

**THEMATIC CONSULTATION ON CAPACITY-BUILDING AND TECHNICAL AND
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION FOR THE POST-2020
GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

1-2 March 2020, Rome

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

In its [decision XIII/23](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) requested the Executive Secretary to initiate a process for preparing a long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, ensuring its alignment with the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the capacity-building work of the Cartagena and the Nagoya Protocols, and ensuring its coordination with the timetable for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, with a view to the timely identification of priority capacity-building actions.

As part of the above process, the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting requested the Executive Secretary to, inter alia, organize, in conjunction with the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, regional and stakeholder-specific consultative workshops and online discussion fora to enable Parties, as well as indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations, to contribute to the preparation of the draft long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, according to the provisions of [decision 14/24](#) and the indicative timeline established therein.

In paragraphs 8 and 9 of decision 14/24 B, the Executive Secretary was also asked to prepare proposals for an inclusive process to review and renew technical and scientific cooperation programmes in order to support the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to submit these proposals for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at their meetings prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. During the regional consultations and at the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Parties and stakeholders identified capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation as critical elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Pursuant to the above decisions and in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will organize a thematic consultation on capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation back-to-back with the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework from 1 to 2 March 2020 in Rome, Italy, at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Objectives

The consultation will provide an opportunity for Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations to:

(a) Review the proposed draft elements of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 and the draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework prepared by the Secretariat;

(b) Share views and suggestions on how capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation, as enabling mechanisms and means of implementation, could be incorporated into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(c) Identify ways and mechanisms to foster synergies, cooperation and coordination with other international processes, including other biodiversity-related conventions and the Sustainable Development Goals, to ensure effective delivery of capacity-building and technical and scientific

cooperation activities and to leverage existing capacities, opportunities and the work already being done under other processes.

Key principles

Key principles are as follows:

- (a) Be guided by relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties;
- (b) Consider alignment with the Protocols, other related Conventions and relevant international processes;
- (c) Build on relevant experiences and lessons learned;
- (d) The format and overall approaches used for previous regional and thematic consultations/workshops will be followed;
- (e) Be organized in line with the principles of transparency and inclusiveness agreed at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- (f) Existing practices under the Convention on Biological Diversity for participation and financial support to eligible Parties and representatives of major stakeholder groups (indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, grassroot civil society organizations) will be followed;
- (g) Be guided by two co-leads chosen from among Parties. They will be engaged from the preparations to the delivery of the outcomes to the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Post-2020 and further throughout the post-2020 process;
- (h) Conducted in English.

Expected outcomes

It is expected that the consultation will contribute to:

- (a) Revised draft elements of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 and draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (b) Greater understanding on how capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation, as cross-cutting enabling mechanisms and means of implementation could be better incorporated into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
- (c) Identification of strategies and mechanisms to foster greater synergies, cooperation and coordination with other international processes and to leverage existing capacities and opportunities.

A final report summarizing the conclusions and recommendations of the consultation will be produced and made available to the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to contribute to the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in May 2020.

Proposed structure and methodology

The consultation will be organized around four main sessions:

1. Opening session and introduction of the draft elements for the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and the draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation;¹
2. Discussion group sessions on: (1) Draft elements for the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and; (2) the draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation;
3. Discussion group sessions on: (1) Strategies and mechanisms to foster greater synergies, cooperation and coordination with other international processes to ensure effective delivery of capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation activities; and; (2) How capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation could be incorporated into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
4. Conclusion and recommendations on the way forward.

A provisional organization of work is presented in annex I.

The consultation will be chaired and facilitated by two Co-Leads, Ms. Malta Qwathekana (South Africa) and Ms. Bente Herstad (Norway).

Participation

The consultation will be open to all delegates at the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. This will include representatives of Parties to the Convention and its Protocols, indigenous peoples and local communities, biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio conventions and relevant organizations especially those actively involved in capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols. In addition, Chairs of relevant bodies under the Convention and its Protocols, including informal advisory committees, liaison groups, task forces and consortia will be invited to attend.

¹ An overview of the key findings of the study conducted to provide an information base for the preparation of the long-term framework and the results of the online consultations will be presented at one of the information sessions during the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

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PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Sunday, 1 March 2020		
9.00 am – 9.15 am	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Jyoti Mathur-Filipp, Director of Implementation Support on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity Co-Chairs of the Working Group on Post-2020: Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Basile van Havre (Canada) 	
9.15 am – 9.45 am	Remarks by thematic Co-Leads: Malta Qwathekana (South Africa) and Bente Herstad (Norway) Introduction of the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building beyond 2020 (Secretariat) Introduction of the draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (Secretariat)	
9.45 am – 10.00 am	Overview of the discussion group sessions (Facilitator- Tobias Dierks)	
10.00 am – 10.30 am	TEA BREAK	
10.30 am – 1.00 pm	Discussion groups on the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building	Discussion groups on draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	LUNCH BREAK	
2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Discussion groups on the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building (cont'd)	Discussion groups on draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation (cont'd)
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	TEA BREAK	
4.00 pm – 5.30 pm	Discussion groups on the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building (cont'd)	Discussion groups on draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation (cont'd)
Monday, 2 March 2020		
9.00 am – 10.30 am	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports from the discussion groups on the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building 	

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10.30 am – 10.45 am	TEA BREAK
10.45 am – 1.00 am	Plenary discussion on strategies and mechanisms to foster greater synergies and coordination with other international processes in the delivery of capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Plenary discussion on how capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation should be incorporated into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
3.30 pm – 3.45 pm	TEA BREAK
3.45 pm – 5.15 pm	Conclusions and recommendations on the way forward
5.15 pm – 5.30 pm	Closure of the Consultation

*Annex II***INDICATIVE CATEGORIES OF ORGANIZATIONS TO BE INVITED**

Indigenous peoples and local communities, youth and women's organizations	Indigenous Biodiversity Network, Global Youth Biodiversity Network
Informal advisory committees, task forces and Consortia	Chairs of the IAC-ABS, Liaison Group on Biosafety, CHM-IAC, GTI Coordination Mechanism, Sustainable Oceans Initiative (SOI)
Relevant organizations	<p><i>Rio and biodiversity-related conventions including:</i> UNFCCC, UNCCD, CITES, CMS, Ramsar, WHC, IPPC, ITPGRFA, IWC</p> <p><i>UN agencies, including:</i> UNEP, UNEP-WCMC, UNDP, UNESCO, FAO, UNU-IAS, UNITAR, GEF and UNDESA (Capacity Development Office)</p> <p><i>International organizations, including:</i> IPBES, IUCN, WWF, GIBF, ABS Initiative, IDLO, etc.</p> <p><i>Regional organizations:</i> African Union/NEPAD, SADC, ASEAN, SPREP, OAS, CARICOM</p> <p><i>Academic and scientific institutions:</i> Consortium of Scientific Partners, Global Universities Partnership on Environment for Sustainability (GUPES) and Global network of Regional Centres of Expertise (RCEs) on Education for Sustainable Development</p>

*Annex III***PREPARATION TIMELINE**

The table below provides an indicative timeline for the preparation of the draft long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 and the draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation.

Activity	Date
Initiate and prepare a draft study report to provide an information base for the development of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building; technical and scientific cooperation beyond 2020	May - July 2019
Review the draft study report	August 2019
First meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Nairobi)	27-30 August 2019
Finalize study report and initiate drafting elements of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building; technical and scientific cooperation beyond 2020	September – October 2019
Thirteenth meeting of the Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Biosafety LG-13)	22-25 October 2019
Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building; Technical and Scientific Cooperation for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol (IAC-ABS)	29-31 October 2019
Eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J-11)	20-22 November 2019
Twenty-third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-23)	25-29 November 2019
Thematic Consultation on Transparent Implementation, Monitoring, Reporting and Review for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Rome, Italy)	20-22 February 2020
Second meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Rome, Italy)	24-29 February 2020
Thematic Consultation on Capacity-building and Technical and Scientific Cooperation (Rome, Italy)	1-2 March 2020
Fourteenth meeting of the Liaison Group on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Biosafety LG-14)	20-23 April 2020
Twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-24)	18-22 May 2020
Present draft elements of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building; technical and scientific cooperation beyond 2020 at the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 3)	25-29 May 2020
Meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Cali, Colombia)	27-31 July 2020
Fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP-15) / tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol (COP-MOP-10) / fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol (COP-MOP 4) (Kunming, China)	15-28 October 2020