

Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. Takes note of document CBD/SBI/7/10 containing the progress report of progress reports on the implementation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development and the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism, including a draft workplan and budget for the Global Coordination Entity;

2. Requests the Global Coordination Entity to prepare a revised workplan, including specific measurable objectives and deliverables, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting;

3. Further requests the Global Coordination Entity to prepare a revised budget for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting as part of its deliberations on budgetary matters;

43. Recommends that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt elements of a decision along the following lines:¹

The Conference of the Parties

I

Capacity-building and development

1. Takes note of the outcomes of the first meeting of the Biodiversity Capacity-Building and Development Forum, convened in Cali, Colombia, on 19 October 2024;²

~~1bis-2.~~ Also takes note of capacity gaps and barriers identified in the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and underscores the urgent need to address these barriers;

~~23.~~ Invites Parties, other Governments, subnational and local governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth [organizations] and other relevant [stakeholders] [organizations] to consider, as appropriate, the key messages and recommendations from the Forum³ in the design and implementation of their capacity-building and development actions according to their needs, national circumstances and legislation and local contexts;

~~34.~~ Invites the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and other regional bodies and relevant organizations to hold, as appropriate, regional capacity-building and development forums, with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth representatives and other relevant stakeholders to facilitate regional cooperation, peer learning, the sharing of experiences, good practices and lessons learned in capacity-building and development in support of national and regional biodiversity strategies and action plans and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;⁴

~~45.~~ Takes note of the progress report⁵ in the implementation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development;⁶

¹ If adopted, the present elements will be consolidated with those in recommendation 6/5 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation into a single draft decision.

² See www.cbd.int/cb/2024-cbd-forum-report.pdf.

³ www.cbd.int/cb/cbd-2024-forum-key-messages.pdf.

⁴ Decision 15/4, annex.

⁵ CBD/SBI/7/INF/8.

⁶ Decision 15/8, annex I.

~~56.~~ *Invites* Parties, other Governments, subnational and local governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth [organizations] and other relevant [stakeholders] [organizations] to share the experiences and lessons learned in designing and implementing capacity-building and development initiatives and programmes using the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework, through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism [according to national legislation as appropriate]:-

~~[67.]~~ *Urges* developed country Parties in accordance with Article 20, requests the Global Environmental Facility, and *invites* Parties, other Governments, international and national donors and relevant stakeholders including the private sector in a position to do so to provide and facilitate access to adequate and, predictable [and sustainable] financial and technical support to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing states, and Parties with economies in transition to design and implement capacity-building and development activities using the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework];

~~78.~~ *Requests Invites* the support centres, subject to the availability of resources, and *invites* relevant organizations, in line with the requests by Parties, to design and implement capacity-building and development activities using the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework in particular the strengthening of regional cooperation, exchanges of experiences and peer learning;

~~89.~~ *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To develop, in collaboration with the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation, practical and user-friendly guidance and learning materials, including a step-by-step guide and e-learning modules on the design and implementation of capacity-building and development using the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework including methods and indicators for measuring the progress of implementation, effectiveness, sustainability and long-term impact of capacity-building initiatives—, to support implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and to make such materials available through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism;

(b) To facilitate, in collaboration with the support centres and relevant organizations, the organization of capacity-building and development activities, including training-of-trainers workshops and peer-to-peer learning exchanges [technical mentoring and advisory support] for Parties, subnational and local governments, ~~and~~ indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations, and other stakeholders:-

~~[(c)]~~ To collaborate with the Biodiversity Finance Initiative, other initiatives and relevant organizations to organize capacity-building activities for Parties, in particular developing countries, least developed countries and small island developing states as well as economies in transition including their ministries responsible for finance, economic planning and national development and other relevant ministries, as appropriate, [as well as indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth [organizations], and other relevant stakeholders] on ways to mobilize domestic resources and gain access to international financing for capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer;]

(d) To convene, in collaboration with partners, a third meeting of the Biodiversity Capacity-Building and Development Forum to facilitate the sharing of experiences, good practices and lessons learned in capacity-building and development in support of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(e) To monitor, in collaboration with the Informal Advisory Group and partner organizations, including indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth

organizations, initiatives aimed at supporting the implementation of Target 20 of the Framework, and to compile emerging lessons and good practices and make them available through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism;

(f) To submit a progress report on the activities outlined in subparagraphs (a) to (e) above to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting.]

II

Technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer

~~910.~~ *Welcomes* Takes note of the progress report on the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism;⁷

~~119.~~ *Notes with concern; that adequate financial resources have not been made available to the support centres and global coordination entity to fully operationalize their activities;*

the financial, institutional and capacity constraints limiting the full operationalization of the support centres and the Global Coordination Entity and that operationalization has been uneven across regions;

~~121.~~ *Expresses appreciation* to the Secretariat for initiating the operations of the Global Coordination Entity and providing staff to support the Entity's work until such time as the Entity becomes fully operational;

~~132.~~ *Also expresses appreciation* to the support centres for their continued commitment and contributions during the intersessional period in advancing technical and scientific cooperation;

~~143.~~ *Further expresses appreciation* in that regard for the support provided by the Republic of Korea, through the Bio-Bridge Initiative and a Junior Professional Officer post in the Secretariat, and the financial contribution made by the European Union through voluntary contributions to facilitate the initial operationalization of the Global Coordination Entity;

~~154.~~ *[Approves] [Takes note of]* the proposed workplan [and the budget] of the Global Coordination Entity for the biennium 2027–2028, as contained in the annex to the present decision;

~~165.~~ *Requests* the support centres to take into account the gaps, ~~and~~ challenges and barriers noted in the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the ~~Framework KMGBF~~, [the reports of the assessments and reviews of the Protocols] and the seventh national reports of the Parties to the Convention, [including challenges in the use of indicators summarised in CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/11], when providing capacity building and development support to Parties;

~~17.5bis-~~ [Further requests the support centres to take into account the gaps, needs and challenges noted in the assessment and review of the effectiveness on the implementation of the protocols when providing capacity-building and development support to Parties to the Protocols]

~~186.~~ *Invites* Parties, other Governments, subnational and local governments, United Nations entities, relevant international organizations, development agencies, [research institutions, academia], the private sector and other stakeholders, in a position to do so, to provide adequate, predictable [and easily accessible] ~~multi-year and sustainable~~ financial

⁷ CBD/SBI/7/INF/10.

[resources](#) and/ or in-kind contributions to support the programmes and [long-term](#) operations of the Global Coordination Entity and the support centres;

~~196.~~ [Further invites research institutions, academia and other relevant stakeholders to work actively with the support centres and the Global Coordination Entity contributing with their expertise and tools and other relevant resources;](#)

~~17. [Reiterates the request to] [Requests] [Invites] the Global Environment Facility, and invites the Kunming Biodiversity Fund, including the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund [the Green Climate Fund] and other relevant multilateral funds and international financial institutions, in accordance with their mandates, to consider providing funding, upon request by eligible Parties in line with their priorities and needs, projects and programmes of the support centres designed to provide, technical and scientific support in the context of country driven projects;~~

~~[20. Reiterates the request in decision 16/3 to the Global Environment Facility, including through the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, and invites other relevant multilateral funds and international financial institutions, in accordance with their mandates, to continue to support in all eligible countries country-driven projects that include technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and capacity-building for the implementation of the Framework;]~~

~~[21. Also reiterates the request in decision 16/3 to the Global Environment Facility, including through the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund, and invites other relevant multilateral funds and international financial institutions, in accordance with their mandates, to support the operationalization and activities of the regional and subregional support centres in developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, as appropriate, [through the country-driven projects of the eligible countries] in response to their requests in their respective subregions;]~~

~~[22]17.- Invites the Green Climate Fund, in recognition of the critical interdependence between biodiversity and climate changes, to consider opportunities to support the activities of the support centres, particularly those relating to country-driven projects in developing countries aimed at implementing the KMGBF in a manner that avoids double counting]~~

~~18~~23. Urges Parties, and invites other Governments, subnational and local governments, United Nations entities, relevant international organizations, development agencies, research institutions, academia, the private sector and other stakeholders to work actively with and support the support centres and the Global Coordination Entity in addressing the challenges limiting their operations and effectiveness;

~~19~~24. Encourages Parties, in their engagement with the support centres and relevant organizations the support centres, and relevant organizations to ensure that technical and scientific cooperation and capacity-building activities are implemented with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, consistent with national circumstances and national legislation, women and and youth organizations, and other interested stakeholders, consistent with national circumstances and legislation, including through the co-design of programmes, identification of capacity needs, joint research, knowledge exchange and the development of technologies; in line with decisions 15/8 and 16/3;

250. Requests the support centres, [subject to the availability of resources];

(a) To accelerate enhance the establishment and operationalization of their governance structures and institutional frameworks;

(b) To develop and progressively scale up demand-driven support ~~packages~~ for Parties, and indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations, and other relevant stakeholders in accordance with national legislation and circumstances based on their identified priorities and needs, and use appropriate delivery modalities, [including through joint scientific research and technology development] ~~including regional expert rosters, help desks and matchmaking mechanisms~~, to respond to the demand for assistance.

(c) To further mobilize resources from all sources, including by developing joint project pipelines for [donor] support and leveraging innovative financing solutions [and building upon existing regional and international mechanisms];

(d) To submit to the Global Coordination Entity their workplans for the biennium 2027–2028 based on the needs and priorities identified by the Parties that they support by the first quarter of 2027;

(e) To submit to the Global Coordination Entity activity reports for the biennium 2027–2028 at its request, pursuant to paragraph 21 (d); ~~with a view to facilitating the preparation of a progress report on the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;~~

~~264.~~ Requests the Global Coordination Entity, [subject to the availability of resources]:

(a) To increase resource mobilization efforts and assist the support centres to do the same, including by supporting project proposal development, identifying and engaging potential financial sources including by and convening round tables, and assist ~~the~~ support centres upon request to develop a multi-year budget resource mobilization strategy ~~with concrete funding targets and timelines~~ and resource mobilization strategies accordingly;

(b) To enhance coordination, collaboration and knowledge exchange among the support centres through, inter alia, the holding of regular coordination meetings, including at least one in-person meeting of their programme coordinators in each biennium, to facilitate experience sharing, peer-to-peer learning and the development of joint initiatives;

(c) To develop, in consultation with the support centres and with assistance from the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation, a common monitoring and evaluation framework and reporting templates for the centres ~~comprising indicators to assess the outcomes and impacts of their activities, including through sex disaggregated data~~, with a view to ensuring the consistent tracking of outcomes and the effectiveness of technical and scientific cooperation support and to facilitating the review of progress by the Subsidiary Body of Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(d) To submit to the Secretariat a progress report on the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism for the biennium 2027–2028 based on ~~on~~ its work and on the basis of the biennial activity reports of the support centres, ~~on the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism for the biennium 2027–2028~~, through an information document submitted to ~~the~~ Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties [and to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting];

(e) [To submit to the Secretariat a proposed workplan and budget for the biennium 2029–2030, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held

before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting].

~~272.~~ *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To further facilitate the full and effective operationalization of the Global Coordination Entity;

(b) To increase resource mobilization efforts to support the work of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism, including by actively engaging with, as appropriate, multilateral funding sources—, such as bilateral and multilateral ~~financial institutions—~~, development banks, philanthropic organizations and the private sector, with a view to securing adequate and dedicated, predictable ~~and sustained~~ funding accessible by the Global Coordination Entity and the support centres, [while recognizing that private sector support should complement and not replace public international support for capacity-building];

(c) To strengthen collaboration with other biodiversity-related conventions, multilateral environment agreements, United Nations entities and relevant partners, with a view to enhancing cooperation and complementarity, reducing fragmentation and maximizing the collective impact of capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation in support of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

(d) To transmit the progress report on the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism, as prepared by the Global Coordination Entity further to subparagraph ~~2049~~ (de) above, through an information document submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties [and to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting].

~~Annex~~

~~Proposed Workplan of the Global Coordination Entity for the biennium 2027–2028~~

Table 1

~~Biennial workplan~~

<i>Strategic priorities and outcomes</i>	<i>Main activities and outputs</i>	<i>Time frame</i>
1. Institutional and operational capacity of the Global Coordination Entity strengthened	[1.1 Permanent staff of the Entity recruited]	Second quarter of 2027
2. Coordination, collaboration and knowledge exchange improved among the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres	2.1 Monthly coordination meetings held	Ongoing
	2.2 Biennial coordination meetings (one in-person and one virtual)	First quarter of 2027 (online)
	2.3 Ongoing communication and exchange of information facilitated	Ongoing
	2.4 Workplan and reporting templates further developed	First quarter of 2027
	2.5 Progress reports prepared for meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and of the Conference of the Parties	Second quarter of 2028
3. Capacity of the support centres strengthened	3.1 Global help desk fully operationalized	Second quarter of 2027

<i>Strategic priorities and outcomes</i>	<i>Main activities and outputs</i>	<i>Time frame</i>
	3.2 Technical assistance and guidance provided to the support centres	Ongoing
	3.3 Technical information and tools delivered	Ongoing
	3.4 Capacity building activities, including peer to-peer learning, facilitated (on-demand)	Ongoing
4. New partnerships leveraged and resources mobilized	4.1 Resource mobilization strategy prepared and implemented	First quarter of 2027
	4.2 Support centres linked to various funding sources	Ongoing
	4.3 Key global partners mapped and additional strategic partnerships established	Ongoing
	4.4 In-kind support, including secondments, mobilized	Ongoing
5. Communications and visibility of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism enhanced	5.1 Branding for the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism completed and additional promotional materials developed	First quarter of 2027
	5.2 Events organized to promote and showcase the work and achievements of the Global Coordination Entity and the support centres	Fourth quarter of 2028
	5.3 Social media posts prepared and disseminated	Ongoing
	5.4 Web pages of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism and of the support centres improved	Second quarter of 2027

[Table 2
Biennial budget
 (United States dollars)]

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Staff	
1-P-4	537 800
1-P-2	361 800
1-G-7	225 800
Consultants	80 000
Staff travel ^a	60 000
Activities	
Annual coordination meetings ^b	80 832
Operating costs ^c	6 000
—— Subtotal	1 352 232
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	175 790
—— Total	1 528 022

^a—Including missions to the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and other related travel.

^b—Including airfare and daily subsistence allowance for representatives of the support centres to attend at least one in-person meeting by biennium.

^c—Operational costs specially required by the Global Coordination Entity, such as software licences. Other core operating costs, including office space, computers and other office equipment, office supplies, Internet connection and communication support, will be provided by the Secretariat of the Convention.]

