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THEMATIC CONSULTATION ON CAPACITY-  
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SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION FOR THE POST-  
2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK  
Rome, 1-2 March 2020

### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in its decision [XIII/23](#), requested the Executive Secretary to initiate a process for preparing a long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, ensuring its alignment with the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the capacity-building work of the Cartagena and the Nagoya Protocols, and ensuring its coordination with the timetable for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, with a view to the timely identification of priority capacity-building actions.

2. As part of the above process, the Conference of the Parties in its decision [14/24](#) requested the Executive Secretary to, among other activities, organize in conjunction with the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, regional and stakeholder-specific consultative workshops and online discussion fora to enable Parties, as well as indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations, to contribute to the preparation of the draft long-term strategic framework.

3. In paragraphs 8 and 9 of decision [14/24 B](#), the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to prepare proposals for an inclusive process to review and renew technical and scientific cooperation programmes in order to support the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to submit these proposals for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at their meetings prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

4. Pursuant to the above decisions, and in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, the Executive Secretary is convening this thematic consultation to provide an opportunity for Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations:

(a) To review and improve the proposed draft elements of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 and the draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework prepared by the Executive Secretary;

(b) To share views and suggestions on how capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation, as enabling mechanisms and means of implementation, could be improved to support the effective implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and discuss possible text on these two components to be incorporated into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(c) Identify strategies and mechanisms to enhance coordination and cooperation and foster synergies with other relevant international conventions, processes and initiatives to ensure effective

delivery of capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation and to leverage existing capacities, resources, opportunities and lessons learned.

5. The main conclusions and recommendations of the consultation will be summarized in a report to be conveyed to the Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework to contribute to the preparation of capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The views and comments received during the consultation will also be used to prepare a draft long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 and updated proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation to be submitted for consideration by the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in May 2020.

6. The consultation will be conducted in English.

### **ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE CONSULTATION**

7. The consultation will open at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 1 March 2020. Opening statements will be made by the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

### **ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

8. The co-leads of the consultation, Ms. Malta Qwathekana (South Africa) and Ms. Bente Herstad (Norway), appointed by the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group, will present the provisional agenda (CBD/POST2020/WS/2020/2/1) and the organization of work. The consultation is expected to be conducted in plenary sessions and break-out discussion groups. The proposed organization of work is contained in the annex to the present document. The participants will be invited to consider and adopt both documents.

9. The co-leads will then present the objectives and expected outputs of the consultation and invite the Secretariat to provide an overview of the process and indicative timetable for the preparation and finalization of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 and the proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

### **ITEM 3. INTRODUCTION TO THE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

10. Under this item, a representative of the United Nations Environment Programme's World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) will present an overview of the findings of the study that was commissioned by the Executive Secretary in May 2019 to provide an information base for the preparation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building.

11. A representative of the Secretariat will then introduce initial draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building beyond 2020 prepared by a consultant. The draft elements were prepared taking into account the information presented in the study conducted by UNEP-WCMC, and the views expressed during the regional consultations on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework held in 2019 and the submissions from Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations.

12. A representative of the Secretariat will also present updated draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, incorporating the views and suggestions received from Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations in response to the request made in paragraph 3 of recommendation 23/6 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

**ITEM 4. CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT ELEMENTS OF THE LONG-TERM STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK ON CAPACITY-BUILDING BEYOND 2020 AND THE DRAFT PROPOSALS TO STRENGTHEN TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION**

13. After the presentations, the co-leads will open the floor for a first round of general comments on the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building and the updated draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation. Participants will be invited to highlight any major missing elements and also identify general issues that may need to be considered during the Consultation and in the finalization of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and the proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation.

14. After the first round of general discussions in plenary, the consultation will be divided into two streams, one on capacity-building and the other on technical and scientific cooperation. Participants in each of the two streams will be further divided into smaller discussion groups to consider, in-depth, the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building and the draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation, respectively. The facilitator of the consultation, Mr. Tobias Dierks, will provide detailed guidelines on how discussion groups will be organized and the discussion questions they will consider. The moderators of each of the discussion groups will be invited to report back to the plenary the main conclusions and recommendations from their discussions.

**ITEM 5. STRATEGIES AND MECHANISMS FOR ENHANCING COORDINATION, COOPERATION AND SYNERGIES IN THE DELIVERY OF CAPACITY-BUILDING AND TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION**

15. Under this item, the co-leads will invite participants to discuss possible strategies and mechanisms for enhancing coordination and collaboration in the delivery of capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation. They will also be invited to discuss the role of different actors and entities in supporting capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation (including the Secretariat, Parties, international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector).

16. Furthermore, participants will be invited to discuss ways to promote synergies and alignment with the capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation work of relevant Conventions, organizations and processes, including biodiversity-related Conventions and initiatives for supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in order to leverage existing opportunities, resources, expertise and lessons learned from their work.

**ITEM 6. OPTIONS FOR INCORPORATING CAPACITY-BUILDING AND TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION INTO POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

17. Under this item, the co-leads will invite participants to discuss options for incorporating the capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation, as enabling mechanisms and means of implementation, into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. They will consider possible content (text) of two components, including and as appropriate, text for the target(s), sub-targets and indicators on capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation.

**ITEM 7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

18. Under this item, participants will reflect on the outcomes of the discussions over the two days and discuss the general conclusions on capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation to be

submitted for consideration by the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the Executive Secretary in the further development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, the draft long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and the proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation.

#### **ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE CONSULTATION**

19. Under this item, the co-leads and a representative of the Executive Secretary will make closing remarks. The consultation is expected to close at 5.15 p.m. on Monday, 2 March 2020.

*Annex I*

**THEMATIC CONSULTATION ON CAPACITY-BUILDING AND TECHNICAL AND  
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION FOR THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK  
PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

<b>Sunday, 1 March 2020</b>			
8 – 9 a.m.	Registration		
9 – 9.10 a.m.	<p>1. Opening of the Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>Co-Chairs of the Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada)</li> </ul>		
9.10 – 9.15 a.m.	<p>2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work and presentation of the objectives and expected outcomes – Co-Leads: Ms. Malta Qwathekana (South Africa) and Ms. Bente Herstad (Norway)</p>		
9.15 – 9.45 a.m.	<p>3. Introduction to the background documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of the outcomes of the study commissioned to provide an information base for the preparation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 (UNEP-WCMC)</li> <li>Introduction to the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building beyond 2020 (Secretariat)</li> <li>Introduction of the updated draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation in support of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (Secretariat)</li> </ul>		
9.45 – 10.45 a.m.	<p>4. Consideration of the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building and the draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General comments on the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building beyond 2020 and the updated draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation</li> <li>Guidelines for the discussion group sessions (Facilitator- Mr. Tobias Dierks)</li> </ul>		
10.45 – 11 a.m.	TEA BREAK		
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12.30 – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK		

2 – 3.30 p.m.	Discussion groups on the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building (cont'd)	Discussion groups on draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation (cont'd)
3.30 – 4 p.m.	TEA BREAK	
4 – 5.30 p.m.	Discussion groups on the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building (cont'd)	Discussion groups on draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation (cont'd)
<b>Monday, 2 March 2020</b>		
8.45 – 10.45 a.m.	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports from the discussion groups on the draft elements of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building</li> <li>• Reports from the discussion groups on draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation</li> </ul>	
10.45 – 11 a.m.	TEA BREAK	
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	5. Strategies and mechanisms for enhancing coordination, cooperation and synergies in the delivery of capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary discussion</li> </ul>	
12.30 – 1.30 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	
1.30 – 3 p.m.	6. Options for incorporating capacity-building and technical and scientific cooperation into the post-2020 global biodiversity framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary discussion</li> </ul>	
3 – 3.30 p.m.	TEA BREAK	
3.30 – 5 p.m.	7. Conclusions and recommendations	
5 – 5.15 p.m.	8. Closure of the Consultation	

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