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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Scenario note

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In paragraph 14 of its decision [16/25](#),¹ the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested its Bureau and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to publish scenario notes for each intergovernmental meeting held under the Convention.
2. Pursuant to decision [16/25](#), the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, with the support of the Secretariat of the Convention, prepared the present scenario note.
3. The arrangements for the present meeting are described in sections II and III below, while updates to the proposed organization of work are provided in section IV and annex I.

II. Meeting arrangements

4. The meeting, which will be held in person at the headquarters of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations in Rome, is open to representatives of Parties and accredited observer organizations duly registered for the meeting. Details of logistic arrangements are provided in an information note for participants,² which will be updated as necessary.
5. The rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in accordance with paragraph 1 (a) of section C of the *modus operandi* of the Subsidiary Body,³ except for rule 18, on credentials.

* [CBD/SBI/6/1](#).

¹ As well as in decisions [CP-11/5](#) and [NP-5/10](#).

² Available at www.cbd.int/documents/690d1c8176d802404fa16e08.

³ Decision [XIII/25](#), annex.

III. Plenary and informal consultations

6. The meeting will be undertaken in:

(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 TV⁴ in the six official languages;

(b) Contact group sessions, with flexible seating arrangements to facilitate negotiations among Parties. The contact group sessions will be held in English only and will be open to all Party delegations. The participation of a reasonable number of observers may be facilitated, at the discretion of the chair or co-chairs of the contact groups, while giving priority to Party delegates. The sessions will not be live-streamed.

7. Each day will be divided into three session periods (see annex I below).⁵ Each session period will be allocated to either one plenary session or no more than two contact group sessions. Contact group sessions will not be held in parallel with plenary sessions. The detailed modalities of a contact group session will be decided by the Bureau based on the Bureau's assessment of progress made in the meeting.

8. In paragraph 7 of decision [16/25](#), the Conference of the Parties recognized the need to limit evening negotiating sessions to reasonable hours and recommended, unless otherwise agreed, that preferably no session would be scheduled beyond 13 hours from the start of the first open-ended meeting of the day. All evening sessions are therefore expected to conclude no later than 11 p.m., unless otherwise agreed by Parties.

9. The meetings of the Bureau will be convened in the mornings of 15 February (from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and 17, 18 and 19 February (from 8 to 9 a.m.). Regional meetings are scheduled for 15 February 2026.

10. All documents for the meetings will be made available online.⁶ Meeting announcements will be displayed in a timely manner on monitors at the venue and on the meeting website during meetings.

IV. Organization of work

A. General comments

11. The Chair will open the meeting at 10 a.m. on 16 February 2026. Statements will be made by the President of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties or her representative and by the Executive Secretary.

12. Under agenda item 2, the Subsidiary Body is expected to approve the provisional agenda and adopt the organization of work.

13. All agenda items will be considered in plenary session. After the first reading of the substantive items of the agenda in plenary, conference room papers are expected to be produced for consideration at a subsequent plenary session. Where necessary, contact groups may be established to further consider the agenda items before conference room papers are prepared.

14. In paragraph 3 of decisions [16/25](#), [CP-11/5](#) and [NP-5/10](#), the Executive Secretary was requested, together with the Bureaux, to continue to explore and make use of, as appropriate, relevant ways and means to facilitate early preparations for meetings, including the early submission of statements. The pilot modalities for the early submission of statements are provided in annex II.

⁴ See <https://webtv.un.org/>.

⁵ Plenaries may be held for a maximum of two sessions per day.

⁶ At www.cbd.int/meetings/SBI-06.

15. Pursuant to the aforementioned request to the Executive Secretary together with the Bureaux and building upon the experience attained at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (20–24 October 2025),⁷ the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties agreed, during its retreat meeting held in Panama City on 31 October and 1 November 2025, on the application of pilot modalities for the early submission of statements, to be implemented on a trial basis for all substantive items of the agenda for the present meeting. As noted directly above, details of the pilot modalities are described in annex II to the present note. Parties and observers registered for the present meeting will be invited through a notification to submit written statements, on a voluntary and informal basis, by means of a designated online portal or by email. In order to facilitate this application of the pilot modalities, the Secretariat will hold information webinars for delegates and observers.

16. In order that the proceedings of the meeting may be managed efficiently, as requested by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the Chair will limit interventions to four minutes on behalf of regions, two minutes for individual Parties, three minutes for indigenous peoples and local communities and major stakeholder groups and one minute for non-Parties and other observers, as time allows. Moreover, the Chair may request that microphones be turned off when the limit for time allocated to interventions has been reached.

B. Consideration of conference room papers and draft recommendations

17. All conference room papers and draft recommendations are expected to be considered in plenary sessions scheduled from 17 to 19 February. The schedule may be adjusted, however, according to the progress made during the meeting.

C. Closing plenary session

18. The closing plenary session is expected to be held on 19 February and will address agenda items 11 (other matters), 12 (adoption of the report) and 13 (closure of the meeting).

⁷ See notification [2025-120](#) on pilot modalities for the early submission of statements for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work*

<i>Date</i>	<i>10 a.m.–1 p.m.</i>	<i>2.30–5.30 p.m.</i>	<i>7.30–10.30 p.m.</i>
Monday 16 February 2026	Item 1. Opening of the meeting Item 2. Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and organization of work Item 3. Resource mobilization and financial mechanism: (a) Resource mobilization; (b) Financial mechanism. Item 4. Planning, monitoring, reporting and review: update on national biodiversity strategies and action plans, national targets and national reporting	Item 5. Gender Plan of Action Item 6. Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation Item 7. Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations	Contact group sessions, as needed
Tuesday 17 February 2026	Item 8. Specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol Item 9. Review of the effectiveness of the processes under the Convention and its Protocols Item 10. Administrative and budgetary matters: functional review of the Secretariat	Contact group sessions, as needed	Consideration of conference room papers
Wednesday 18 February 2026	Contact group sessions, as needed	Consideration of conference room papers	Consideration of conference room papers
Thursday 19 February 2026	Pending matters	Item 11. Other matters Item 12. Adoption of the report Item 13. Closure of the meeting	n/a

* The detailed modalities of the contact group sessions, whether parallel or consecutive, will be decided by the Bureau on the basis of an assessment of progress made in the meeting. Contact group sessions in the evening, as needed, may be held consecutively starting at 7 p.m.

Annex II

Pilot modalities for the early submission of statements for the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation

I. Introduction

1. In paragraph 3 of decision [16/25](#) of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the concurrent decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity 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 to the Convention on Biological Diversity,¹ the Executive Secretary, together with the Bureaux, was requested to explore and make use of, as appropriate, relevant ways and means to facilitate early preparations for meetings, such as options for streamlining agendas, peer-reviewing documents in advance and the early submission of statements.
2. At its meeting held in Panama City on 31 October and 1 November 2025, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties agreed to implement pilot modalities for the early submission of statements for all substantive items of the agenda for the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, building upon experience related to the modalities at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
3. In that context, the modalities constitute an informal and voluntary process, to be implemented on a trial basis, not intended to pre-empt the decision of the Conference of the Parties, at its seventeenth meeting, on matters related to the early submission of statements.

II. Objectives of the modalities

4. The modalities are designed to facilitate effective preparation and communication among Parties and observers, allowing them to informally submit their positions or comments on draft recommendations contained in the relevant pre-session documents, in writing, prior to formal discussions. The aim in this regard is to reduce the amount of time spent on the first reading of the respective agenda items during formal consideration at the meeting.

III. Application of the modalities

5. The modalities will be applied on a trial basis to the agenda items² relating to:
 - (a) Resource mobilization and financial mechanism (agenda item 3);
 - (b) Planning, monitoring, reporting and review: update on national biodiversity strategies and action plans, national targets and national reporting (agenda item 4);
 - (c) Gender Plan of Action (agenda item 5);
 - (d) Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation (agenda item 6);
 - (e) Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations (agenda item 7);
 - (f) Specialized international access and benefit-sharing instruments in the context of Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol (agenda item 8);

¹ Decisions [CP-11/5](#) and [NP-5/10](#), respectively.

² For the provisional agenda for the present meeting, see www.cbd.int/meetings/SBI-06.

- (g) Review of the effectiveness of the processes under the Convention and its Protocols (agenda item 9);
- (h) Administrative and budgetary matters: functional review of the Secretariat (agenda item 10).

IV. Process

- 6. The Secretariat will issue a notification, at least one month before the opening of the meeting, inviting and encouraging all Parties and observers who are registered for participation in the present meeting to submit statements, on a voluntary and informal basis, addressing the recommendations contained in the pre-session documents issued under the agenda items listed above, by 15 February 2026, 23:59 Rome time.
- 7. The notification will contain guidelines on how to upload the statements online (or by email³) in any of the six United Nations official languages. The statements will be published *as is* without any editing or translation by the Secretariat. Parties and observers may submit statements in any of those languages. All statements published on the online portal will be available for viewing by all Parties and observers.
- 8. In the notification, submitters will be requested to include, on the first page of their statements, name of country or organization, as appropriate, and the agenda item. Moreover, the statements portal will include a drop-down menu to enable submitters to fill in name of country or organization and contain separate submission boxes for each agenda item.

V. Outcome of the process for the early submission of statements

A. Information documents

- 9. The Secretariat will prepare an information document for each agenda item under which statements were received during the informal process. The information document will contain a list of Parties and observers that submitted statements, as well as a link to the statements portal, and will be submitted at the present meeting,⁴ without prejudice to formal deliberations when the respective agenda items are considered.

B. Entry of statements on record

- 10. When the relevant agenda item is taken up for first reading at the meeting, the Chair will state that, unless there are any objections from Parties and observers listed in the information document and present at the meeting, their statements will be formally entered on the record. The Chair will request Parties that wish to do so, to express their support of statements submitted by specific observers.
- 11. Parties and observers that submitted written statements during the informal process but wish to revise their statements or provide additional statements, will be at liberty to do so in accordance with established meeting procedures. As the early submission of written statements is intended to be a time-saving measure, Parties and observers that participate in this pilot should consider not delivering an oral statement during the first reading of the particular agenda item at the meeting.
- 12. It is expected that Parties and observers that did not submit written statements during the informal process will submit their written and oral statements during the formal meeting in accordance with established meeting procedures.

³ The option to send statements by email will be made available for those Parties or observers that may encounter difficulties in uploading their statements on the online portal. The Secretariat would then make those statements available online.

⁴ The information document will be posted in the morning of the first day of the meeting and introduced under the respective agenda item.

C. Preparation of conference room papers

13. In accordance with normal meeting processes, the Chair, with the agreement of the Subsidiary Body and support of the Secretariat, will subsequently prepare a conference room paper or, if a contact group is established for a particular item, a non-paper for each relevant agenda item. The conference room paper or non-paper will be based on the statements submitted during the formal meeting, including those entered on record following the informal process of early submission of statements, and any oral statements or interventions made during the first reading.

14. If the need arises, the Chair may establish a contact group for any of the agenda items, in accordance with established meeting procedures.

D. Outcomes of the overall process

15. The experiences of the Parties related to the proposed pilot system will be compiled, following a survey conducted at the present meeting, and made available to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.
