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### Subsidiary Body on Implementation

#### Fifth meeting

Cali, Colombia, 16–18 October 2024

Item 1 (b) of the provisional agenda\*

#### Organizational matters: adoption of the agenda and organization of work

### Scenario note for the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation

Note by the Secretariat

#### I. Introduction

1. The present note has been prepared by the Secretariat and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation to assist participants in preparing for the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, which will be held immediately before the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The note should be considered together with the annotated provisional agenda<sup>1</sup> for the meeting.

#### II. Conduct of the meeting

##### A. Opening and organizational matters

2. The Chair will open the meeting at 10 a.m. on 16 October 2024. Statements will be made by a representative of the President of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a representative of the host Government and the Executive Secretary.

3. To maximize the time allocated to the substantive matters of the agenda, statements will not be invited from regional groups of Parties or representatives of major stakeholder groups at the opening of the meeting.

4. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda for the meeting and to approve the proposed organization of work.<sup>2</sup>

##### B. Substantive matters

5. The focus of the meeting will be to conduct a review of implementation. Under item 2 of the agenda, the Subsidiary Body will be invited to carry out two interrelated tasks:

(a) To consider progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, in particular that made by Parties in revising and updating national

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\* CBD/SBI/5/1.

<sup>1</sup> CBD/SBI/5/1/Add.1.

<sup>2</sup> As contained in annex I to document CBD/SBI/5/1/Add.1 and elaborated and revised in annex I to the present note.

biodiversity strategies and action plans and in establishing national targets aligned with the Framework and its goals and targets, including in relation to means of implementation;

(b) To pilot the modus operandi of an open-ended forum for voluntary country review, on the basis of the modalities presented to the Subsidiary Body at its fourth meeting,<sup>3</sup> as adapted in the light of the outcomes of the regional and subregional dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

6. The Subsidiary Body is expected to adopt a recommendation concerning its review of implementation, including means of implementation, that will contain a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties under agenda item 8 of its sixteenth meeting (progress on the preparation of targets and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans by Parties in line with the Framework). The Subsidiary Body is also expected to adopt a draft decision related to the modalities of the open-ended forum for voluntary country review for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting, under item 10 of its agenda (mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review).

## **1. Consideration of progress in implementation (first reading of document CBD/SBI/5/2)**

7. The Subsidiary Body will have before it a note in which the Secretariat has summarized progress in implementing the Framework through national target setting and the revision or updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans.<sup>4</sup> Analyses of information contained in the national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the national targets that have been submitted, and a summary of key findings from the dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans will be provided as addenda to that document.<sup>5</sup>

8. The Secretariat will present the documents and findings, including in the light of submissions made by Parties subsequent to the preparation of document CBD/SBI/5/2 and its addenda.

9. Parties will be invited to make statements concerning the review and analyses and any elements for the draft recommendation of the Subsidiary Body. Statements by regional groups of Parties may be up to five minutes, and those by individual Parties up to three minutes. Statements by major groups of observers may be up to three minutes and, subject to the availability of time, those by individual observers up to two minutes.

10. It is expected that Parties will provide information on their national experience in subsequent interventions made during the discussions held in the open-ended forum for voluntary country review (see sect. II.B.2 below).

11. Further to the first reading, the Chair will prepare a draft recommendation as a conference room paper for later consideration by the Subsidiary Body.

## **2. Open-ended forum for voluntary country review of implementation**

12. Following the first reading of document CBD/SBI/5/2, the Subsidiary Body will pilot an open-ended forum for voluntary country review according to the modus operandi provided in the documents prepared for its fourth meeting<sup>6</sup> and procedures outlined in document CBD/SBI/5/3.

13. Information provided in document CBD/SBI/5/2 and its addenda will be relevant to Parties in their discussions in the open-ended forum.

14. The open-ended forum will be conducted under three themes selected on the basis of the experience gained from the regional and subregional dialogues, namely:

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<sup>3</sup> See CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.1.

<sup>4</sup> CBD/SBI/5/2.

<sup>5</sup> CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.1, CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.2 and CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.3, respectively. Document CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.3 contains an update to the information provided in document CBD/SBI/4/INF/6.

<sup>6</sup> CBD/SBI/4/4 and CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.1

(a) Whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches and the integration of the Protocols to the Convention on Biological Diversity and other multilateral environmental agreements into national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

(b) National target setting and monitoring;

(c) Means of implementation, including national biodiversity finance planning and capacity-development planning.

15. The forum will be structured with three thematic sessions, each dedicated to one theme. The Chair of the Subsidiary Body, in consultation with the Bureau, will appoint a chair to lead each session. Information on the programme of the forum, including its opening, closing and three thematic sessions, is included in annex II.

16. At the start of each thematic session, the chair will provide a brief overview of key observations, successes, challenges and opportunities identified in the review and analyses<sup>7</sup> and in the key findings of the regional and subregional dialogues,<sup>8</sup> as well as the guiding questions contained in annex II.

17. The chair will then invite a panel of delegates from Parties and, where relevant observers, to make brief presentations drawn from their own perspectives and participation in the regional and subregional dialogues, the analyses contained in document CBD/SBI/5/2 and its addenda and the discussions on those analyses held earlier in the meeting.<sup>9</sup>

18. Parties will be invited to pose questions to the panellists and share their own views and experience on actions that are being taken or could be taken at the national level to address findings and challenges.

19. In preparing for the discussion, Parties may wish to consider the guiding questions and considerations outlined in annex II to the present note.

20. The Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in consultation with the chairs of each session, will prepare a Chair's text that summarizes the conclusions of the discussions at the open-ended forum.

### **3. Conclusion of substantive matters**

21. Following the completion of the open-ended forum, the Subsidiary Body will consider the conference room paper prepared by the Chair on the basis of the interventions made during the first reading of document CBD/SBI/5/2, with a view to adopting a recommendation on the review of implementation, which will include a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties. In its recommendation, the Subsidiary Body may also wish to recommend that the Conference of the Parties take the conclusions of the open-ended forum<sup>10</sup> into account and encourage Parties and stakeholders to leverage the successes and opportunities and work to address the challenges identified in the forum.

22. The Subsidiary Body may also wish to develop elements of a draft decision on the modus operandi of the open-ended forum for voluntary country review for incorporation into recommendation 4/2 (specifically paras. 6 and 7 of the draft decision contained in the recommendation).

23. The Subsidiary Body will then address any other matters raised under agenda item 3, adopt its recommendations and consider and adopt the report of the present meeting.

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<sup>7</sup> CBD/SBI/5/2, CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.1 and CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.2.

<sup>8</sup> CBD/SBI/5/2/Add.3.

<sup>9</sup> The panellists will be selected in consultation with participants in the regional and subregional dialogues and advice from the Bureau.

<sup>10</sup> The conclusions of the forum will be summarized in a Chair's text, which will not be submitted for discussion.

**C. Closure of the meeting**

24. The meeting is expected to be closed at 6 p.m. on 18 October 2024.

## Annex I

## Indicative timetable

<i>Day and time</i>	<i>Agenda item and action</i>
Wednesday, 16 October 2024	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p><i>Plenary session</i></p> <p>Item 1. Organizational matters:</p> <p>(a) Opening of the meeting;</p> <p>(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.</p> <p>Item 2. Review of implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including means of implementation</p> <p>First reading of document CBD/SBI/5/2</p>
2–2.30 p.m.	<i>Side event</i>
3–6 p.m.	<p>Item 2 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p><i>Plenary session</i></p> <p>First reading of document CBD/SBI/5/2 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p><i>Open-ended forum for voluntary country review</i></p> <p>Opening of the forum: opening, introduction and scene setting for the open-ended forum</p>
6.30 p.m.	<i>Side event</i>
Thursday, 17 October 2024	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Item 2 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p><i>Open-ended forum (continued)</i></p> <p>Thematic session 1: whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches and integration of the Protocols and other multilateral environmental agreements into national biodiversity strategies and action plans</p> <p>Thematic session 2: national target setting and monitoring</p>
2–2.30 p.m.	<i>Side event</i>
3–6 p.m.	<p>Item 2 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p><i>Open-ended forum (continued)</i></p> <p>Thematic session 2 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Thematic session 3: means of implementation, including national biodiversity finance planning and capacity-development planning</p>
6.30 p.m.	<i>Side event</i>
Friday, 18 October 2024	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<p>Item 2 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p><i>Open-ended forum (continued)</i></p> <p>Closing session of the forum: consideration of the Chair's text and closing of the open-ended forum</p> <p><i>Plenary session</i></p> <p>Consideration of conference room papers</p>

3–6 p.m.	<p><i>Plenary session</i></p> <p>Item 2 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Adoption of the recommendations</p> <p>Item 3. Other matters.</p> <p>Item 4. Adoption of the report.</p> <p>Item 5. Closure of the meeting.</p>
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## Annex II

### Programme of the pilot open-ended forum for voluntary country review

#### Opening session

1. The Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will open the pilot open-ended forum for voluntary country review and outline the expectations and organization of work. The Chair will provide a summary of the number of countries that have submitted revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans thus far, the number of Parties that have submitted national targets, and how the regional and subregional dialogues on national biodiversity strategies and action plans were organized. The Chair will appoint chairs for each of the thematic sessions of the forum.
2. To set the stage for the forum, the Chair will invite a panel of host countries of the regional and subregional dialogues to share their reflections on what they saw as the key findings of the dialogues that should be considered during the forum.

#### Thematic session 1

##### **Whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach and integration of the Protocols and other multilateral environmental agreements into national biodiversity strategies and action plans**

3. The Conference of the Parties adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework as a framework for all – for the whole of government and the whole of society (sect. C of the Framework). However, there remain challenges in implementing a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach and creating opportunities to improve it, in particular in terms of increasing the interest, support, commitment, coordination and action of stakeholders. In paragraph 26 of its decision 15/6, the Conference of the Parties invited indigenous peoples and local communities, subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, intergovernmental organizations, other multilateral environmental agreements, non-governmental organizations, women, youth, research organizations, the business and finance community and representatives of sectors related to or dependent on biodiversity to contribute to national biodiversity strategies and action plans.
4. In addition, in section B of the Framework, the Conference of the Parties recognized that the Framework promoted coherence, complementarity and cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, other biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral agreements and international institutions, respecting their mandates, and created opportunities for cooperation and partnerships among diverse actors to enhance the implementation of the Framework. The Conference of the Parties included related considerations for the implementation of the Framework in its section C under the headings “Fulfilment of the three objectives of the Convention and its Protocols and their balanced implementation” and “Cooperation and synergies”. In paragraph 23 of decision 15/6, Parties were encouraged to include in their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national reports relevant actions to implement commitments and recommendations under each of the biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements to which they were a Party, and to facilitate, as appropriate, engagement with and coordination among focal points for other relevant multilateral environment agreements and the Rio conventions.
5. After introducing the theme of session 1, the chair will ask the panellists to summarize findings in implementing whole-of-government, whole-of society and integrated approaches, including by presenting specific national success stories.
6. After the panel discussion, the chair will invite interventions from the floor.

7. Parties will be asked to reflect on the following questions related to the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach:
- What actions are being or could be taken to improve the engagement of:
    - Various ministries, including those leading planning related to the Sustainable Development Goals, climate change, food security and health;
    - Non-State actors, including those listed in paragraph 26 of decision 15/6 (see para. 3 above)?
  - What actions could improve coordination and cooperation across the various actors?
8. Parties will also be asked to reflect on the following questions related to integrated approaches:
- What practical actions are being or could be taken to improve integration with the Protocols, given the fact that the Protocols have their own processes associated with them?
  - What has been done or could be done to enhance coordinated action, in the light of view of the provision of paragraph 23 of decision 15/6 (see para. 4 above)?
  - How can the synergies in planning processes be used to improve engagement, advocacy and implementation?

## **Thematic session 2**

### **National target setting and monitoring**

9. In paragraph 7 of decision 15/6, Parties not in a position to submit their revised national biodiversity strategies and action plans by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties were requested to communicate national targets reflecting, as applicable, all the goals and targets of the Framework, including those related to all means of implementation; and in paragraph 8, all Parties were urged to use the headline indicators, supplemented by component and complementary indicators and other national indicators, in relevant national planning processes, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans, according to their national circumstances.
10. After introducing the theme of session 2, the chair will ask the panellists to summarize findings in terms of national target setting and the development of national monitoring plans, including by presenting specific national success stories.
11. After the panel discussion, the chair will invite interventions from the floor.
12. Parties will also be invited to reflect on the following questions related to national target setting and monitoring:
- What is being or could be done to address some of the gaps? Will the gaps be tackled in the implementation of the specific national targets?
  - What actions are needed to improve national monitoring systems?

## **Thematic session 3**

### **Means of implementation, including national biodiversity finance planning and capacity-development planning**

13. In accordance with paragraph 6 of annex I to decision 15/6, revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans should include concrete actions, policies and programmes designed to meet the national targets and contribute to the goals and targets of the Framework. The development of those actions should go hand in hand with the identification of financing and capacity gaps and the development of national finance plans, or similar, as well as capacity-building and



development plans. Decision 15/7 contains specific guidance on updating the development and implementation of national biodiversity finance plans or similar instruments, while decision 15/8 contains specific guidance on developing capacity-building and development plans.

14. After introducing the theme of session 3, the chair will ask the panellist to summarize their findings in terms of developing national biodiversity finance plans, capacity-building and development plans or other efforts to improve means of implementation.

15. After the panel discussion, the chair will invite interventions from the floor.

16. During session 3, Parties will be invited to reflect on the following questions related to national biodiversity finance planning:

- What is being done to identify innovative funding sources at the national level? Do these efforts include funding going to other stakeholders that are involved in the delivery of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (such as those mentioned in paragraph 26 of its decision 15/6 and reflected in paragraph 3 above)?
- What actions are being or could be taken to improve coordination with the ministry of finance?

17. Parties are also invited to reflect on the following questions related to national capacity-building and development planning:

- What is being done to identify capacity needs at the national level?
- What actions are being taken to address capacity gaps at the enabling environment, organizational and individual levels? What is being or should be done to improve the ability to leverage regional and global partners?
- Do national capacity-building and development planning efforts include other stakeholders that are involved in the delivery of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (such as those mentioned in paragraph 26 of its decision 15/6 and reflected in paragraph 3 above)?

### **Closing session**

18. The Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation will present a Chair's text summarizing the key points arising from the open-ended forum, prepared in consultation with the chairs or facilitators of the thematic sessions with the support of the Secretariat.

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