

Agenda item 10

Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review

Scenario note for the anticipated contact group on mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review

1. Under this agenda item two different but closely related draft decisions are being considered:

(a) The draft decision on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is a follow up to decision 15/5. The draft decision is from the twenty fifth and twenty sixth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice with amendments from the twelfth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention and the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Benefit-sharing from the Use of Digital Sequence Information on Genetic Resource;

(b) The draft decision on planning, monitoring, review and reporting is a follow up to decision 15/6 and the draft decision is from the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation with inputs from the twenty fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. In addition, the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation provided views on the planning, monitoring, review and reporting mechanism which should be taken into account under this item.

2. Both draft decisions under this item have been extensively discussed during the meetings noted above. The Chair of Working Group I will establish a contact group with a mandate to bring a consensus text to the Working Group with a focus on resolving the text currently in brackets. The co-chairs of the contact group will be Carolina Caceres (Canada) and Gillian Guthrie (Jamaica).

3. The draft decision on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework contains:

(a) 14 preambular paragraphs without brackets;

(b) 35 operational paragraphs with 22 sets of brackets, many of which are related to the annexes in the decision. Similarly, many of the paragraphs in brackets are interrelated and/or relate to the draft decision on planning, monitoring, review and reporting.

(c) Annex I: Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Framework, with 11 sets of brackets, most of which also relate to the operational paragraphs. This annex provides technical updates to the indicators that have already been adopted in decision 15/5;

(d) Annex II: List of binary indicator questions, with 23 sets of brackets;

(e) Annex III: Gap analysis: research needs and indicator development required for the improved monitoring of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The entire annex is in brackets.

4. The draft decision on planning monitoring and review contains:

(a) 12 preambular paragraphs with three sets of brackets;

(b) 30 operative paragraphs with 85 sets of brackets. Operative paragraph 15 references an indicative timeline for the global review, including for the preparation of the global report, contained in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.2/Rev.1. The annex to the present scenario note includes an updated version of this timeline, taking into account the discussions at the fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and indicative dates for the intersessional meetings between the sixteenth and seventeenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties;

(c) Annex I: Template for the seventh and eighth national reports, which does not have brackets;

(d) Annex II: Reporting of commitments by non-State actors. The entire annex is in brackets and there are three sets of brackets in the text;

(e) Annex III: Terms of reference of the Advisory Committee on the Global Review of Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The entire annex is in brackets;

(f) Annex IV: Terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, with eight sets of brackets.

5. It is expected that the contact group will have three sessions:

(a) At the first session (scheduled for Thursday, 24 October, from 3 to 6 pm), the approach for both draft decisions being considered by the contact group will be introduced. During the session, the substantive discussion will focus on a draft decision related to planning, monitoring, reporting and review;

(b) At the second session (scheduled for Friday, 25 October, from 3 to 6 pm), the group will focus on the decision related to the monitoring framework. The session will focus on the more technical issues in the draft decision;

(c) At its third session, the contact group will address the outstanding issues in both decisions and agree a consensus document which can be considered by Working Group I.

6. The work of the contact group will be based on the text contained in the compilation of decision,¹ under item 10. After the first and second sessions, the Co-Chairs may decide to prepare non-papers, as appropriate, to facilitate the consideration of this agenda item.

Annex

Indicative timeline of meetings and proposed processes in the draft decision on planning, monitoring, reporting and review²

<i>Step/element</i>	<i>Date (estimated)</i>
<i>Step 1: Preparation phase: developing an annotated outline for the global report</i>	
Establishment of [advisory committee on review of progress and] ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group	February 2025
Ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group provides guidance on the scientific, technical and technological aspects of the annotated outline of the global report (virtual meetings)	March-April 2025
[Advisory committee on the review of progress provides guidance on the overall annotated outline of the global report and the relevance of the outline for informing recommendations on strengthening implementation of the Convention in the global review decision (virtual meetings)]	March-April 2025
Annotated outline of the global report made available (available for peer review and consideration by SBSTTA)	July 2025

¹ CBD/COP/16/2/Rev.1

² This would need to be adjusted in the light of the establishment of the groups and processes in the draft decision on this item by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Regional dialogues on preparation of national reports, as needed, in person or virtual	March–November 2025
Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice provides advice on scientific inputs to the report including on the annotated outline of the global report	October 2025
Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8 (j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity provides advice on traditional knowledge inputs to the report	October 2025
<i>Step 2: Reaching a first draft of the report</i>	
Preparation of an extended outline of all sections of the report and a draft of section 1 and 2 of the report which include an introduction to the report and a concise scientific and technical synthesis of the status of, and trends in, biodiversity	January–February 2026
Deadline for submission of seventh national reports³	28 February 2026
Ad-hoc scientific and technical advisory group to review zero draft provides guidance on guide preparation on the extended outline and workplan for the global report	February–March 2026
Preparation of a first draft of all sections of the global report	February–May 2026
Ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group reviews the scientific, technical and technological aspects of the first draft of the global report	May 2026
Second draft of the global report made available (available for peer review and consideration by SBSTTA and SBI)	June 2026
Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice reviews technical aspects of the second draft¹	End of July 2026
Subsidiary Body on Implementation reviews the second draft	Early August 2026
Ad-hoc scientific and technical advisory group to provide guidance on the preparation of the scientific, technical and technological aspects of the final report	August 2026
<i>Step 3: Finalizing the report and informing the global review</i>	
[Advisory committee on the review of progress provides guidance for the finalization of the global report and provides guidance on the implications for the global review decision]	August–September 2026
Finalization of the report, including making it available for translation and for publication of the summary for policy makers and the full report	3–28 August 2026
Summary for policymakers made available to Parties and observers	7 September 2026
Full report made available to Parties and observers	21 September 2026
[Advisory committee on the review of progress provides on the global review decision to be conducted by the Conference of the Parties]	September 2026
Publication of the report	19 October 2026

³ The submission deadline for the national reports was agreed in decision 15/6.

Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties undertakes global review¹	19–31 2026	October
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