialist, Office for Conservation of the Environment, Environment Authority of Oman; Bilal Abdel-Hamid Moh'd Qteshat, Director, Nature Protection Directorate, Ministry of Environment of Jordan; Roxana Virginia Solis Ortiz, Coordinator of Biological Diversity Instrument Management, Ecosystem and Species Conservation Directorate, Ministry of the Environment of Peru; and Nozanin Rasulova, Head, Department of Sectoral and Intersectoral Cooperation for the Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, National Biodiversity and Biosafety Centre, Tajikistan.

Session 1: whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches and integration of the Protocols and other multilateral environmental agreements into national biodiversity strategies and action plans

29. The first thematic session of the forum was held during the 3rd plenary session, on 17 October.

30. The session was chaired by Norbert Bärlocher (Switzerland) and consisted of a panel discussion followed by an open dialogue with representatives of Parties and observers, facilitated by the facilitators.

31. At the start of the session, the Chair made introductory remarks and introduced the panellists, consisting of Angela Lozan, Project Manager, National Office for Implementation of Environmental Projects, Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Moldova; Andrea Cruz Angón, Biodiversity Expert, National Commission for Biodiversity Knowledge and Use of Mexico; Nicolas Laurent, Biodiversity Coordinator for European and International Affairs, Directorate for Planning, Housing and Nature, Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion of France; Krishneel Nand, Acting Principal Environmental Officer, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Department of Environment of Fiji; Moustafa Fouda, Minister Adviser of Biodiversity Matters, Ministry of Environment of Egypt; and Claudia Valeria Sánchez Flores of Mexico, a member of the Indigenous Women Network on Biodiversity – Mexico.

32. Following the interactive discussion, the Chair summarized the key messages emerging from the discussion and closed the session.

Session 2: national target setting and monitoring

33. The second thematic session of the forum started during the 3rd plenary session and continued during the 4th plenary session.

⁹ CBD/SBI/5/1/Add.2.

34. The session was chaired by Somaly Chan (Cambodia) and consisted of a panel discussion followed by an open dialogue with representatives of Parties and observers, facilitated by the facilitators.

35. At the start of the session, the Chair made introductory remarks and introduced the panellists, consisting of Ditta Greguss, Biodiversity Policy Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary; Iemdaad Rodjan, Acting Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Spatial Planning and Environment of Suriname; Moumouni Ouedraogo, Inspector for Water and Forests, Permanent Secretariat of the National Council for Sustainable Development, Ministry of the Environment, Energy, Water and Health of Burkina Faso; Wataru Suzuki, Director, Biodiversity Strategy Office, Ministry of the Environment of Japan; Jane Stratford, Deputy Head, International Biodiversity and Climate, Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of the United Kingdom; and Priyanka Pandey, Biodiversity Hub International.

36. Following the interactive discussion, the Chair summarized the key messages emerging from the discussion and closed the session.

Session 3: means of implementation, including national biodiversity finance planning and capacity-development planning

37. The third thematic session of the forum took place during the 4th plenary session.

38. The session was chaired by Teona Karchava (Georgia) and consisted of a panel discussion followed by an open dialogue with representatives of Parties and observers, facilitated by the facilitators.

39. At the start of the session, the Chair made introductory remarks and introduced the panellists, consisting of Tsepang Makholela, Chief Director, Biodiversity Monitoring and Specialist Services, Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa; Liu Yan, Professor, Nanjing Institute of Environmental Sciences, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China; Rashad Allahverdiyev, Deputy Head, Service of Protection of Biodiversity, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Azerbaijan; Laura Camila Bermudez Wilches, Adviser, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia; Anne Teller, Senior Expert, Directorate-General for Environment of the European Commission; and Camari Divuniwaqa, a member of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network.

40. Following the interactive discussion, the Chair summarized the key messages emerging from the discussion and closed the session.

Closing session

41. At the 5th plenary session, the Chair presented his summary of the key messages of the forum. The Chair's summary is set out in the annex to the present report.

Recommendation

42. [to be completed]

Item 3

Other matters

43. [to be completed].

Item 4

Adoption of the report

44. [to be completed].

Item 5

Closure of the meeting

45. [to be completed].
