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**Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group
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Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
Second meeting**
Online, 15 May 2025

Report 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 on its second meeting

I. Introduction

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 was established by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in its decision [16/32](#). The Advisory Group has a mandate until the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and its terms of reference, contained in annex III to the same decision, are to provide scientific, technical and technological recommendations, including on traditional knowledge, for the preparation of a global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework.
2. The Advisory Group will meet online and in person up until the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Its second meeting was held online on 15 May 2025.

II. Proceedings

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

3. The meeting was opened on 15 May 2025 at 8 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time by one of the Co-Chairs of the Advisory Group. The Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation made some opening remarks.

Item 2

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and organization of work

4. The provisional agenda was adopted, as provided in document [CBD/IMP/AHSTAG/2025/2/1](#). The organization of work proposed by the Co-Chairs was also approved.

Item 3**Draft annotated outline of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework****(a) Structure of the outline**

5. A representative of the Secretariat presented a compilation of the comments received on the draft annotated outline of the global report and highlighted the differences between the sixth and seventh national report templates. When submitting their national targets under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, Parties were specifying the alignment of their national targets with the global targets. This represented a major change from the sixth national reports, as national targets were not formally reported on under the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. In the seventh national reports, the national targets submitted by Parties formed the starting point for reporting. Another difference in reporting was that the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 did not include goals, while the Framework included outcome-oriented goals. Parties were asked to describe in their national target submissions how their national targets contributed to the achievement of the global goals. The national target submission template also included information related to the contribution of non-State actors, the consideration of section C of the Framework, policy actions and barriers to implementation. In the sixth national report, reporting was done on the basis of the global targets, and the alignment was assessed by the Secretariat, not by Parties. This change in the reporting structure should improve the quality of the information on alignment available for the global report.
6. Another key difference between the sixth and seventh national report templates was that the adopted headline and binary indicators were part of the latter template. There were no suggested indicators for the sixth national reports, whereas the seventh national report template included reporting on the headline and binary indicators and optional reporting on the component, complementary and national indicators. This would improve the availability of quantitative data for use in the global report.

(b) Data sources listed in the outline

7. Participants discussed the sources of information for each section of the global report listed in paragraph 18 of decision [16/32](#) and agreed how the information would be compiled.
8. The primary source of information for the global report was the national reports, and participants discussed how they and other sources of information, including global data sets, would be used for each section and how gaps in information would be identified. As the number of national reports received would determine how representative the global report would be, participants discussed various scenarios, should many Parties not submit national reports by the deadline. They considered ways to support and encourage Parties to submit national reports on time, or key sections of them if full reporting was not possible. They agreed that the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice should be informed of how information in the national report template, including the binary and headline indicators, would be used, the potential impact of a lack of submissions on the global report and options for mitigating such impact by requesting that specific information be submitted as soon as possible. Should information from national reports be lacking, the development of the global report would rely on the other sources of information indicated in decision [16/32](#), including global data sets.
9. Participants discussed how other sources of information listed in paragraph 18 of decision [16/32](#) would be compiled and used in the global report, such as information on commitments by actors other than national Governments towards the Framework, including disaggregated information on contributions from indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth (subpara. 18 (j)); 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 (subpara. 18 (k)); and relevant traditional knowledge, innovations, practices and technology of

indigenous peoples and local communities that were given access to with their free, prior and informed consent (subpara. 18 (l)). Global data sets were available for many of the indicators in the monitoring framework and could be valuable for the global report. In some cases, regional data might also be available. The regional or subregional technical support centres could be a source of regional data, but not all of them were involved in regional monitoring efforts. Notifications to Parties and observers, with templates for submissions, would be issued to obtain the necessary inputs. The Advisory Group agreed that the Secretariat would draft a note describing that process, including a table of the sources of information for each target, for discussion at its following meeting.

10. Participants also discussed the peer-review process before the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, emphasizing the importance of obtaining comments from the experts involved in the methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. The peer review could also be used to gather responses to specific questions in the annotated outline.

11. Participants further discussed the role of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in approving and providing scientific inputs into the global report, the role of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in providing inputs on traditional knowledge into the global report and the development of related documents to be provided to those bodies to ensure fruitful discussions.

12. Participants discussed messaging in the global report, indicating that the report should provide general and flexible messaging and what the key questions behind the messages should be.

13. The timeline for delivering the global report through peer reviews and consideration by subsidiary bodies, as indicated in decision [16/32](#), was reiterated.

Item 4

Other matters

14. No other matters were raised.

Item 5

Closure of the meeting

15. The Co-Chairs summarized the discussion and identified next steps. The draft annotated outline of the global report would be revised by the Secretariat on the basis of the comments received and the discussion held at the present meeting. A chapeau describing scenarios and context would be added to provide a clear framework for the annotated outline. To further support the work of the Advisory Group, a table with sources of information for each target would also be added. The revisions would be circulated to the Advisory Group over the following week.

16. The Group would meet again in about a month after the present meeting to discuss the updated annotated outline of the global report.

17. The meeting was closed on 15 May 2025 at 9.30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.
