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**Cooperation with international organizations
and bodies established under other conventions**

Progress report on cooperation with international organizations and bodies established under other conventions

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In its decision [16/35](#), the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, international organizations and bodies established under other conventions to conduct cooperation-related activities. It also requested the Executive Secretary to continue collaboration and cooperation with other secretariats and organizations and to report on those cooperation activities to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the present meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. At its sixth meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered a note by the Secretariat on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations pursuant to that decision for the period October 2024 to November 2025¹ and adopted recommendation [6/6](#).
3. The present note contains brief updates, including additional information not covered in the previous note by the Secretariat. It pertains to cooperation activities that were implemented during the period December 2025 to August 2026, and complements the previous report. An updated and revised table of decisions and resolutions adopted by governing bodies of other conventions and organizations is provided in annex I, and an updated list of relevant documents prepared under other items of intersessional meetings and for the present meeting is contained in annex II. The associated extrabudgetary requirements will be provided in a separate document on requirements for the trust fund for additional voluntary contributions in support of approved activities. Reports on cooperation with the secretariats of other conventions, international organizations and initiatives related to the Protocols will be provided at the respective meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocols.
4. At the present meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will be invited to adopt a decision on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations, taking into account the present note and recommendation [6/6](#) of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as reproduced in the compilation of draft decisions.²

* [CBD/COP/17/1](#).

¹ [CBD/SBI/6/7](#).

² [CBD/COP/17/2](#).

II. Updates on actions to enhance cooperation undertaken by the Secretariat, other conventions and international organizations, Governments and other stakeholders

5. In response to the invitations extended by the Conference of the Parties in its decisions [15/13](#) and [16/35](#), governing bodies of other conventions and organizations continued to formally recognize or reference the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and its targets and, increasingly, integrate related matters into their technical work. Detailed information was provided in annex II to document [CBD/SBI/6/7](#), to which complementary and updated information is provided in annex I to the present note.³

6. Pursuant to subparagraph 23 (e) of decision [16/35](#), the Secretariat issued notifications Nos. [2025-131](#) and [2026-053](#), on 19 October 2025 and 18 June 2026, respectively, to invite the submission of information on cooperation activities. A total of 15 submissions were received from six Parties and nine observer organizations in response to the first notification,⁴ and 16 submissions were received from 3 Parties and 13 observer organizations in response to the second notification.^{5,6} The submissions were published on the respective web pages of the notifications.

7. In line with decision [16/35](#), the Secretariat continued collaboration and cooperation with other organizations and secretariats to conventions, including through the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions, the United Nations Environment Management Group, the United Nations Environment Programme and secretariats of chemicals and waste-related conventions, and through continued engagement with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Tropical Timber Organization,⁷ among others. Submissions by organizations and secretariats to conventions provided in response to the notifications referred to in paragraph 6 above contain programmatic and technical information on those cooperation activities.

³ Resolutions and decisions adopted between October 2024 and November 2025 were provided in annex II of document [CBD/SBI/6/7](#), and resolutions and decisions adopted between January 2023 and October 2024 are available in annex I to document [CBD/COP/16/10/Rev.1](#).

⁴ Submissions were received from the European Union, Germany, Japan, Mexico, the Niger and Peru; the Secretariats of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention), the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the International Whaling Commission; and the Barnes Hill Community Development Organization Reloaded, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Tropical Timber Organization, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the United Nations Environment Programme.

⁵ Submissions were received from India, Mexico and the Niger; the Secretariats of the Alpine Convention, the Framework Convention on the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians, the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, the International Tropical Timber Organization, the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the International Whaling Commission and the Minamata Convention on Mercury; and the Biodiversity Research Institute, Eco Maxeí Querétaro AC (coordinated by the CBD Women's Caucus, the Women and Gender Constituency under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and civil society members of the Gender Caucus under the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa), the European Network on Debt and Development, FAO, the International Institute for Sustainable Development and the United Nations Environment Programme.

⁶ Further to the invitation made by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 6 of decision [16/35](#) and in addition to its submissions provided in response to the notifications, FAO also provided information on the implementation of the road map for Target 2, as contained in an information document.

⁷ On 12 May 2026, through a memorandum of understanding, the International Tropical Timber Organization and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity renewed their longstanding collaboration, with the aim of supporting Parties to the Convention and member countries of the International Tropical Timber Organization in their efforts to implement sustainable forest management and restore degraded forest landscapes. The memorandum of understanding is available on the Secretariat website (www.cbd.int/agreements).

8. In addition, the Secretariat continued to enhance cooperation in specific areas of work. An updated list of work areas and associated working documents that refer to actions taken in that regard is provided in annex II.

Annex I*

Formal references to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework by the governing bodies of other conventions, international organizations and intergovernmental bodies (in complement to document CBD/SBI/6/7, annex II)**

<i>Title and symbol</i>	<i>Convention, organization or process</i>	<i>Governing body</i>
<i>Conventions represented in the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions</i>		
Decision 15.14 on CMS contribution to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Decision 15.72 on conservation priorities for cetaceans Decision 15.146 on preventing poisoning of migratory birds Decision 15.197 on ecological connectivity	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals	Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals at its 15th meeting, 22 to 29 March 2026
Resolution XV.3 The Strategic Plan of the Convention on Wetlands 2025–2034	Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat	Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands at its fifteenth meeting, 23 to 31 July 2025
Decision 48 COM 5A Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's decisions	Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage at its forty-eighth session, 19 to 29 July 2026
IT/GB-11/25/Report Report of the eleventh session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture	Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture at its eleventh session, 24 to 29 November 2025
<i>Regional conventions, bodies, organizations and processes</i>		
Actions for Arctic Biodiversity 2025–2035 and Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna: Workplan 2025–2027	Arctic Council	Arctic Council at its fourteenth meeting, 12 May 2025
UNEP(DEPI)/CAR IG.49/4 Technical decisions of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region (encourage synergies with global commitments and enhance collaboration with CBD)	Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region	18 th meeting of the Conference of Parties for the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, Kingston, 13 to 16 October 2025
UNEP/MED IG.27/21 Cairo Ministerial Declaration UNEP/MED IG.27 Decisions that further support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (27/4, 27/5, 27/6, 27/8 and 27/9)	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols	24th Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols, Cairo, 31 December 2025

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** Formal references to the Framework by the governing bodies of other conventions, international organizations and intergovernmental bodies in decisions and resolutions adopted between January 2023 and October 2024 are available in annex I to document [CBD/COP/16/10/Rev.1](#), and other decisions or resolutions adopted between October 2024 and November 2025 are available in annex II to document [CBD/SBI/6/7](#).

<i>Title and symbol</i>	<i>Convention, organization or process</i>	<i>Governing body</i>
Ministerial Declaration on Environment Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2026 ESCAP/CED(9)/7/Add.1	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Committee on Environment and Development, Ninth session, Bangkok, 1 to 3 July 2026
<i>Other international organizations, bodies, programmes and processes</i>		
ARC/26/REP Report of the Thirty-fourth Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Africa	FAO Regional Conference for Africa	Thirty-fourth Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Africa, 13 to 17 April 2026
ITTC(LXI)/13 ITTO Biennial Programme of Work for the Years 2026-2027	International Tropical Timber Organization	61 st session of the Council of the International Tropical Timber Organization, Panama City, 27 to 31 October 2025
A/RES/80/291 Political Declaration to Renew Commitment and Accelerate the Implementation of the New Urban Agenda	United Nations	Eightieth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, 16 July 2026
Resolution 78/327 Modalities of the 2026 United Nations Water Conference to Accelerate the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6, to be held in Abu Dhabi, from 8 to 10 December 2026	United Nations	Seventy-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly, 11 September 2024
United Nations System-wide Strategy for Water and Sanitation, Annex II (September 2025)	United Nations	First regular session of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, Santiago, 2 to 4 May 2024

Abbreviations: CMS, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals.

Annex II*

Decisions under other areas of work in which cooperation with other conventions and international organizations is discussed and corresponding documents provided at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (update of document CBD/SBI/6/7, annex I)

<i>Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its sixteenth meeting and main paragraphs addressing cooperation</i>	<i>Intersessional body and areas of work addressing the decisions</i>	<i>Main entities mentioned in the paragraphs on cooperation</i>	<i>Document symbols (intersessional period and seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties)</i>
Decision 16/3 , subparagraph 8 (d), on the development and implementation of joint capacity-building activities and programmes	Subsidiary Body on Implementation, sixth and seventh meetings, agenda items 6 and 10, respectively	Secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, and biodiversity-related conventions	Recommendations 6/5 and 7/7 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and document CBD/COP/17/2, item 12 (a)
Decision 16/13 , subparagraphs 6 (b) and (c), on collaboration with secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements and relevant organizations to mainstream biodiversity in all relevant processes	Subsidiary Body on Implementation, seventh meeting, agenda item 12	Parties, other Governments, secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements, relevant organizations, initiatives, partners and relevant stakeholders	Recommendation 7/8 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and document CBD/COP/17/2, item 14 (a)
Decision 16/15 , paragraph 5, on collaboration and synergies in the field of sustainable use of wildlife	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-eighth meeting, agenda item 6	Secretariats of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements	Recommendation 28/4 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and document CBD/COP/17/2, item 18 (b)

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Decision 16/16 , paragraph 8, on collaboration in the implementation of the modalities for the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the description of new areas and decision 16/17 , paragraphs 8, 11 and 12 (a), (b) and (c), on cooperation among relevant entities engaged in work on marine and coastal biodiversity and island biodiversity	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-eighth meeting, agenda item 8	Competent intergovernmental organizations, regional conventions, bodies, initiatives, organizations, projects and programmes and other relevant stakeholders	Recommendation 28/6 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and document CBD/COP/17/2, item 18 (c)
Decision 16/19 , subparagraphs 9 (b), (c) and (d), on cooperation and collaboration to raise awareness and build capacity on the interlinkages between biodiversity and health	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-seventh meeting, agenda item 10	International organizations and the Quadripartite alliance on One Health	Recommendation 27/10 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and document CBD/COP/17/2, item 18 (f)
Decision 16/22 , paragraphs 14, 15 and 19, among others, on synergies and cooperation, a joint work programme, the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions and other biodiversity and climate change-related matters	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-seventh meeting, agenda item 5 on biodiversity and climate change	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), governing bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions and their partners	Recommendation 27/3 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and document CBD/COP/17/2, item 18 (a)
Decision 16/32 , subparagraphs 17 (f), 18 (k) and 24 (g), on cooperation and collaboration with relevant multilateral environmental agreements and contributions from those agreements to matters related to the global report and global review processes, and 16/31 , paragraphs 12, 13, 27 (a) and 30 (b) on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-seventh meeting, agenda item 3; Subsidiary Body on Implementation, sixth meeting, agenda item 4; Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-eighth meeting, agenda item 3 (a); Subsidiary Body on Implementation,	UNEP, relevant multilateral environmental agreements and their secretariats	Recommendation 27/1 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice Recommendation 6/3 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation Recommendation 28/1 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice Recommendation 7/1 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and document CBD/COP/17/2, items 9 (a) and (b)

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	seventh meeting, agenda item 3		
Decision 16/33 on the financial mechanism and the provision of inputs by the secretariats of multilateral environmental agreements to the programming directions for the negotiations for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund	Subsidiary Body on Implementation, sixth meeting, agenda item 3; and Subsidiary Body on Implementation, seventh meeting, agenda item 4 (b)	Governing bodies of the various biodiversity-related conventions, secretariats of the biodiversity-related conventions and relevant multilateral environmental agreements	Recommendations 6/2 and 7/11 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and document CBD/COP/17/2, item 8 (b)
Decision 16/35 , paragraph 23 (d), on collaboration with the United Nations Forum on Forests and other relevant organizations, such as the International Tropical Timber Organization, and within the Collaborative Partnership on Forests	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, twenty-seventh meeting, agenda item 6 (b) on scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework: strategic review of and updates to the expanded programme of work on forest biodiversity	United Nations Forum on Forests, International Tropical Timber Organization and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests	Recommendation 27/5 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and document CBD/COP/17/2, item 17 (b)