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**Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions
of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to
Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities
First meeting
Panama City, 27–30 October 2025
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*
Organizational matters**

Scenario note

I. Introduction

1. In paragraph 14 of its decision [16/25](#), the Conference of the Parties requested its Bureau and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to publish scenario notes for each of the intergovernmental meetings held under the Convention.
2. The arrangements and the proposed organization of work for the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities are provided in the present document.

II. Meeting arrangements

3. The meeting will be held in person at the Atlapa Convention Center, in Panama City, and is open to representatives of Parties and accredited observer organizations duly registered for the meeting. Details of logistical arrangements are provided in an information note for participants,¹ which will be updated as necessary.
4. In its decision [16/5](#), the Conference of the Parties decided to apply mutatis mutandis the consolidated modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the established procedures and practices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity on an interim basis, until the adoption by the Conference of the Parties of a modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities at its seventeenth meeting.
5. In line with the established practice of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties will serve as the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, and the meeting will be chaired by the President of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, or her representative. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties, the Bureau will designate one of its members to act as Rapporteur

* [CBD/SB8J/1/1/Rev.1](#).

¹ Available at www.cbd.int/meetings/SBSTTA-27.

of the meeting. Consistent with the practice of the Working Group, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity is expected to designate seven indigenous members of the Bureau, one from each of the seven sociocultural regions, to serve as friends of the Bureau. One of the members will act as Co-Chair during the meeting.

6. The meeting will be divided into:

(a) Plenary sessions, with formal seating and interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations. The plenary sessions will be open to all registered delegates and live-streamed on United Nations Web TV in the six official languages;²

(b) Contact group sessions, with flexible seating arrangements to facilitate negotiations among Parties. The contact group sessions will be held in English only and open to all Party delegations. In line with the established practice of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention, contact group sessions will be co-chaired by a representative of a Party and a representative of indigenous peoples and local communities. The participation of a reasonable number of indigenous peoples and local communities and observers will also be facilitated, at the discretion of the co-chairs of the contact groups. Contact group sessions will not be live-streamed. Participants are kindly reminded that photography, recording, the use of social media and other similar activities are not permitted during contact group sessions. Participants observed engaging in such activities may be requested to leave the room.

7. Three sessions (plenary or contact group) will be held each day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., from 3 to 6 p.m. and from 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. No two sessions (whether plenary or contact group) will be held in parallel.

8. Regional meetings, meetings of the caucus of indigenous peoples and local communities and meetings of the Bureau will be convened following established practice. Regional meetings and a caucus of indigenous peoples and local communities are scheduled for 26 October. Rooms for their daily morning meetings will be available starting at 8 a.m.

9. All documents for the meetings will be made available online.³ During the meeting, meeting announcements will be displayed in a timely manner on monitors at the venue and on the website.

III. Organization of work

1. General comments

10. All agenda items will be considered in plenary session. After the first reading in plenary of the statements on the substantive agenda items, the Co-Chairs may establish contact groups for those items deemed to require additional consideration.

11. The following approach was discussed by the Bureau for addressing substantive agenda items:

(a) Item 3 (in-depth dialogue: “Strategies for mobilizing resources to ensure the availability of and access to financial resources and funding, as well as other means of implementation, including capacity-building, development and technical support for indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth, to support the full implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework”): a conference room paper is expected to be produced for consideration in plenary. The report of the in-depth dialogue will be annexed to the report of the present meeting;

(b) Item 4 (modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities): a contact group may be established, as needed, to consider the item further, before a conference room paper is produced;

² <https://webtv.un.org/>.

³ At www.cbd.int/meetings/SB8J-01.

(c) Item 5 (implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030): the item consists of three sub-items, which will be considered as follows:

- (i) Sub-items 5 (a) and (b) are expected to be considered together at a full first reading. A single contact group may be established, as needed, to consider both sub-items before a conference room paper is produced;
- (ii) For sub-item 5 (c), a conference room paper is expected to be produced for consideration in plenary;

(d) Item 6 (provision of advice on traditional knowledge for the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework): A conference room paper is expected to be produced for consideration by in plenary;

(e) Item 7 (recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues): a conference room paper is expected to be produced for consideration in plenary.

2. Consideration of conference room papers and draft recommendations

12. All conference room papers and draft recommendations are expected to be considered during the plenary sessions currently scheduled for 29 and 30 October. The schedule may however be adjusted according to progress made during the meeting.

3. Closing plenary session

13. The closing plenary session is expected to be held on 30 October and will comprise items 8 (other matters), 9 (adoption of the report) and 10 (closure of the meeting).

Annex

Proposed organization of work*

<i>Date</i>	<i>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</i>	<i>3–6 p.m.</i>	<i>7.30–10.30 p.m.</i>
Monday 27 October 2025	Item 1. Opening of the meeting Item 2. Organizational matters Item 3. In-depth dialogue: “Strategies for mobilizing resources to ensure the availability of and access to financial resources and funding, as well as other means of implementation, including capacity-building, development and technical support for indigenous peoples and local communities, including women and youth, to support the full implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework”	Item 4. Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Item 5. Implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030: (a) Guidelines to strengthen the legal and policy framework for the implementation of Targets 2 and 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including on indigenous and traditional territories, to support the protection and restoration practices led by indigenous peoples and local communities (Task 1.1); (b) Guidelines for the inclusion and consideration of traditional lands and of resource use in spatial planning processes and environmental impact assessments (Task 1.2); (c) Process to review and update the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts Within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention (Task 5.4)	Contact group sessions, as needed
Tuesday 28 October 2025	Item 6. Provision of advice on traditional knowledge for the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Item 7. Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues	Contact group sessions, as needed	Contact group sessions, as needed
Wednesday 29 October 2025	Consideration of conference room papers	Consideration of conference room papers	Pending matters

* No updates were made to the proposed organization of work provided in the annotated provisional agenda ([CBD/SB8J/1/1/Rev.1](#)). Depending on needs and progress made, plenary sessions on the consideration of conference room papers may be suspended to allow for the convening of contact groups.

Thursday 30 October 2025	Pending matters	Item 8. Other matters Item 9. Adoption of the report Item 10. Closure of the meeting	
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