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Twenty-fifth meeting

Nairobi, 15–19 October 2023

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Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

1. The twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will be held at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, from 15 to 19 October 2023. The registration of participants will commence at 10 a.m. on 14 October 2023.
2. The Subsidiary Body was established under Article 25 of the Convention on Biological Diversity. In addition, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention provides in paragraph 1 of its Article 27 that any subsidiary body established by or under the Convention may serve the Nagoya Protocol. Similarly, the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention provides in paragraph 1 of its Article 30 that any subsidiary body established by or under the Convention may, upon a decision by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, serve the Protocol.
3. The purpose of the present document is to facilitate preparations for the meeting by participants.

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

4. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on 15 October 2023. Statements will be made by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body and the Executive Secretary.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Election of officers

5. At its fourteenth meeting, held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, in November 2018, pursuant to rule 26, paragraph 3, of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention elected Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (Mexico) as Chair of the Subsidiary Body for a term of office extending until the end of the fifteenth meeting.

* CBD/SBSTTA/25/1/Rev.1.

6. Following the elections at the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, held in Geneva in March 2022, and further replacements from two Parties, the Bureau of the twenty-fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body currently comprises the following members: Tia Stevens (Australia); Tatsiana Lipinskaya (Belarus), substitute for the Nagoya Protocol for Bosnia and Herzegovina; Senka Barudanovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina); Jan Plesnik (Czechia); Marina von Weissenberg (Finland); Jean Bruno Mikissa (Gabon); Bilal Otishat (Jordan); Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (Mexico), Chair; Gaute Voigt-Hanssen (Norway), substitute for the Cartagena Protocol and Nagoya Protocol for Australia; Gwen Sisor (Palau); Ana Teresa Lecaros Terry (Peru); Adams Toussaint (Saint Lucia); and Marie-May Muzungaile (Seychelles).

7. In order to ensure continuity through staggered terms of office within the Bureau, the Subsidiary Body will elect five new members to serve on the Bureau for a term commencing at the end of the present meeting and ending at the close of the twenty-seventh meeting. The new members will replace the members from Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Palau, Saint Lucia and Seychelles.

8. One of the Bureau members will be elected as rapporteur for the meeting on the basis of a recommendation by the Bureau.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

9. The provisional agenda¹ for the present meeting has been prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau.

10. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the provisional agenda for adoption and to approve the proposed organization of work (annex I).

11. All agenda items will be considered in plenary session.

12. A list of pre-session documents for the meeting is provided in annex II.

Item 3

Facilitating the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the monitoring of its progress

13. Agenda item 3 comprises four sub-items that are directly relevant to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the monitoring of its progress, as described below.

(a) Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

14. By its decision [15/5](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In the same decision, it decided to consider at its sixteenth meeting a review of the monitoring framework in order to finish its development, and to consider the requirements for further work to fully implement and review the effectiveness of the monitoring framework. To that end, the Conference of the Parties also decided to establish an ad hoc technical expert group on indicators for the Framework, with a time-bound mandate until its sixteenth meeting. The Expert Group is tasked with providing: (a) technical advice on remaining and unresolved issues relating to the monitoring framework; (b) guidance on the use of indicators in national planning and reporting; (c) guidance on ways to fill temporal and spatial data gaps; and (d) advice on existing capacity, gaps and needs.

15. The Co-Chairs of the Expert Group will be invited to provide the Subsidiary Body with an update on their work. A recommendation related to the monitoring framework and based on the work

¹ CBD/SBSTTA/25/1/Rev.1.

of the Expert Group² will be prepared by the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-sixth meeting for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

(b) Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review

16. By its decision [15/6](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted an enhanced mechanism for planning, monitoring, review and reporting. In the same decision, it decided to conduct a global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, including the means of implementation, based on national reports and, as appropriate, other sources of information, to be considered at its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings. The Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body to provide advice at the present meeting on relevant scientific, technical and technological inputs that should inform the global review.

17. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat³ on possible concrete procedures for a global review, including draft conclusions and recommendations.

18. The Subsidiary Body is invited to prepare conclusions and recommendations on the scientific, technical and technological inputs on the global review to inform the related deliberations of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

(c) Approaches to identifying scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework, including its implication for the programmes of work of the Convention

19. In paragraph 8 of its decision [15/4](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework would 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 and that, in this regard, the Framework should be used to better align and direct the work of the various bodies of the Convention and its Protocols, its Secretariat and its budget.

20. In paragraph 9 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to conduct a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work of the Convention in the context of the Framework to facilitate its implementation and, on the basis of this analysis, to prepare draft updates of those programmes of work for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as appropriate, at meetings during the period between the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, and to report to the Conference of the Parties on that work at its sixteenth meeting.

21. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice will have before it a note by the Secretariat⁴ containing a review and analysis of the programmes of work of the Convention in the context of the Framework, including a mapping of the programmes of work, decisions and tools developed by the Conference of the Parties against the goals and targets of the Framework. The note will also include, where necessary and appropriate, the identification of scientific and technical needs, including critical gaps to be addressed, to support the implementation of the Framework. It will then outline possible approaches for the revision of relevant programmes of work to address the identified gaps. Parties and relevant organizations will be invited to provide input on the review and analysis.

22. The Subsidiary Body is invited to take note of the information provided.

² CBD/SBSTTA/25/2.

³ CBD/SBSTTA/25/3.

⁴ CBD/SBSTTA/25/4.

(d) Plant conservation

23. By its decision [VI/9](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation with the ultimate goal of halting the current and continuing loss of plant diversity. In decision [X/17](#), and in the context of the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020, it adopted a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, including outcome-oriented global targets for the period 2011–2020, and to pursue its implementation as part of the broader framework of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020.

24. In its decision [15/5](#), the Conference of the Parties invited the Global Partnership on Plant Conservation, with the support of the Secretariat and subject to the availability of resources, to prepare a set of complementary actions related to plant conservation to support the implementation of the Framework and other relevant decisions adopted at its fifteenth meeting, aligned with the Framework and also based on previous experiences with the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, as described in the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the *Plant Conservation Report 2020*, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body.

25. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat⁵ containing a proposed set of complementary actions related to plant conservation to support the implementation of the Framework, prepared by the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation in collaboration with the Secretariat. A representative of the Global Partnership will be invited to provide a presentation to the Subsidiary Body.

26. The Subsidiary Body is invited to review the note and information provided and to make recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

Item 4

Findings from the assessments by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention

27. In paragraph 5 (e) of its decision [XII/25](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to bring the deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) to the attention of the Subsidiary Body for its consideration with regard to the relevance of the findings to the work of the Convention and for the development, as appropriate, of recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

28. In paragraph 6 of its decision [15/19](#), the Conference of the Parties welcomed the approval by IPBES of the summaries for policymakers of the *Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature* and of the *Thematic Assessment of the Sustainable Use of Wild Species*, and the acceptance of the chapters of the respective assessments, including their executive summaries, and took note of the progress made in the preparation of the thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control. In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body to consider the findings of those assessments and to provide recommendations relating to the implementation of the Convention and, in particular, of the Framework, for consideration at its sixteenth meeting.

29. In addition, in paragraph 3 of its decision [15/30](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body to further review the item on biodiversity and climate change on the basis of views and information from Parties, other Governments and international organizations, as well as relevant scientific and technical information on biodiversity and climate change.

⁵ CBD/SBSTTA/25/5.

30. The Subsidiary Body will have before it notes by the Secretariat⁶ on the potential implications for the work undertaken under the Convention of the findings of the following assessments and respective summaries for policymakers:

(a) *Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*;

(b) *Thematic Assessment Report on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*; in addition, the Subsidiary Body will consider sustainable wildlife management under agenda item 6;

(c) *Thematic Assessment Report on Invasive Alien Species and their Control of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*; in addition, the Subsidiary Body will consider invasive alien species and their control under agenda item 5;

(d) *Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*, where relevant to the Convention; in addition, the Subsidiary Body will consider biodiversity and climate change under agenda item 7.

31. The Subsidiary Body is invited to consider the information provided and to prepare, as relevant, conclusions and recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

Item 5

Invasive alien species

32. In its decision [15/27](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to organize a peer-review process on annexes I to VI to the decision, to convene a moderated open-ended online forum on the results of that process and to make the outcomes available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body, with a view to making recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

33. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species on several issues contained in paragraph 12 of its decision 15/27. In this respect, the Executive Secretary convened the eleventh meeting of the Group, which was held online, on 5 April 2023.

34. In paragraph 9 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, other Governments and organizations to submit information to the Executive Secretary on experiences and relevant initiatives in horizon scanning, monitoring and managing emerging infectious diseases affecting biodiversity, and especially the health of wild animals and plants, caused by alien pathogens or parasites and invasive alien species acting as vectors or hosts for pathogens or parasites.

35. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat⁷ containing a summary of the aforementioned intersessional activities, including the outcomes of the peer-review process, a summary of the submission of information and moderated online discussions and information on the eleventh meeting of the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species.

36. The Subsidiary Body is invited to consider the information contained in the note, taking into account the results of its consideration of agenda item 4 in relation to the IPBES assessment of invasive alien species and their control (see para. 30 (c)), and to make recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

⁶ CBD/SBSTTA/25/6, CBD/SBSTTA/25/7, CBD/SBSTTA/25/8 and CBD/SBSTTA/25/9.

⁷ CBD/SBSTTA/25/10.

Item 6

Sustainable wildlife management

37. In paragraph 1 (a) of its decision [15/23](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management and other relevant stakeholders and right holders, to complete the work mandated in decision [14/7](#), including by identifying other areas beyond the wild meat sector that might require complementary guidance, such as other geographical areas, species and uses, making full use of the outcomes and the findings of the report of the Consultative Workshop on Sustainable Wildlife Management Beyond 2020 and the results of the survey on sustainable wildlife management.

38. In paragraph 9 of its decision 14/7, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to identify areas that might require complementary guidance to be developed and to explore ways to apply such guidance to other geographical areas, other species and other uses, in view of the fact that the voluntary guidance for a sustainable wild meat sector was applicable only to some areas of terrestrial tropical and subtropical habitat, biomes and ecosystems.

39. In document CBD/SBSTTA/23/5, the Executive Secretary provided a report to the Subsidiary Body containing a review of existing complementary guidance, as well as a review of further multidisciplinary approaches.

40. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat⁸ containing an identification of areas that may require complementary guidance and a consideration on the future work of the Convention on the issues surrounding sustainable wildlife management.

41. The Subsidiary Body is invited to consider the information contained in the note, taking into account the results of its consideration of agenda item 4 in relation to the IPBES assessment of the sustainable use of wild species (see para. 30 (b)), and to make recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

Item 7

Biodiversity and climate change

42. In its decision [15/30](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body to further review the item on biodiversity and climate change on the basis of views and information on biodiversity and climate change submitted by Parties, other Governments and international organizations to the Executive Secretary, for compilation, as well as relevant scientific and technical information on biodiversity and climate change.

43. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat⁹ containing the compilation of views and information submitted, as well as relevant scientific and technical information on biodiversity and climate change.

44. The Subsidiary Body is invited to review the information contained in the note, taking into account the results of its consideration of agenda item 4 in relation to the *Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* (see para. 30 (d)), and to prepare conclusions and recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

Item 8

Other matters

45. Under agenda item 8, participants will have an opportunity to raise other matters of relevance.

⁸ CBD/SBSTTA/25/11.

⁹ CBD/SBSTTA/25/12.

Item 9

Adoption of the report

46. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to adopt the report of the meeting. In accordance with established practice, it will also be invited to authorize the rapporteur to finalize report after the meeting, with the guidance of the Chair and the assistance of the Secretariat.

Item 10

Closure of the meeting

47. The meeting is expected to close at 1 p.m. on 19 October 2023.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date</i>	<i>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</i>	<i>3–6 p.m.</i>
Sunday, 15 October 2023	Item 1. Opening of the meeting Item 2. Organizational matters Item 3. Facilitating the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the monitoring of its progress Item 3 (a). Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	Item 3 (b). Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review Item 3 (c). Approaches to identifying scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework, including its implication for the programmes of work of the Convention Item 3 (d). Plant conservation
Monday, 16 October 2023	Item 4. Findings from the assessments by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention	Item 5. Invasive alien species Item 6. Sustainable wildlife management Item 7. Biodiversity and climate change
Tuesday, 17 October 2023	Consideration of conference room papers	Consideration of conference room papers
Wednesday, 18 October 2023	Consideration of conference room papers	Consideration of conference room papers
Thursday, 19 October 2023	Item 8. Other matters Item 9. Adoption of the report Item 10. Closure of the meeting	

Annex II

List of documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
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CBD/SBSTTA/25/1/Add.1/Rev.3	Annotated provisional agenda	2
CBD/SBSTTA/25/2	Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	3 (a)
CBD/SBSTTA/25/3	Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review	3 (b)
CBD/SBSTTA/25/4	Approaches to identifying scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework, including its implication for the programmes of work of the Convention	3 (c)
CBD/SBSTTA/25/5	Plant conservation	3 (d)
CBD/SBSTTA/25/6	Review of findings from the <i>Methodological Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</i> and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention	4
CBD/SBSTTA/25/7	Review of findings from the <i>Thematic Assessment Report on the Sustainable Use of Wild Species of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service</i> and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention	4
CBD/SBSTTA/25/8	Review of findings from the <i>Thematic Assessment Report on Invasive Alien Species and Their Control of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</i> and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention	4
CBD/SBSTTA/25/9	Findings from the <i>Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change</i> and their implications for the work undertaken under the Convention	4
CBD/SBSTTA/25/10	Invasive alien species	5
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