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WORKSHOP ON OPTIONS TO ENHANCE
PLANNING, MONITORING, REPORTING AND
REVIEW MECHANISMS TO STRENGTHEN
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CONVENTION AND THE POST-2020 GLOBAL
BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

Nairobi, 17-18 June 2022

BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE WORKSHOP

1. The Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in its recommendation 3/11, requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate an extended peer review of the proposed annexes A, B, C, D of the draft decision contained in recommendation 3/11, and invited the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to consider the outcomes of the extended peer review of annexes A, B, C, D of the draft decision in its deliberations in future meetings.

2. The workshop on options to enhance planning, monitoring, reporting and review mechanisms to strengthen the implementation of the Convention and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is being convened by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, with the support of the Secretariat and in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to facilitate preparations for the review of the outcomes of the extended review by the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at its fourth meeting. The workshop will be held in Nairobi, from 17 to 18 June 2022, prior to the fourth meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

I. BACKGROUND

3. In its decision 14/29, the Executive Secretary was requested to further develop options to enhance review mechanisms with a view to strengthening the implementation of the Convention, building on the existing multidimensional review approaches. The Executive Secretary was also requested to further consult with Parties, relevant stakeholders and the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in order to explore possible modalities for applying approaches to enhancing the review of implementation in the process of the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

4. In response, the Executive Secretary prepared document CBD/SBI/3/11 and its addenda. These include draft guidance for updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.4), proposed modalities for the open-ended forum for country-by-country review (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.5), reviewing commitments from actors other than national governments (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.6), and draft guidance and a template for the seventh and eighth national reports (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.1).

5. At its third meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation reviewed options to enhance planning, monitoring, reporting and review mechanisms, contained in the document CBD/SBI/3/11 and its addenda, and adopted recommendation 3/11 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting. Following the guidance of the Chair of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body and the COP Bureau, the

four annexes referred to in recommendation 3/11 were opened for review comments until 7 May 2022 (see notification [2022-018](#) dated 4 April).

6. These four annexes will be revised to reflect all comments received by 7 May 2022. These revised annexes will be made available online. The revised annexes will be available for the workshop and for the fourth meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. They will also be provided to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, together with recommendation 3/11.

II. WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

7. The workshop aims to facilitate the discussions of the four annexes referred to in recommendation 3/11 so as to facilitate their adoption at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

8. Recognizing that the negotiations on the planning, monitoring, reporting and review mechanisms have not been completed, and without prejudice to further work at the fourth meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and part II of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the workshop also aims to facilitate better understanding of how the various elements that have been proposed for the planning, monitoring, reporting and review mechanisms (including the annexes) would constitute a broader enhanced integrated system for transparency and responsibility, including through an integrated timeline. This will inform negotiations during the fourth meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, particularly on section J, and during part II of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties towards the adoption of a decision based on SBI recommendation 3/11.

9. The workshop report, which will include a summary of the discussions and suggestions based on the workshop discussion, will be made available to the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at its fourth meeting and as an information document for part II of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

III. WORKSHOP AGENDA AND LOGISTICS

10. The agenda for the workshop will include:

- (a) Opening remarks by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Executive Secretary;
- (b) Brief introductions of the four annexes by the Secretariat;
- (c) Discussions on annexes A, B, C and D (with a focus on annex A on NBSAPs and C on national reporting, given the central role of these two annexes in the review mechanism);
- (d) Summary and closing remarks.

11. As set out in notification [2022-024](#), the workshop will be open to participation for all delegations from Parties to the Working Group. However, participation will be limited to one representative per delegation. Kindly note that limited space will be provided for the participation of observers. The workshop will be held in English only.

12. The discussions on each of the annexes will be undertaken in breakout groups so that all the participating countries and observers will have opportunities to provide comments/suggestions on each annex, if they so wish. All the groups will report back to plenary on their discussions.

13. The following questions will be used to guide the discussion on the annexes, noting that the negotiation on the enhanced review mechanism will be negotiated at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

- (a) Does the annex capture the main elements that have been proposed for the NBSAP/NR/SBI Forum/NSA? If not, what is missing? Or what aspect should be adjusted?

(b) How does this annex fit within the scope that has been proposed for the broader enhanced review mechanism? What should be the timeline?

(c) Additional questions will be drafted based on areas of divergence in the comments received on the four annexes.

14. For participants in each group, participating countries and observers will be arranged to ensure a similar number of people in each group and taking into account regional balance. Each group will select a facilitator from participating countries to facilitate the discussions of the group. Each group will also select a rapporteur from participating countries to report back to plenary on its discussions.

IV. FUTURE STEPS

15. The Chair of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will report on the outcomes of the workshop to the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to inform relevant discussions, in particular discussion on section J of the draft post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

16. In accordance with established practice, the workshop would be invited to authorize the chair(s) of the workshop to complete the final report after the meeting, with the assistance of the Secretariat, for presentation at the fourth meeting of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and at part II of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as an information document.
