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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The Conference of the Parties has periodically adopted multi-year programmes of work to guide its consideration of issues at its upcoming meetings. Following the adoption of the first Strategic Plan and the 2010 Biodiversity Target, the multi-year programme of work has been evolved towards a more strategic process, which was further reinforced after the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. In its decision [15/33](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention noted that it would review progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at each of its meetings up to 2030.
3. In its decision 16/36, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of its Bureau, to prepare the list of issues in relation to the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties for consideration at the present meeting, with a view to reviewing and updating the multi-year programme of work up to 2030.
4. The list of issues related to the multi-year programme of work is presented in the annex to the draft decision contained in section III of the present note and was prepared based on the analysis of the following:
 - (a) Relevant decisions from the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties that include specific work for the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth or nineteenth meetings, to be supported by the work of relevant subsidiary bodies as well as the Secretariat, as summarized in the annex to the present note;
 - (b) Relevant draft decisions for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at the present meeting, which include specific work for the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth or nineteenth meetings, to be supported by the work of relevant subsidiary bodies as well as the Secretariat, as summarized in the annex to the present note.

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5. Section II below provides the rationale for the organization of the list of issues as a basis for the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties. Section III sets out the draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

II. Strategic approach for the organization of the multi-year programme of work

6. With the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the Conference of the Parties, in its decision [15/4](#), decided that the Framework should be used as a strategic plan for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, its bodies and its Secretariat over the period 2022–2030. The Framework therefore guides the strategic approach for the development of the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties.

7. It should be also noted that, with the establishment of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities through decision [16/5](#), the Conference of the Parties, from the present meeting, receives the inputs from three subsidiary bodies, which increases the overall work scope.

8. Moreover, while the multi-year programme of work would be guided primarily by work already decided upon, or to be decided at this meeting, by the Conference of the Parties, as summarized in the annex to the present note, the following aspects should be taken into account in finalizing the programme: (a) the flexibility needed to address additional issues and opportunities that may emerge; (b) the effectiveness of the overall processes under the Convention and its Protocols; and (c) the efficient use of time and resources by the Conference of the Parties in undertaking its work, as well as by three subsidiary bodies to support the work of the Conference of the Parties.

9. In the light of the above-noted background, the issues related to the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties were identified in the following groupings, as summarized in the annex to the draft decision contained in section III of the present note and with details of source decisions summarized in the annex to the present note:

(a) Matters related to mechanisms supporting the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The issues falling under this category relate primarily to the enabling conditions and support mechanisms required for the effective implementation of the Convention and the Framework. They include, inter alia, resource mobilization and the financial mechanism, planning, monitoring, reporting and review, implementation of Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities, capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation, the clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management, cooperation and communications, education and public awareness.

(b) Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The issues falling under this category relate primarily to the scientific and technical needs, knowledge, assessments and evidence required to support the implementation of the Framework. They include, inter alia, biome-based thematic programmes of work (e.g. forest biodiversity, inland waters biodiversity, marine and coastal biodiversity, agricultural biodiversity, island biodiversity) and cross-cutting issues (e.g. protected areas, biodiversity and climate change, biodiversity and health, invasive alien species); monitoring and indicators; matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; synthetic biology; and scientific and technical issues related to Protocols, such as risk assessment and risk management.

(c) Processes under the Convention and its Protocols. The issues falling under this category relate primarily to the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and the Protocols.

III. Draft decision

10. The Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision [16/36](#) of 27 February 2025 in which it decided to review and update the multi-year programme of work up to 2030 at the present meeting,

1. *Decides* to adopt its multi-year programme of work up to 2030, as set out in the annex to the present decision;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of its Bureau, to prepare the list of issues related to the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties for the period beyond 2030 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth meeting.

Annex

Issues related to the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties to be addressed at its eighteenth and nineteenth meetings

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Issues summarized in the form of agenda items</i>
Eighteenth meeting (2028)	Matters related to mechanisms supporting the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity^a and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework^b • Planning, monitoring, reporting and review • Resource mobilization and financial mechanism • Digital sequence information on genetic resources, including the review of effectiveness of the Multilateral Mechanism for the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources, including the Cali Fund • Issues related to Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities • Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation • Mainstreaming and subnational engagement • Communication, education and public awareness Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework • Strategic review and analysis of the programme of work • Synthetic biology • Sustainable wildlife management • Marine and coastal biodiversity • Invasive alien species • Biodiversity and health • Review of liability and redress in the context of Article 14 of the Convention • Implications for the work of the Convention of the following assessments of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services: ○ Methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people ○ Methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity Processes under the Convention and its Protocols Issues related to the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols

^a United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

^b Decision [15/4](#), annex.

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Issues summarized in the form of agenda items</i>
Nineteenth meeting (2030)	Matters related to mechanisms supporting the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework • Second global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework • Follow-up to the Framework • Resource mobilization and financial mechanism • Digital sequence information on genetic resources, including review of the effectiveness of the Multilateral Mechanism for the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resources, including the Cali Fund • Final review of and follow-up to the Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030),^c the strategy for resource mobilization for the period 2025–2030,^d the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development^e and the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2024–2030^f • Update on other matters related to implementation support mechanisms • Issues related to Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities, including the review, revision and update of the programme of work, for the period beyond 2030 • Communication, education and public awareness Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework • Strategic review and analysis of the programme of work • Consideration of the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services • Synthetic biology • Sustainable wildlife management • Biodiversity and climate change • Marine and coastal biodiversity • Biodiversity and agriculture Processes under the Convention and its Protocols • Issues related to the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols

Note: See the annex of document CBD/COP/17/8 for a summary of relevant decisions and recommendations.

^c Decision [15/11](#), annex.

^d Decision [16/34](#), annex I.

^e Decision [15/8](#), annex I.

^f Decision [16/9 A](#), annex.

Annex**Overview of requests by the Conference of the Parties for its future work to inform the development of a multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties****I. Overview of requests for future work arising from the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties**

<i>Document number</i>	<i>Document title</i>	<i>Paragraph</i>	<i>COP</i>
Decision 15/4	Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	8	COP-18 COP-19
Decision 15/6 (related to decision 16/32 and SBI recommendation 7/1 B)	Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review	1(c) 1(d), 16	COP-18 COP-19
Decision 15/7 (related to decision 16/32 and SBI recommendation 7/2)	Resource mobilization	39	COP-18
Decision 15/8 (related to SBI recommendations 6/5 and 7/9)	Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation	16(i), Annex II, paragraph 7	COP-19
Decision 15/9	Digital sequence information on genetic resources	19	COP-18
Decision 15/15	Financial mechanism	29	COP-18
Decision 16/9 A	Clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management	Annex, paragraph 6	COP-19
Decision 16/10	Communication, education and public awareness	6(c)	COP-18 COP-19
Decision 16/11	Matters related to the work programme of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	2	COP-18 COP-19
Decision 16/23	Liability and redress (Article 14, paragraph 2)	2	COP-18
Decision 16/26	Procedure for avoiding or managing conflicts of interest in expert groups	5	COP-19
Decision 16/32 (related to decision 15/6 and SBI recommendation 7/1 B)	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	6	COP-19
Decision 16/34 (related to decision 15/7 and SBI recommendation 7/2)	Resource mobilization	22 (b-d), 23 (b-c)	COP-18 COP-19

Abbreviations: COP, Conference of the Parties; SBI, Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

II. Overview of draft decisions for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties containing requests for future work at its eighteenth or nineteenth meetings

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Paragraph</i>	<i>COP meeting</i>
SBI recommendation 6/2	Financial mechanism	16 (a-b)	COP-18
SBI recommendation 6/4	Midterm review of the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030)	6 (c)	COP-19
SBI recommendation 6/5 (related to decision 15/8 and SBI recommendation 7/9)	Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation	2, 7 (a), 7 (c)	COP-18 COP-19
SBI recommendation 6/8	Options for further improving the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention and its Protocols	8 (c), 9(b)	COP-18
SBI recommendation 7/1 B (related to decisions 15/6 and 16/32)	Planning, monitoring, reporting and review: global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties	10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 22 (i), 22 (j)	COP-18 COP-19
SBI recommendation 7/2 (related to decisions 15/7 and 16/34)	Resource mobilization	6, 9, 11, 13 (option A), 13 (option B), 12 (option C), 14 (option D)	COP-18 COP-19
SBI recommendation 7/3	Financial mechanism	21	COP-18
SBI recommendation 7/4	Digital sequence information on genetic resources	2.Alt, 3, 12, 17	COP-18 COP-19
SBI recommendation 7/8	Engagement with subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to enhance the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	12	COP-18
SBI recommendation 7/9 (related to decision 15/8 and SBI recommendation 6/5)	Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation	27 (c), 27 (e)	COP-18
SBI recommendation 7/10	Clearing-house mechanism and knowledge management	9 (h)	COP-19
SBI recommendation 7/11	Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors	7 (e)	COP-18
SBI recommendation 7/12	Communication, education and public awareness	3, 8 (b)	COP-18 COP-19
SB8(j) recommendation 1/4	Process to review and update the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention	3	COP-18
SBSTTA recommendation 27/4	Strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention in the context of the Framework	8	COP-18

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Paragraph</i>	<i>COP meeting</i>
SBSTTA recommendation 27/6 A	Areas of potential further work in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: biodiversity inclusive spatial planning	1	COP-18
SBSTTA recommendation 27/6 B	Areas of potential further work in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: pollution and biodiversity	4 (option 1), 3 (option 2)	COP-18
SBSTTA recommendation 27/6 C	Areas of potential further work in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services that enhance biodiversity	1	COP-18
SBSTTA recommendation 27/6 D	Areas of potential further work in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: equity, gender equality and 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	1	COP-18
SBSTTA recommendation 27/8	Invasive alien species	3	COP-18
SBSTTA recommendation 27/9	Biodiversity and agriculture	12, 13	COP-18
SBSTTA recommendation 27/10	Biodiversity and health	7	COP-18
SBSTTA recommendation 28/3	Synthetic biology	12, 13, 14, 14.Alt	COP-18 COP-19
SBSTTA recommendation 28/4	Sustainable wildlife management	9	COP-18
SBSTTA recommendation 28/5	Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: strategic review of and update to the programme of work on protected areas	13, 14	COP-18
SBSTTA recommendation 28/6	Marine and coastal biodiversity	7, 18 (b), 18 (c), 18 (e), 18(f)	COP-18 COP-19

Abbreviations: COP, Conference of the Parties; SB8(j), Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities; SBI, Subsidiary Body on Implementation; SBSTTA, Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.