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REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON THE POST-2020  
GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK FOR  
AFRICA  
Addis Ababa, 2-5 April 2019

### ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its fourteenth meeting adopted decision [14/34](#) on the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate its implementation. In paragraph 6 of the decision, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and invited other Governments and stakeholders to “actively engage and contribute to the process of developing a robust post-2020 global biodiversity framework in order to foster strong ownership of the framework to be agreed and strong support for its immediate implementation”. In this regard, it was agreed that regional and thematic consultation workshops would take place as a platform for discussions and the active engagement of all relevant stakeholders.
2. The Regional Consultation on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for Africa is organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with the African Union Commission and the African Union Development Agency/New Partnership for Africa’s Development (AUDA-NEPAD) with the generous support of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is organized under the guidance of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the oversight of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. The Consultation is to be attended by representatives of Parties, other Governments, and indigenous peoples and local communities in the region, as well as relevant organizations, including United Nations organizations and programmes, other multilateral environmental agreements, subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, women’s groups, youth groups, the business and finance community, the scientific community and academia.
3. The purpose and objectives of the Consultation are:
  - (a) To engage Parties and other relevant Governments and stakeholders of the region in the consultation processes;
  - (b) To consider and to make use of available scientific information and knowledge;
  - (c) To allow participants to share relevant case studies, experiences and lessons learned from the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
  - (d) To enable Parties and stakeholders in the region to develop common ground and shared visions towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
  - (e) To identify potential elements of the post-2020 framework and possible transformative changes to make the 2050 Vision of “living in harmony with nature” a reality.

4. The outputs of the Consultation would contribute to the documentation that will be considered in the intersessional period for the development and negotiation of the post-2020 framework and could include initial recommendations to the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on potential elements of the post-2020 framework and possible avenues for implementation in the region.

#### **ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE CONSULTATION**

5. The Consultation will be opened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 2 April 2019, at the African Union Commission Conference Centre. Opening statements will be made by representatives of the African Union Commission (the host), AUDA-NEPAD, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Presidency of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

#### **ITEM 2. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION**

6. The Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group (Francis Ogwal and Basile van Havre) will provide an overview of the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision [14/34](#), including the overarching principles guiding the preparatory process, the proposed organization of work for the process, the list and schedule of the regional consultations and the proposed thematic consultative workshops/meetings as well as dates of major intersessional meetings under the Convention for 2019-2020.

7. The Secretariat will outline the objectives and expected outputs of the Consultation and provide an overview of the proposed programme of the Consultation.

8. Under this item, participants will also be invited to introduce themselves and to express their expectations from the consultation.

#### **ITEM 3. ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS AND RAPPORTEUR**

9. Participants will be invited to elect co-chairs and a rapporteur for the Consultation based on proposals received from the floor. Participants will also consider and adopt the provisional agenda and the organization of work prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group.

#### **ITEM 4. CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS AND FUTURE TRENDS**

10. Under this item, participants will consider the current status and trends of biodiversity and the progress made with the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in the region, including relevant experiences, good practices and lessons learned.

11. The Secretariat will make a short presentation on the current state of affairs and future trends based on information from the national reports and the fourth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook*. It will also introduce the sixth national report and the outline for the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the requests for inputs.

12. A representative of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) will present the overall status and trends of biodiversity in the region and the key findings on policy options from the IPBES *Regional Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Africa*.

13. A few countries in the region will be invited to make short presentations on the status and trends of their national targets, relevant experiences and lessons learned from national implementation. In addition, one regional organization will be invited to share implementation experience at the regional or subregional level.

#### **ITEM 5. IMPLEMENTATION OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN THE REGION AND INSIGHTS FOR THE POST-2020 FRAMEWORK**

14. Under this item, participants will reflect on the status and trends in the region and the lessons learned from national implementation experience, identify the opportunities and challenges encountered

and discuss how the preparation and future implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework could take into account or respond to these opportunities and challenges. The session will also provide an opportunity to reflect on the contribution of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to the implementation of the Convention over the past decade. Participants will share their views on how the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 has or has not facilitated implementation at the national and regional levels.

#### **ITEM 6. DEVELOPING THE POST-2020 FRAMEWORK**

15. Under this item, the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group will introduce the discussion document on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/POST2020/PREP/1/1) to provide the participants with an opportunity to reflect on its contents and to recommend consideration of any additional issues that are important to the region and have not yet been included.

#### **ITEM 7. VISIONING THE WORLD WE WANT IN 2050: THINKING OUT OF THE BOX**

16. The purpose of this item is to stimulate a discussion on what the 2050 Vision “living in harmony with nature” actually means in concrete terms, and what changes and actions will be necessary to realize that vision. Participants will be invited to provide thoughts and inputs on what the mission of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should consist of and also to reflect on what the elements and content of an actionable mission statement for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the outcomes (state) of a transformative change should be in the countries and the region. The discussions will be preceded by an expert presentation on transitions management/thinking towards a transformative post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

17. Participants will also be invited to share views on how to better shape and communicate new narratives for biodiversity in order to raise awareness and the profile of biodiversity and catalyse support for the implementation of the post 2020-framework to enable transformational change.

#### **ITEM 8. INTEGRATING DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES**

18. Under this item, participants will discuss how the perspectives of various stakeholders groups – indigenous peoples and local communities, United Nations organizations and programmes, other multilateral environmental agreements, subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, women’s groups, youth groups, the business and finance community, the scientific community, academia, faith-based organizations and others – should be reflected in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and its eventual implementation. They will also discuss how actions of various stakeholders could be facilitated or enhanced.

#### **ITEM 9. POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF THE POST-2020 FRAMEWORK**

19. Under this item, participants will have a dialogue on the possible key elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including but not limited to the following:

(a) The structure/architecture for the post-2020 framework – how the different elements (including vision, mission, goals, targets, sub-targets, means of implementation, etc. and their interrelationships) should be organized, and how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should address cross-cutting issues (such as gender, traditional knowledge);

(b) Targets and sub-targets for the post-2020 framework and how to make them “SMART” (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and time-bound);

(c) Relationship with the Protocols, including: (i) whether there is a need to integrate biosafety issues into the post-2020 framework and if so, what issues and how they should be integrated; and (ii) how access and benefit-sharing, as the third objective of the Convention, should be integrated into the post-2020 framework and how the issues associated with access and benefit-sharing should be reflected in the structure of the post-2020 framework;

(d) Mainstreaming – how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should incorporate and support the mainstreaming of biodiversity into relevant sectors and across society and economies at large;

(e) Relationship with other relevant processes – how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should incorporate and/or align with other global targets, including those adopted under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, other multilateral environmental agreements and international processes? What can we learn from global targets under other relevant processes;

(f) Means of implementation:

(i) Resource mobilization and the financial mechanism, including how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should address resource mobilization and what implications this would have for the scope and content of the framework;

(ii) Capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation, including how capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation should be approached and improved to support the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(iii) Knowledge management, including how to improve the capture, curation, access to and sharing of knowledge, best practices and lessons learned in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(iv) Communication and outreach, including how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should address issues related to communication and awareness and how the next two years could be used to enhance and support the communication strategy adopted in decision [XIII/22](#) to ensure an appropriate level of awareness and to raise the profile of biodiversity;

(g) Voluntary commitments and contributions, including possible forms of voluntary commitments for biodiversity from Parties and from civil society and business and how these should relate to or be reflected in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(h) National implementation and national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), including how the post-2020 framework will influence NBSAPs, how NBSAPs could be aligned with new framework, and what elements should be reflected in the framework to strengthen the NBSAP effectiveness and implementation;

(i) Review processes and mechanisms for accountability, including views on possible mechanisms to support the review of the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to enhance accountability and how these should be integrated into the framework.

20. Guiding questions proposed in the discussion document on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/POST2020/PREP/1/1) will be used to facilitate the discussions using a knowledge café format.

#### **ITEM 10. WRAP-UP AND CLOSURE OF THE CONSULTATION**

21. The last session will include a synthesis of the participants' reflections from the discussions and the reflections of the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group Discussion on the way forward, after which the Consultation will be closed by a representative of the host institution, the African Union Commission.

*Annex*

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>Day 1</b>	
<b>8 - 9 a.m.</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9 - 9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>1. Opening of the Consultation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Mrs. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission (<i>TBC</i>)</li> <li>- Ms. Estherine Lisinge-Fotabong, Director of Programmes, African Union Development Agency/NEPAD (<i>TBC</i>)</li> <li>- Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>- Mr. Hamdallah Zedan, Representative of the Presidency of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (<i>TBC</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>9.30 – 10 a.m.</b>	<b>2. Introduction and purpose of the Consultation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Setting the scene: introduction of the post-2020 process</li> <li>- Overview of the objectives and programme of the Consultation</li> </ul>
<b>10 - 10.10 a.m.</b>	<b>3. Organization of work and election of co-chairs and rapporteur</b>
<b>10.10 - 10.30 a.m.</b>	- Participants' self-introduction and expectations
<b>10.30 - 11 a.m.</b>	Coffee break
<b>11 a.m.- 12.30 p.m.</b>	<b>4. Current state of affairs and future trends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to the sixth national reports and the <i>Global Biodiversity Outlook</i></li> <li>- <i>IPBES Regional Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Africa</i> (Status and trends)</li> <li>- National and regional implementation experiences: three country and one regional presentations</li> </ul>
<b>12.30 - 2 p.m.</b>	Lunch
<b>2 - 3.30 p.m.</b>	<i>Afternoon session-1:</i> <b>5. Implementation opportunities and challenges in the region and insights for the post-2020 framework</b>
<b>3.30 - 4 p.m.</b>	Coffee break
<b>4 – 4.30</b>	<b>5. Implementation opportunities and challenges in the region and insights for the post-2020 framework</b> ( <i>cont'd</i> )
<b>4.30 - 6 p.m.</b>	<i>Afternoon session-2:</i> <b>5. Implementation opportunities and challenges for the region and insights for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Panel discussion by implementation partners</li> </ul>

Time	Session
<b>Day 2</b>	
<b>9 - 9.15 a.m.</b>	<b>Introducing the work for Day 2</b>
<b>9.15 - 9.45 a.m.</b>	<i>Morning session-1:</i> <b>6. Developing the post-2020 framework:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of the discussion paper on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework</li> </ul>
<b>9:45 – 10.30 a.m.</b>	<i>Morning session-2:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shaping and communicating new narratives for biodiversity</li> </ul>
<b>10.30 - 11 a.m.</b>	Coffee break
<b>11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.</b>	<i>Morning session-3:</i> <b>7. Visioning the world we want in 2050: thinking out of the box</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition management towards an ambitious post-2020 global framework</li> </ul>
<b>12.30 - 2 p.m.</b>	Lunch break
<b>2 - 3.30 p.m.</b>	<i>Afternoon session-1:</i> <b>Visioning the world we want in 2050: thinking out of the box (cont'd)</b>
<b>3.30 - 4 p.m.</b>	Coffee break
<b>4 - 6 p.m.</b>	<i>Afternoon session-2:</i> <b>8. Integrating diverse perspectives</b>
<b>Day 3</b>	
<b>9 - 9.15 a.m.</b>	<b>Introducing the work for Day 3</b>
<b>9.15 - 10.15 a.m.</b>	<i>Morning session-1:</i> <b>9. Possible elements of the post-2020 framework</b> <i>Station 1</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Structure of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework including the relationship with the Protocols</li> <li>- Biodiversity targets, including those from other relevant processes</li> </ul>
	<i>Station 2</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mainstreaming of biodiversity into relevant sectors and across society and economies at large</li> </ul>
	<i>Station 3</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resource mobilization</li> <li>- Voluntary commitments and contributions</li> </ul>

Time	Session
	<p><i>Station 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation</li> <li>- Knowledge management</li> <li>- Communication and outreach</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><i>Station 5</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integrating diverse perspectives</li> <li>- Gender considerations</li> </ul> <hr/> <p><i>Station 6</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National implementation and national biodiversity strategies and action plans</li> </ul> <p>Review processes and new mechanisms for accountability</p>
10.15 - 10.45 a.m.	Coffee break
10.45 - 12.30 p.m.	<p><i>Morning session-2:</i></p> <p><b>9. Possible elements of the post-2020 framework” (cont.)</b></p>
12.30 - 2 p.m.	Lunch break
2 - 3.30 p.m.	<p><i>Afternoon session-1:</i></p> <p><b>9. Possible elements of the post-2020 framework” (cont.)</b></p>
3.30 - 4 p.m.	Coffee break
4 - 6 p.m.	<p><i>Afternoon session-2:</i></p> <p><b>9. Possible elements of the post-2020 framework” (cont.)</b></p>
Day 4	
9 - 9.15 a.m.	<b>Introducing the work for Day 4</b>
9:15 - 10.30 a.m.	<b>Open session (TBD)</b>
10.30 - 11 a.m.	Coffee break
11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	<p><b>10. Wrap-up and closure of the Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participants’ reflections from the discussions</li> <li>- Reflections from the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group Discussion on the way forward</li> <li>- Closing remarks – Host institution</li> </ul>