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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**

### **Annotated provisional agenda**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. The Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities was established by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in its decision 16/5. The mandate of the Subsidiary Body is to provide advice to the Conference of the Parties, other subsidiary bodies and, subject to their request, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization on matters of relevance to indigenous peoples and local communities that are within the scope of the Convention and its Protocols.

2. In its decision [16/4](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted a programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention related to indigenous peoples and local communities to 2030, prioritizing those tasks that contribute directly to the timely, full and effective implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The programme of work contains 12 specific tasks that are assigned to the Subsidiary Body.

3. The first meeting of the Subsidiary Body, which will be held in Panama City, from 27 to 30 October 2025, will be preceded by the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to be held in the same venue from 20 to 24 October. Participants can find information on registration, travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other logistical arrangements in an information note prepared by the Secretariat.<sup>1</sup> Registration will commence at 10 a.m. on 19 October for participants attending both meetings, and registration badges will be valid for the duration of both meetings. Those attending the present meeting only will be able to collect their badges and have access to the venue from 26 October. The outcomes of the present meeting will be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

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\* CBD/SB8J/1/1/Rev.1.

<sup>1</sup> Available at [www.cbd.int/meetings/SB8J-01](http://www.cbd.int/meetings/SB8J-01).

## Item 1

### Opening of the meeting

4. The President of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, or her representative, will open the meeting at 10 a.m. on 27 October. The Executive Secretary of the Convention will also deliver an opening statement. An indigenous opening ceremony will take place to welcome delegates.

## Item 2

### Organizational matters

#### *Election of officers*

5. 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 Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention 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 at its seventeenth meeting.

6. 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, 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 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.

#### *Adoption of the agenda and organization of work*

7. The provisional agenda for the present meeting has been prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, taking into account decisions [16/4](#), [16/5](#), [16/7](#), [16/8](#) and [16/32](#) of the Conference of the Parties.
8. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the provisional agenda for adoption and to approve the proposed organization of work contained in annex I.
9. All the agenda items will be considered in plenary session. Where deemed necessary, however, contact groups may be established to examine specific issues.
10. A list of working documents for the meeting is provided in annex II.

## 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”**

11. In its decision [16/7](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that the theme for the in-depth dialogue would be “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”.

12. One of the objectives of the dialogue is to provide input to guide the implementation of Task 8.2 of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention, namely, to identify gaps, promote good practices and further explore options for the development or improvement of existing policies, mechanisms and other appropriate initiatives and measures to enhance access, including direct access, to funding by indigenous peoples and local communities for collective actions on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, in particular for actions to be led by women and youth.

13. To assist the Subsidiary Body in its task and provide context for the dialogue, background information will be provided in document CBD/SB8J/1/2. In line with past practice, a summary report of the dialogue will be annexed to the report of the meeting.

14. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the views expressed during the dialogue, as well as document CBD/SB8J/1/2, and to provide input to guide the implementation of Task 8.2 of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention. The Subsidiary Body will also be invited to consider and endorse the proposed theme for the dialogue that will take place during its second meeting.

#### **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**

15. In its decision [16/5](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body, at its first meeting, to further elaborate and finalize its modus operandi on the basis of the draft contained in recommendation [12/2](#) of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention, taking into consideration the consolidated modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as well as established procedures of the Working Group, and to submit it for consideration at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties with a view to its adoption.

16. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Subsidiary Body, when developing elements of its modus operandi, to take into consideration, inter alia, the following elements:

(a) The need for the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities;

(b) The cost efficiency of its operations and management compared with those of the Working Group;

(c) The full recognition of its operations as Party-led processes;

(d) The criteria and process for the selection of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities to be designated at the beginning of each of its meetings from the seven sociocultural regions to participate in its work as friends of the Bureau, and the role of Parties and the Bureau in those modalities;

(e) Interaction with the other subsidiary bodies, with a view to minimizing duplication and any additional burden to those subsidiary bodies, while enhancing synergies.

17. In that context, the Subsidiary Body's discussions on the modus operandi will provide input to guide the implementation of Task 6.1 of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention, namely, to implement and further develop the enhanced participation mechanisms used by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group.

18. To assist the Subsidiary Body in its task, views and information in relation to the draft modus operandi were submitted in response to notification No. [2025-061](#). A compilation of the submissions will be made available as an information document.

19. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat<sup>2</sup> containing a synthesis of the views and information received and, in an annex, the draft *modus operandi* contained in recommendation [12/2](#) of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group.

20. The draft version of the *modus operandi* resulting from discussions in several contact group sessions held during the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and included in document CBD/COP/16/L.6 will be made available as an information document for the present meeting.

## **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**

21. Three subitems will be considered under agenda item 5. In view of the thematic linkages between subitems (a) and (b), it is proposed they be considered together.

- (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)**

and

- (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)**

22. To assist the Subsidiary Body in its consideration of subitems 5 (a) and (b), the Executive Secretary, in notification No. [2025-061](#), invited Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders to provide their views and information on Tasks 1.1 and 1.2 of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention. The compilation of submissions received will be made available as an information document. In addition, an expert workshop to support the implementation of Tasks 1.1 and 1.2 will be held at the end of July 2025 to identify possible elements of the guidelines. The syntheses of views on the guidelines prepared for the workshop<sup>3</sup> and the report of the workshop<sup>4</sup> will also be made available, for reference.

23. The Subsidiary Body will have before it proposed elements for guidelines related to Tasks 1.1 and 1.2, based on the information received and the output of the expert workshop.<sup>5</sup>

- (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)**

24. In its decision [14/13](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the Voluntary Glossary of Key Terms and Concepts within the Context of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions. It requested the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention to keep the glossary in mind in its future work, as a living resource and reference, and to revisit and update it, when necessary, as may be appropriate as part of the post-2020 arrangements.

25. Under Task 5.4 of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention, the subsidiary Body is tasked with reviewing and updating, as needed, the glossary in the light of the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

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<sup>2</sup> CBD/SB8J/1/3.

<sup>3</sup> CBD/A8J/WS/2025/2/2.

<sup>4</sup> CBD/A8J/WS/2025/2/3.

<sup>5</sup> CBD/SB8J/1/4.

26. To assist with the review and update of the glossary, the Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing an outline for a possible process, including proposed steps for implementing Task 5.4.<sup>6</sup> The Subsidiary Body will be invited to prepare recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

## 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**

27. In its decision [15/6](#), the Conference of the Parties requested Parties to revise and update their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, by its sixteenth meeting. Parties not in a position to do so were requested to communicate national targets reflecting, as applicable, all the goals and targets of the Framework, as a stand-alone submission, by the sixteenth meeting, in advance of the full submission of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

28. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to conduct a global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework at its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings.

29. In its decision [16/32](#), the Conference of the Parties decided that the global review would be primarily based on national reports and a global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework. The Conference of the Parties also decided that the global review would draw upon relevant recommendations of the subsidiary bodies, among others, and specific sources of information, including the five editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the two editions of the *Local Biodiversity Outlook* to date, and relevant traditional knowledge, innovations, practices and technology of indigenous peoples and local communities given access to with their free, prior and informed consent.

30. According to the indicative timeline of the global review, the Subsidiary Body is expected at the present meeting to provide advice on traditional knowledge inputs to the global report, in preparation for the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

31. To support it in its task, the Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat on progress in engaging indigenous peoples and local communities and reflecting their contributions to the development and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and to national target setting.<sup>7</sup> The note will draw on an ongoing analysis of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets, with particular attention to the inclusion of traditional knowledge and the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.

32. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the note by the Secretariat and to prepare recommendations to guide the intersessional work on the global report and inform the global review, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

## Item 7

### **Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

33. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note by the Secretariat<sup>8</sup> containing a summary of recommendations pertaining to the Convention that the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues adopted at its twenty-third (2024) and twenty-fourth (2025) sessions.

34. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to take note of the recommendations.

<sup>6</sup> CBD/SB8J/1/5.

<sup>7</sup> CBD/SB8J/1/6.

<sup>8</sup> CBD/SB8J/1/7.

**Item 8**

**Other matters**

35. Under agenda item 8, Parties will have the opportunity to raise other relevant matters related to the meeting.

**Item 9**

**Adoption of the report**

36. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to adopt the report of the present meeting.

**Item 10**

**Closure of the meeting**

37. The meeting is expected to close at 6 p.m. on 30 October 2025.

## Annex I

### Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
<b>Monday, 27 October 2025</b>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Item 1. Opening of the meeting</p> <p>Item 2. Organizational matters</p> <p>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”</p>
1–3 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
3–6 p.m.	<p>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</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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);</li> <li>(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);</li> <li>(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)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, 28 October 2025</b>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>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</p> <p>Item 7. Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues</p>
1–3 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
3–6 p.m.	Pending matters
6–7.30 p.m.	<i>Dinner break</i>
7.30–10.30 p.m.	Pending matters
<b>Wednesday, 29 October 2025</b>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Consideration of conference room papers
1–3 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>

3–6 p.m.	Consideration of conference room papers
<b>Thursday, 30 October 2025</b>	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Consideration of conference room papers
1–3 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
3–6 p.m.	Item 8. Other matters Item 9. Adoption of the report Item 10. Closure of the meeting



## Annex II

### List of working documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD/SB8J/1/1/Rev.1	Provisional agenda
CBD/SB8J/1/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
CBD/SB8J/1/2	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”
CBD/SB8J/1/3	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
CBD/SB8J/1/4	Proposed elements for the guidelines related to Tasks 1.1 and 1.2 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
CBD/SB8J/1/5	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
CBD/SB8J/1/6	Provision of advice on traditional knowledge for the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
CBD/SB8J/1/7	Recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues