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Workshop on resource mobilization

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Introduction

1. At its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in its decision 16/34, adopted the strategy for resource mobilization for the period 2025–2030, as contained in annex I to that decision. In paragraph 19 of decision 16/34, the Conference of the Parties decided to implement Articles 21 and 39 of the Convention and address the global biodiversity finance gap by 2030, by undertaking work along the following two tracks:

(a) Establishing the permanent arrangement for the financial mechanism envisioned under Article 21 of the Convention (track A);

(b) Assessing and improving the mobilization of finance from all sources (track B).

2. In paragraphs 22 and 23 of decision 16/34, the Conference of the Parties set out road maps to implement the two tracks. In paragraph 24 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties, in initial steps, set out the following tasks for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation prior to the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

(a) To further develop the criteria for the institutional structure to operate the financial mechanism, taking into consideration the compilation of views contained in annex II to decision 16/34;

(b) To identify impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and, on that basis, recommend elements for its further enhancement.

3. Also in paragraph 24 of decision 16/34, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in delivering those tasks, to further discuss opportunities for broadening the contributor base and develop a draft decision and report on progress thereon at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. That work would be taken up by the Subsidiary Body at its seventh meeting, to be held in Nairobi from 4 to 12 August 2026.

4. In paragraph 25 of decision 16/34, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to generally support the work of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in that regard and in paragraphs 18 and 26 of that decision set out several specific requests.

5. Further to the general request to support that work, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is convening an informal workshop on resource mobilization in Rome from 10 to 13 February 2026. The workshop will be convened with the generous financial support of the Government of Germany. It is intended that the workshop will provide a forum for discussing, at the conceptual level, the topic of how to advance on the two tracks set out in decision 16/34 of the

Conference of the Parties so as to enhance mutual understanding of different perspectives and identify concepts or opportunities that could potentially advance work on those two tracks. As the workshop will enable an open informal dialogue and exchange among Parties, relevant organizations and stakeholders, Chatham House rules shall apply.

6. The former Co-Chairs of the Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization, Ines Verleye (Belgium) and Patrick Luna (Brazil), have kindly agreed to moderate the workshop.

7. The holding of the workshop is intended to advance discussions informally, outside of a setting for negotiation. While the outcomes of the workshop may inform further work of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Conference of the Parties related to the two tracks and the associated road maps, those outcomes will not guide or pre-empt the work of those bodies. In that context, the moderators of the workshop will prepare, under their own responsibility and with the assistance of the Convention Secretariat, a summary of the proceedings of the workshop and the points raised thereat. Their report will be submitted as an information document to the Subsidiary Body at its seventh meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

8. The organization of work for the workshop is contained in the annex to the present document. Under the programme of work, the two tracks are to be considered in a balanced manner but as distinct agenda items, thereby ensuring that the same amount of time and attention is allocated to both tracks. It is foreseen that the programme of work will entail a mixture of plenary sessions and breakout groups. Sets of lead questions designed to structure the discussions will be provided to the breakout groups by the moderators and the initial sets of questions will be posted on the meeting documents website¹ in due course. Depending on the nature of evolving discussions at the workshop, the moderators may decide to change or amend those sets of questions, in particular for subsequent breakout group working sessions. A number of presentations will help to kick off the workshop but that number will be kept to a minimum in order to maximize the time available for open discussions.

9. The Secretariat has issued an information note for participants which contains detailed information on logistic arrangements for the workshop related to travel, visa requirements, accommodations and other matters. The workshop will be conducted in English.

10. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 10 February 2026, at the premises of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). In order to facilitate the establishment of breakout groups, participants will be seated in groups. A list of participants and the groups to which they have been assigned will be circulated before the meeting. The meeting will be held in the Red Room (conference room) at FAO premises. Upon registering, participants will be invited to promptly identify their group and take their assigned seat in the conference room.

Item 1

Opening of the workshop

11. The workshop will be opened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 10 February 2026, in the Red Room at FAO premises. Opening remarks will be delivered by the Executive Secretary of the Convention, Astrid Schomaker, or her representative. Ms. Verleye and Mr. Luna, the moderators of the workshop, will share information on their expectations and how they plan to discharge their task.

Item 2

Status and trends in resource mobilization for biodiversity

12. In the context of the upcoming global review of progress in implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will provide a technical update on how resource mobilization is addressed in national biodiversity

¹ www.cbd.int/meetings/RM-WS-2026-01.

strategies and action plans, in particular in national targets, reflecting the reporting by Parties to the Convention Secretariat.

13. A high-level assessment of the current biodiversity finance landscape, highlighting challenges and opportunities will be provided in keynote remarks.

Item 3

Establishing the permanent arrangements for the financial mechanism envisioned under Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (track A)

14. A representative of the Convention Secretariat will provide introductory information on track A, as elaborated in decision 16/34 of the Conference of the Parties.

15. The Global Environment Facility (GEF) currently serves as the institutional structure operating the financial mechanism of the Convention. A representative of the GEF Secretariat will provide an update on recent developments.

16. The moderators will explain the process further and provide an overall introduction to the work to be carried out in the breakout groups centred on three sets of lead questions.

17. Each of the breakout groups, which will be invited to elect its rapporteur, will work on the sets of questions over the course of three sessions. After each session, the rapporteurs will be invited to provide the moderators with a concise summary of the key points, introduced by bullets, made during the discussion in their group.

18. The outcomes of the work of the breakout groups will be brought together at a plenary session. The moderators will present a consolidated summary of the key points provided and facilitate a reporting back to plenary from the breakout groups, to be followed by an open discussion.

19. In wrapping up, the Secretariat and the moderators will highlight their insights derived from the work of the breakout groups and the discussion.

Item 4

Assessing and improving the mobilization of finance from all sources (track B)

20. A representative of the Convention Secretariat will provide introductory information on track B, as elaborated in decision 16/34 of the Conference of the Parties.

21. A series of presentations that highlight selected recent developments in mobilizing resources from various sources (followed by a question-and-answer session) will kick off the discussions.

22. The moderators will explain the process further and provide an overall introduction to the work carried out in the breakout groups centred on the three sets of lead questions.

23. Each of the breakout groups, which will be invited to elect its rapporteur, will work on the sets of questions over the course of three sessions. After each session, the rapporteurs will be invited to provide the moderators with a concise summary of the key points, introduced by bullets, made during the discussion in their group.

24. The outcomes of the work of the breakout groups will be brought together at a plenary session. The moderators will present a consolidated summary of the key points provided and facilitate a reporting back to plenary from the breakout groups, to be followed by an open discussion.

25. In wrapping up, the Secretariat and the moderators will highlight their insights derived from the work of the breakout groups and the discussion.

Item 5

Conclusions and next steps

26. Under this item, the moderators and the Secretariat will offer their reflections on the work undertaken over the course of the workshop. Participants will be invited to share their reflections and views on possible implications of the outcomes of the workshop for the upcoming work of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Conference of the Parties.

Item 6

Closure of the workshop

27. The moderators and the Secretariat will offer final remarks.

28. The workshop is expected to be closed at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 13 February 2026.

Annex

Organization of work

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item and activities</i>
Tuesday, 10 February 2026	
8.30–9 a.m.	<i>Registration</i>
9–9.30 a.m.	Agenda item 1. Opening of the workshop • Opening remarks by Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, or her representative • Presentation on objectives, working modalities, expected outputs and organization of work of the workshop (moderators)
9.30–10.30 a.m.	Agenda item 2. Status and trends in resource mobilization for biodiversity • Keynote remarks (speaker to be confirmed) • Update on how resource mobilization is reflected in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets (Secretariat of the Convention)
10.30–11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3. Establishing the permanent arrangements for the financial mechanism envisioned under Article 21 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (track A) • Decision 16/34 road map on track A: introductory presentation (Convention Secretariat) • Update on recent developments in the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (GEF Secretariat) • Question-and-answer session
12.30–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2–3 p.m.	Agenda item 3 (continued) Breakout group discussions • Overall introduction to the work carried out in the breakout groups centred on three sets of lead questions (moderators) Establishment of breakout groups
3–3.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
3.30–5 p.m.	Agenda item 3 (continued) Breakout group discussions • Focused presentation on first set of questions (moderators) • Breakout groups to work on questions • Rapporteurs to provide moderators with summaries of key points t
5.30 p.m.	<i>Welcoming reception</i>

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item and activities</i>
Wednesday, 11 February 2026	
9–10.30 a.m.	Agenda item 3 (continued) Breakout group discussions • Stocktake and focused presentation on second set of questions (moderators) • Breakout groups to work on questions • Rapporteurs to provide moderators with summaries of key points
10.30–11 a.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3 (continued) Breakout group discussions • Focused presentation on third set of lead questions (moderators) • Breakout groups to work on questions • Rapporteurs to provide moderators with summaries of key points
12.30–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2–3.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3 (continued) Breakout groups reporting • Consolidated summary of key points provided (moderators) • Reflections from the breakout groups (rapporteurs) • General discussion
3.30–4 p.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
4–5.30 p.m.	Agenda item 3 (continued) Wrap-up • General discussion (to be continued as needed) • Reflections on track A exchanges (Convention Secretariat and moderators) • Wrap-up (moderators)
Thursday, 12 February 2026	
9–10.30 a.m.	Agenda item 4. Assessing and improving the mobilization of finance from all sources (track B) • Decision 16/34 road map on track 2: introductory presentation (Convention Secretariat) • Presentation on identification of impediments to the effectiveness of global biodiversity finance and elements for its further enhancement (speaker to be confirmed)
10.30–11 a.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item and activities</i>
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 4 (continued) Kick-off presentations • Tropical Forest Forever Fund • One Ocean Finance (to be confirmed) • Domestic finance solutions and their potential (United Nations Development Programme Biodiversity Finance Initiative) • Question-and-answer session
12.30–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2–3.30 pm.	Agenda item 4 (continued) Breakout group discussions • Overall introduction to the work carried out in the breakout groups centred on three sets of lead questions and focused introduction to first set (moderators) • Establishment of breakout groups • Breakout groups to work on first set of questions • Rapporteurs to provide moderators with summaries of key points
3.30–4 p.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
4–5.30 p.m.	Agenda item 4 (continued) Breakout group discussions • Focused presentation on second set of questions (moderators) • Breakout groups to work on second set of questions • Rapporteurs to provide moderators with key points
Friday, 13 February 2026	
9–10.30 a.m.	Agenda item 4 (continued) Breakout group discussions • Stocktake and focused presentation on third set of questions (moderators) • Breakout groups to work on third set of questions • Rapporteurs to provide moderators with key points
10.30–11 a.m.	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Agenda item 4 (continued) Breakout groups reporting • Consolidated summary of key points provided (moderators) • Reflections of breakout groups (rapporteurs) • General discussion
12.30–2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2–3.30 pm.	Agenda item 4 (continued) Wrap-up • General discussion (to be continued as needed) • Reflections on track B exchanges (Convention Secretariat and moderators) • Wrap-up (moderators)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda item and activities</i>
3.30–4 p.m.	Coffee/tea break
4–5 p.m.	Agenda item 5. Conclusions and next steps • Reflections on work undertaken and possible implications (moderators and Convention Secretariat) • Forward-looking final discussion
5–5.30 p.m.	Agenda item 6. Closure of the workshop • Final remarks (moderators and Convention Secretariat)