

Agenda item 10

Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review

**Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be conducted at the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties**

**President's text**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* Articles 6, 23 and 26 of the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling also* its decisions [VI/25](#) of 19 April 2002, [VIII/7](#) of 31 March 2006, [X/4](#) of 29 October 2010, [XII/2](#) of 17 October 2014 and [15/3](#), 15/5, 15/6 and 15/11 of 10 December 2022 concerning the findings of the five editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the two editions of the *Local Biodiversity Outlook*,

*Recalling further* its decisions XIII/25 of 9 December 2016, 14/29 of 29 November 2018 and,

*Recalling further* that, in accordance with decision 15/6, the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review will be undertaken in a facilitative, non-intrusive and non-punitive manner, respecting national sovereignty and avoiding placing undue burden on Parties, in particular developing countries,

*Recalling* that, pursuant to paragraph 2 of decision 15/6, the Conference of the Parties will consider and provide any recommendations, as necessary, at its future meetings with a view to achieving the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,<sup>2</sup>

*Recalling* that paragraph 20 of decision 15/6 Parties may take the outcome of the global review into account in future revisions and implementation of the NBSAPs, including the provision of means of implementation to developing country Parties, with a view to improving actions and efforts, as appropriate,

*Noting* that the implementation by Parties of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review will contribute to the effective implementation of the Convention, its Protocols and the Framework,

*Noting with appreciation* the work conducted by the Executive Secretary to further develop the online reporting tool with functionality for the submission of national targets aligned with the Framework and the submission of national reports,

*Underscoring* the critical importance of scientific, technical and technological inputs, including from traditional knowledge, for all elements of the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework,

*Recognizing* the contributions of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as well as the role of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in reviewing their findings, and noting the role of the *Global Environment Outlook* and other major international scientific assessments in improving global biodiversity knowledge and information,

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>2</sup> Decision 15/4, annex.

*Recognizing also* the role of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in providing advice on relevant scientific, technical and technological matters, including traditional knowledge, for the global review,

*Recalling* the request to Parties to use indicators in their national reports as requested in paragraph 13 of decision 15/6,

*Welcoming* the decision by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, at its tenth session, to undertake a fast-track methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people by 2026, a fast-track methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity by 2027 and a scoping process for a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services by 2024, with a view to producing the second global assessment in 2028, as part of its rolling work programme up to 2030,<sup>3</sup>

*Stressing* the importance of the aforementioned rolling work programme for the global review, in particular the importance of the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for the global review to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth meeting,

*Recalling* that Parties are requested to submit their seventh national reports by 28 February 2026 and their eighth national reports by 30 June 2029,

1. *Endorses* the revisions to the national reporting template for the seventh and eighth national reports, as contained in annex I to the present decision;

3. *Encourages* Parties to collaborate, where appropriate, with other reporting processes, such as those under the Sustainable Development Goals and relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including by using the Data Reporting Tool for Multilateral Environmental Agreements or other modular data reporting tools, on a voluntary basis;

*Commitments by actors other than national governments*<sup>4</sup>, as described in paragraph 26 of decision 15/6

4. *Adopts* the core reporting elements for commitments by actors other than national governments<sup>4</sup> contained in annex II to the present decision;

5. *Recalls* its invitation, in paragraph 26 of decision 15/6, to actors other than national governments, on a voluntary basis, develop and share commitments contributing to national biodiversity strategies and action plans and to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and invites those actors to be guided by the general principles and the core reporting elements of the template contained in annex II to the present decision;<sup>5</sup>

*Open-ended forum or regional/interregional dialogue*

6. *Takes note* of the views shared by Parties and the summary by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation of the pilot open-ended forum for voluntary country review of implementation conducted at the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body;<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Decision IPBES-10/1.

<sup>4</sup> The full list of actors is included in paragraph 26 of decision 15/6.

<sup>5</sup> [The Secretariat shall not publish data, information, projects, and/or reports related to a claim or dispute relating to sovereignty, sovereign rights or jurisdiction without mentioning the existence of such claim or dispute.][alt. Nothing the Secretariat shall publish as data, information, projects and/or reports shall be relied upon as a basis for asserting or denying any claims to sovereignty, sovereign rights or jurisdiction, including in respect of any disputes relating thereto.]

<sup>6</sup> CBD/SBI/5/4, annex.

### *Global review*

7. *Reiterating* decision 15/6 paragraph 16 that states that the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework will be conducted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings;

8. *Decides* that the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework will culminate in a decision or decisions by the Conference of the Parties, including any recommendations, as necessary, to identify and address challenges in collective progress in implementation, including on the means of implementation, in particular for developing country Parties, with a view to achieving the goals and targets of the Framework;

9. *Decides* that the global review should be focused on assessing collective progress and that the review will be undertaken in a facilitative, non-intrusive and non-punitive manner, respecting national sovereignty and avoiding placing undue burden on Parties, in particular developing countries, with no focus on individual Party and respecting the policy space of Parties;

10. *Also decides* that the global review is a Party-driven process conducted in a comprehensive, facilitative, efficient, inclusive and transparent manner, avoiding duplication of work, at all its stages, including when preparing the global report;

11. *Further decides* that in order to support the effective and equitable participation of Parties, all inputs should be fully accessible, including online

### *Design of the global review*

12. *Also decides* that the global review, including of the means of implementation, will be primarily based on:

- (a) National reports;
- (b) A global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework;

13. *Further decides* that the global review will also draw upon relevant recommendations of the subsidiary bodies and working groups<sup>7</sup> and may draw upon the outcomes of the informal technical dialogue referred to in paragraph 26, the outcomes of subregional or regional dialogues as well as the possible interregional dialogue referred to in paragraph 25 and the global analysis described in paragraph 1 (c) of decision 15/6.

### *Global report*

14. *Decides* that the global report will consider the three objectives of the Convention in a balanced manner, as reflected in the Framework;

15. *Further decides* that specific challenges to the implementation of the Framework, especially for developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, will be considered throughout the global report;

16. *Emphasizes* that the global report should draw upon data and information provided by Parties and the best available peer-reviewed scientific, technical and technological information, as well as traditional knowledge given access to with the free, prior, informed consent of indigenous people and local communities;

17. *Also emphasizes* the need to ensure balance, transparency and inclusivity in the preparation of the global report at all its stages;

18. *Decides* that the global report will be focused primarily on assessing progress in the implementation of the Framework and contain the following structural elements:

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<sup>7</sup> As established by the Conference of the Parties.

- (a) An introduction to the report and the Framework;
  - (b) A concise scientific and technical synthesis of the status of, and trends in, biodiversity;
  - (c) A review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, including a target-by-target assessment of progress towards the 23 targets, the 2030 mission and other elements of the Framework, including sections C, I, J and K;
  - (d) A dedicated section on the provision of means of implementation consistent with the Framework;
  - (e) An analysis of progress towards the goals of the Framework and the 2050 vision;
  - (f) A concise compilation of examples of contributions of relevant multilateral environmental agreements towards the implementation of the Framework, in line with their respective mandates;
  - (h) A conclusion that summarizes the relevant key messages and content of the global report;
19. *Decides* that the following sources of information should be drawn upon when preparing the global report:
- (a) As its primary source, national reports submitted in compliance with Article 26 of the Convention and in line with decision 15/6;
  - (b) The analysis of the usage of the headline, binary, component and complementary indicators and of national indicators in national reports<sup>8</sup>
  - (c) The global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets provided pursuant to paragraph 15 of decision 15/6;
  - (d) The five editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the two editions of the *Local Biodiversity Outlook* to date;
  - (e) Assessments, reports and deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and other relevant intergovernmentally reviewed scientific assessments and reports, including those of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and other science policy platforms of the United Nations;
  - (f) Relevant national, regional and international scientific and technical assessments, including regional and subregional assessments;
  - (g) Reports on means of implementation, including those of the Global Environment Facility Council on progress in the Global Environment Facility trust fund and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund;
  - (h) Other relevant scientific and technical peer-reviewed literature;
  - (i) Reports of the regional and sub-regional dialogues, as referred to in paragraph 25;
  - (j) Information on commitments by actors other than national governments towards the Framework,<sup>9</sup> including disaggregated information on contributions from indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth;
  - (k) Relevant information from the secretariats of biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, international organizations and processes, including reports submitted under related conventions and on the Sustainable Development Goals;

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<sup>8</sup> Conducted as per paragraph 30 of decision 16/X on the monitoring framework.

<sup>9</sup> Pending adoption of paragraphs 4 and 5 of the present decision.

(l) Relevant traditional knowledge, innovations, practices and technology of indigenous peoples and local communities that are given access to with their free, prior and informed consent;

*Governance for the global review*

20. *Decides* that the global review, in particular with regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 above, will be a Party-led process through the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, with support from its Bureau, and informed by Party submissions and a peer review, as needed, followed by consideration by the Conference of the Parties;

21. *Takes note* of the indicative timeline for the global review, including for the preparation of the global report, contained in Annex IV, and requests the Executive Secretary to conduct related work on the basis of such timeline;

*Governance for the global report*

22. *Also decides* to establish an 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 a time-bound mandate until the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and terms of reference contained in annex III to the present decision, that will provide scientific, technical and technological recommendations, including on traditional knowledge, for the preparation of the global report on the basis of the sources noted in the preceding paragraph;

23. *Further decides* that 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 will report to and support the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in providing scientific, technical and technological advice to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, which will guide the global review;

24. *Decides* that the global report will be made available for peer review and review by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation before its submission to the Conference of the Parties;

*Requests to the Executive Secretary*

25. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To continue to support the implementation of the guidance for national biodiversity strategies and action plans and for the seventh and eighth national reports, as adopted in decision 15/6, taking into account the final template for those reports contained in annex I to the present decision;

(b) To continue to facilitate the voluntary use of modular tools for data reporting, such as the Data Reporting Tool for Multilateral Environmental Agreements;

(c) To continue to support capacity-building and the development of Parties in the use of online registration tools for both national biodiversity strategies and action plans and online progress reporting;

(d) To further develop a mechanism for tracking commitments of actors other than national governments using the template contained in annex II to the present decision;

(e) To support the organization of subregional and regional dialogues to enhance the implementation and sharing of experiences;<sup>1</sup>

(f) To convene, under the guidance of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, subregional and/or regional dialogues, taking into account the experiences and lessons learned from

the previous regional dialogues,<sup>10</sup> as well as a possible interregional dialogue, subject to the availability of resources, taking into account the experiences of the pilot open-ended forum convened at the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body.

(g) To support indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth in sharing information that they have developed to help to inform the global review;

(h) To continue to coordinate actions and collaborate with relevant partners in support of the implementation of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review;

(i) to facilitate, with the support of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group, an informal technical dialogue among Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth representatives, academia, the private and financial sectors and other stakeholders and experts on the scientific, technical and technological aspects of the global report and other relevant inputs to the global review, including the sharing of best practices, challenges, gaps and solutions;

26. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to facilitate the global review and to provide regular updates to Parties on the preparation of the global report, including at meetings of the subsidiary bodies;

27. *Invites* donors, Governments and multilateral and bilateral agencies to support the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including the strengthening of national-level monitoring, in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Framework;

29. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to contribute to the global review, and in particular to the work of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group, in a manner fully respectful of their respective mandates;

## Annex I

### Template for the seventh and eighth national reports \*

#### I. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report

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| <b>Country name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <b>National authorities responsible for the preparation and submission of the report</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| <b>Contact person</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| <b>Contact details</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <p><b>Briefly describe the process followed for the preparation of the present report. Responses may include the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination mechanisms and methodology for data collection and validation employed, if applicable, as well as key challenges encountered.</li> </ul> |  |

<sup>10</sup> See [www.cbd.int/nbsap](http://www.cbd.int/nbsap).

\* The guidance and the template for the eighth national report can be adjusted, if necessary, building on the experiences and lessons learned in the preparation for the seventh national report.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultations undertaken at various levels for preparing the present report, involving and engaging various stakeholders and taking into account national circumstances, including by using a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.</li> </ul> |
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## II. Status of the revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP) in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

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| 1. | <b>Has your country revised or updated its NBSAP in alignment with the Framework?</b>                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> In progress<br>If the answer is “no” or “in progress”, please indicate the expected date of completion of the revision or updating of the NBSAP:<br>_____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2. | <b>Did your country involve and engage stakeholders in revising or updating its NBSAP?</b>                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> If the answer is “yes”, please select among the following (drop-down menu): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Indigenous peoples and local communities</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Women</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Youth</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Local and subnational government</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Private sector</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Other stakeholders</li> </ul>                                           |
| 3. | <b>Has your country’s revised or updated NBSAP been adopted as a policy or a legal instrument, and/or integrated into other strategies?</b><br>_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No<br><input type="checkbox"/> In progress<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>If the answer is “no”, please indicate the expected date of adoption:<br>_____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4. | <b>If the answer to question 3 is “yes”, indicate how your country’s revised or updated NBSAP has been adopted.</b>                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted through legislation or otherwise by parliament<br><input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by the Council of Ministers, the Office of the President or of the Prime Minister, or an equivalent body<br><input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by the Ministry of the Environment or another sectoral ministry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Integrated into the poverty reduction strategy, sustainable development strategy, national development plan or another related strategy or plan<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)<br>_____ |
| 5. | <b>Briefly describe the national biodiversity monitoring system and how it tracks progress in the implementation of the NBSAP.</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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### III. Assessment of progress towards national targets

Please use the following templates to report on progress in the implementation of your country's national targets and revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan in alignment with the Framework. In cases where no national target is linked with one or more related global targets, it is suggested that countries report directly on progress contributing towards the global targets.

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| <b>National target</b> (pre-populated from the submission of national targets or from the text of the global target when a national target does not exist for that global target) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>1.</b>                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Briefly describe the main actions taken to implement the target.</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>2.</b>                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Indicate the current level of progress towards the target</b>                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> On track to achieve target<br><input type="checkbox"/> Progress made but at an insufficient rate<br><input type="checkbox"/> No significant progress<br><input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Achieved</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>3.</b>                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Provide a summary of progress towards the target, including the main outcomes achieved</b><br><br><b>Provide a summary of key challenges encountered and different approaches that may be taken for further implementation</b>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>4.</b>                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Provide data on headline indicators used for assessing progress towards the target</b> (pre-populated from the submission of national targets) <sup>11</sup><br><br><i>This part can be completed for targets with a headline indicator.</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Use national data set<br><input type="checkbox"/> Use the data available from relevant global (data sources provided)<br><input type="checkbox"/> No data available. Please explain why:<br><hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant. Please explain why:<br><hr/> <p><i>Parties that choose to use national data sets are requested to submit them in a tabular format and to specify the sources of data. Parties will submit data for each indicator once, even if the indicator is used for multiple goals and targets.</i></p> <p><i>Parties that choose to use globally or regionally available data sets will be provided with a tabular view of the data for the indicator.</i></p> <p><i>Parties that answer “no data available” are requested to briefly describe efforts</i></p> |

<sup>11</sup> See the online reporting tool for an example of how the submission of data has been included in the tool.

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|    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p><i>under way to develop relevant indicators and data sets.</i></p> <p>Comments (optional): _____</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5. | <p><b>Respond to the questions for the binary indicator<sup>12</sup></b></p> <p><i>This part can be completed only for targets with a binary indicator</i></p>                                                                       | <p><i>The binary indicators and questions will be included on the basis of the list adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Parties will submit data for each binary indicator only once, even if the indicator is used for multiple goals and targets.</i></p> <p>Comments (optional): _____</p> |
| 6. | <p><b>Provide data on component, complementary or other national indicators used for assessing progress towards the target</b> (optional) (pre-populated from the submission of national targets)</p>                                | <p><i>Parties may wish to provide data and sources of information in a tabular format.</i></p> <p>Comments (optional): _____</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7. | <p><b>Provide examples or cases to illustrate the effectiveness of the actions taken to implement the target. Provide relevant web links or attach related materials or publications, as needed.</b></p>                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 8. | <p><b>Briefly describe how the implementation of the target relates to progress in achieving the related Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets, and the implementation of other related agreements</b> (optional)</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

#### IV. Assessment of national progress contributing towards the goals of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

| 2050 goals | Summary of national progress contributing to the global goals | Headline and binary indicators<br>(pre-populated from the submission of national targets)             | Component, complementary or other national indicators<br>(pre-populated from the submission of national targets)                                                                                                          | Source of data for indicators |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Goal       |                                                               | <p><i>(Relevant indicators will be provided for selection, as described in section III above)</i></p> | <p><i>(Relevant indicators will be provided for selection, as described in section III above)</i></p> <p><i>For national indicators, countries may need to submit relevant national indicators in a table format.</i></p> |                               |

<sup>12</sup> See decision 16/-- for the list of binary indicators.

## **V. Conclusions on the national implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

In the present section, Parties are encouraged to provide a summary of the national implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Framework, including the main achievements and major challenges encountered, in particular those related to capacity, technical, technological, institutional and financial gaps and constraints, and support provided for implementation. Parties could refer to cross-cutting challenges affecting the implementation of the Convention and the Framework or specific obstacles that have hindered progress. Those challenges may include lack of adequate financial, human and technical resources; difficulties regarding interministerial or inter-agency cooperation and coordination; lack of timely and reliable access to knowledge, information and data; lack of the scientific expertise needed to support project development and management; and lack of access to relevant technology for implementation. Parties should try to avoid duplication if relevant information is covered in the sections above.

**Provide a summary assessment of the implementation of the Convention and the Framework, including all the sections of the Framework, and the main achievements and major challenges encountered and, where applicable, resolved, in particular those related to capacity, technical, technological, institutional and financial gaps and constraints, and support provided for implementation.**

## **Annex II**

### **Communication of commitments by actors other than national governments<sup>13</sup>**

#### **I. General principles for including commitments from actors other than national governments in the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review**

1. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>14</sup> embraces a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, and its success relies on the action and cooperation of all actors in society. Actors other than national governments are encouraged to communicate commitments, on a voluntary basis, toward the implementation of the Framework with a particular focus on national targets, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, contributing, where appropriate to global targets or to any of these. Actors other than national governments contributions can have a positive effect on implementation and strengthen collaboration across all sectors of society. The submission of information on commitments from actors other than national governments can make a valuable contribution to the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review and should be guided by the following considerations:

(a) Standardized guidelines and templates for communicating the commitments of actors other than national governments may improve information-sharing and national reporting, as appropriate, and a global-level review. Communicating commitments for actors other than national governments should be as simple as possible, while allowing them to demonstrate that they contribute to the implementation of the Framework with a particular focus on national targets, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, or both;

<sup>13</sup> The list of actors is listed in paragraph 26 of decision 15/6: “indigenous peoples and local communities, subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, intergovernmental organizations, other multilateral environmental agreements, non-governmental organizations, women, youth, research organizations, the business and finance community and representatives of sectors related to or dependent on biodiversity”.

<sup>14</sup> Decision 15/4, annex.

(b) The use of established and available metrics, including relevant indicators from the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>15</sup> and national targets and national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as appropriate, is highly recommended, whenever possible, as such metrics may provide information that can improve the monitoring of the Framework, in particular when baselines are being established in relation to impacts on biodiversity and to demonstrate progress over time;

(c) In recognizing the different circumstances of actors other than national governments, the proposed template will allow for some flexibility, while ensuring that relevant information about commitments is captured;

(d) The template recognizes that countries have different modalities to engage with actors other than national governments in the revision or update of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets, and to include their contributions in those strategies and plans and in national reports.

2. Actors other than national governments may communicate their commitments by using the standardized template, or, national focal points who wish to do so could communicate on their behalf, through uploading them in the online reporting tool of the clearing-house mechanism<sup>16</sup>. Information will be shared with the relevant national focal points of the Convention through an automated notification sent to Parties that wish to be informed of information shared on the portal.

3. National focal points, who wish to do so, will be able to view the commitments submitted by actors other than national governments before publication on a no-objection basis.

4. Actors other than national governments that submitted commitments, or national focal points who communicated on their behalf, are encouraged to communicate progress towards achieving those commitments and upload them to the portal mentioned in paragraph 2, on a voluntary basis and are invited, when possible, to send them prior to the relevant deadlines set out in decision 15/6.

5. The commitments communicated by actors other than national governments are made exclusively for the contributions the objectives of the Convention, including the Framework, including its goals and targets, and they do not have any implications regarding the recognition of territorial sovereignty or the legal status of a State, territory, area or their authorities, where applicable.

## **II. Core reporting elements for commitments by actors other than national governments**

### **General information**

5. Name of the organization or coalition (official name of the organization responsible for a single commitment or, if the commitment is collective, name of the coalition).

6. Website (provide website information for the lead organization or coalition, if available) (optional).

7. Contact person (full name, job title and email address of person responsible for the commitment, or the submission, within the organization or coalition).

8. Address (full address of lead organization, including city; state, province or territory; and country).

9. Geographical scope of organization or coalition (indicate whether the organization or coalition operates at the local, subnational, national, regional or multinational level and provide a list of locations whenever possible).

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<sup>15</sup> Decision 15/5, annex I.

<sup>16</sup> A designated section of the online reporting tool can be developed for this purpose.

10. Type of organization ((a) academic and research; (b) business or industry; (c) financial institution; (d) indigenous peoples and local communities; (e) non-governmental organization; (f) philanthropic organization; (g) subnational or local government or authority; (h) women's organization; (i) youth organization; (j) other (please specify). Select all that apply.

**1. Commitment**

11. Title of commitment.

12. Description of commitment, including:

(a) An overview of scope, and the actions proposed;

(b) Which direct and indirect drivers or enabling conditions of biodiversity loss the commitment will seek to address (optional).

13. Timeline of commitment (kick-off and completion dates). Alternatively, indicate whether this is an open-ended commitment and share information on plans for next steps.

14. Key performance indicators or other relevant indicators of measurable success (such as percentages, figures or other quantitative pieces of information, noting links with the indicators from the monitoring framework, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and national targets, when applicable) (optional).

15. Endorsements (for example, in the case of a collective commitment by a coalition of organizations, if the commitment has been endorsed by the chief executive officers or governing bodies of the constituent organizations, including traditional authorities) (optional).

17. Goals and targets of the Framework, as well as national strategies and action plans, and national targets, that the commitment is aimed at contributing to, and any relevant headline indicators:

(a) Primary national or global target (selection of the single most relevant target or goal) and indicator;

(b) Other relevant targets and goals (multiple targets and goals are possible) and elements of the Framework (e.g. sect. C) and indicator (optional).

18. Geographical coverage of the commitment (indicate a specific region, country or group of countries and biome or ecosystem, as relevant).

19. Funding to be used towards meeting the commitment (optional).

20. Is the funding sufficient for achieving the commitment? (Yes/no).

21. Sustainable Development Goals and multilateral environmental agreements and instruments to which the commitment contributes (optional).

22. Partners (name and location of other organizations involved in the commitment).

23. Is the commitment explicitly mentioned in any national biodiversity strategy and action plan? If yes, indicate in which country or countries.

**2. Progress tracking**

24. Will you report or provide information on Target 15 of the Framework? If yes, what and how?

25. Is progress towards the commitment tracked? If yes:

(a) What is the format (e.g. online or in a publication), frequency and public availability of progress tracking against the commitment;

(b) Provide a URL, if available (optional);

26. Potential ways to address challenges and opportunities in achieving effective implementation of the commitment and its contribution to the Framework, including its section C and its targets and goals, and other decisions (e.g. Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030)).<sup>17</sup> (optional)

### **Annex III**

#### **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**

1. 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 shall support the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the provision of scientific, technical and technological inputs for the preparation of global reports on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, including on means of implementation, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings.

2. The Advisory Group shall oversee and guide the process to compile, analyse and synthesize relevant scientific, technical and technological information for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in preparing the scientific and technical aspects of the global report, on the basis of the sources listed under paragraph 21 of the present decision. The Group is specifically tasked to:

(a) Provide advice on the scientific, technical and technological contributions to the draft report;

(b) Provide advice on the use in the global report of the indicators of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;<sup>18</sup>

(c) Ensure the scientific and technical soundness of the draft global report and its associated products.

3. The Advisory Group shall:

(a) Prepare and present to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice an outline of content and key questions that will structure the scientific and technical aspects of the global report, on the basis of the present decision;

(b) Support the preparation of content for relevant sections of the draft global report as described in this decision;

4. The Advisory Group shall also contribute to the technical dialogue referred to in the present decision.

5. The Advisory Group shall be composed of 15 experts nominated by Parties, who may include experts from relevant academic and research institutions, and 10 representatives nominated by observers, including 5 from indigenous peoples and local communities and women and youth groups, with due regard to equitable regional representation, gender balance and representation of different areas of technical expertise, ensuring balance in expertise in all aspects of the goals and targets of the Framework. The Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with the support of the Secretariat, shall select experts from the nominations submitted by Parties and observers

6. Experts may be selected from people with, among others:

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<sup>17</sup> Decision 15/11, annex.

<sup>18</sup> Decision 15/5, annex I.

(a) A record of scientific, technical and technological publications or expertise related to the analysis of biodiversity status and trends, biodiversity indicators and social and cultural aspects of biodiversity;

(b) Expertise and experience in a field related to the goals and targets of the Framework;

(c) Demonstrated knowledge of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other international scientific and technical assessment processes related to biodiversity;

(d) Knowledge of and perspectives on the three objectives of the Convention and traditional knowledge, such as those held by indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth.

7. The Advisory Group will elect two co-chairs from among the selected experts, one from a developed country and one from a developing country.

8. The Chairs of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention and the Advisory Committee on the Global Review of Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Framework (if established) may participate, in an ex officio capacity, in the meetings of the Advisory Group, when appropriate. The Advisory Group may invite other experts, as appropriate, with due regard to equitable regional representation, including that of developing countries, and gender balance, to contribute their expertise and experiences on specific issues related to its terms of reference.

9. The Advisory Group shall conduct its work primarily by electronic means and, subject to the availability of resources, shall also meet in person, if possible, at least twice during the intersessional period.

10. Once established, the Advisory Group shall inform the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties of its work and exchange relevant information with the Advisory Committee on the Global Review, if established.

11. The timeline for the workplan of the Advisory Group shall be guided by the procedures developed by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for the global review, noting that the global reports should be finalized before the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings, respectively, of the Conference of the Parties for consideration at those meetings.

12. The Advisory Group shall report on its work to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its meetings held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

## Annex IV

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

| <i>Step/element</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>Date (estimated)</i>  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Step 1: Preparation phase: developing an annotated outline for the global report</i>                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |
| Establishment of 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         |
| Annotated outline of the global report made available (available for peer review and consideration by SBSTTA)                                                                                                                                            | July 2025                |
| Subregional and/or regional dialogues as well as a possible interregional dialogue, subject to the availability of resources                                                                                                                             | March–November 2025      |
| <b>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</b>                                                                      | <b>October 2025</b>      |
| <b>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</b>                                                    | <b>October 2025</b>      |
| <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    |
| <b>Deadline for submission of seventh national reports<sup>19</sup></b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>28 February 2026</b>  |
| 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                |
| <b>Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice reviews technical aspects of the second draft<sup>1</sup></b>                                                                                                                       | <b>End of July 2026</b>  |
| Informal technical dialogue, subject to the availability of resources                                                                                                                                                                                    | Between SBSTTA and SBI   |
| <b>Subsidiary Body on Implementation reviews the second draft</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Early August 2026</b> |

<sup>19</sup> The submission deadline for the national reports was agreed in decision 15/6.

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| 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>                                                                                             |                           |
| 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         |
| Publication of the report                                                                                                                                        | 19 October 2026           |
| <b>Seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties undertakes global review<sup>1</sup></b>                                                                 | <b>19–31 October 2026</b> |