

Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations

Non-paper

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

Recommends that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions [XIII/24](#) of 17 December 2016, [14/30](#) of 29 November 2018, [15/4](#) and [15/13](#) of 19 December 2022 and [16/35](#) of 27 February 2025,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution [80/140](#) of 19 December 2025 and previous resolutions relating to the Convention on Biological Diversity,¹

Recognizing that strengthening cooperation, synergies, and complementarity among multilateral environmental agreements and relevant organizations must be promoted in a Party-driven manner, in accordance with national circumstances, capacities, and priorities, with adequate means of implementation including financial resources, capacity-building, and technology transfer, while avoiding duplication of efforts and additional administrative burdens;

1. *Welcomes* the work of the United Nations Environment Management Group in reinforcing the Common Approach to Integrating Biodiversity and Nature-based Solutions for Sustainable Development into United Nations Policy and Programme Planning and Delivery² and its Issue Management Group on Biodiversity;

2. *Welcomes* the continued work of the United Nations Environment Programme in facilitating cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements including through the Bern process, for the effective and efficient implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

3. *Welcomes* the outcomes of the seventh session of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme on promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration for national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments;

3.bis. *Also welcomes* the entry into force of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Agreement) and expresses its readiness to strengthen cooperation and mutual supportiveness between the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the BBNJ Agreement;

3 ter *Welcomes* the global analytical study on the implementation of a human-rights based approach into the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework³ prepared by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for the 61st session of the Human Rights Council, in line with the Human Rights Council resolution

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² CEB/2021/1/Add.1.

³ “Applying a human rights-based approach in line with Section C of the Kunming Montreal Biodiversity Framework A briefing note “. This joint publication of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity does not reflect the views of the Parties, Member States, or the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. This is a first draft, unedited and subject to further revision and inputs received: <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/issues/climatechange/materials/briefing-note-applying-a-human-rights-based-approach-in-line-with-sectionc-kunming-montreal.pdf>

57/28 of 11 October 2024 relating to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and *encourages* Parties and other Governments to make use of the study and take up its key messages, both in national implementation and in all cooperative efforts towards the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

4. *Also welcomes* the ongoing efforts of, and actions taken by, Parties, the governing bodies and secretariats of the other Rio conventions, biodiversity-related conventions, chemical and waste-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, United Nations entities, other relevant organizations and stakeholders, including financial institutions and initiatives relevant to thematic sectors such as the Bern process, to enhance cooperation in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework⁴ and other relevant frameworks;

5. *Welcomes* the collaborative efforts of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions and the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions, and invites the secretariats of the conventions to identify best practices for improving the effectiveness of meetings and to share the findings among relevant secretariats;

6. *Welcomes* the resolutions and decisions adopted by the governing bodies of other conventions, organizations and programmes in support of the coherent implementation and monitoring of the Framework, including by mainstreaming biodiversity in different sectors;

7. *Invites* the governing bodies of all relevant conventions, organizations and programmes to continue to adopt mutually supportive decisions or elements of decisions to enhance cooperation and coherence in the development of international policy and implementation of the Rio conventions, biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and accelerate and facilitate action and tangible outcomes in the implementation of and monitoring of progress with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at all levels within their respective mandates;

7bis [Placeholder outcomes Technical Information exchange mandated by SBSTTA-27/3 in paragraph 6];

8. *Encourages* Parties and other Governments, subject to national circumstances, to continue to adopt best practices on synergies and strengthen national cooperation and coordination among the national and gender focal points of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, the national and gender focal points of other conventions and processes relevant to the implementation of the Framework, and other relevant stakeholders in the development of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the preparation of their national reports, in line with national priorities and circumstances;

8.bis *Invites* Parties to consider opportunities to promote and enhance synergies between the Convention and multilateral agreements in other sectors outside the environment sector, including *inter alia* in health, humanitarian assistance, trade, science and technology, water, food systems transformation and agriculture, and human rights, where the importance of biodiversity to their respective goals and agendas present opportunities for enhanced mainstreaming and uptake of biodiversity in decision making;

8.ter *Invites* Parties to strengthen cooperation and synergies with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, including the World Heritage Convention, and the role of education, science and culture in transformative change, in support of the implementation of the Framework;

9. *Encourages* the secretariats of the other Rio conventions, biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant organizations to continue to strengthen collaboration, cooperation and coherency in the

⁴ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

implementation of and monitoring of progress with the Framework, as appropriate and within their respective mandates;

9.bis *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme to build on the Bern process, and continue to strengthen cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, contributing to effective and efficient implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including by addressing the outcomes of the global review on progress in implementation of the Framework, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to engage in the Bern process;

9. ter *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme, through the Bern process, in collaboration with secretariats of biodiversity-related conventions and other multilateral environmental agreements, including regional agreements, and other relevant organisations to identify mutually supportive decisions and resolutions in support of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and share these at national and regional levels, through information exchange and other relevant means;

9.ter *Invites* Parties, relevant conventions and organizations to strengthen the production, analysis, dissemination and sharing of information on effective implementation across multilateral environmental agreements, appropriately disaggregated, including by sex and gender, in an effort to leave no one behind and enhance accountability for results against all goals and targets of the Framework;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To further engage in continued collaboration and cooperation with the secretariats of the other Rio conventions, biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant organizations in supporting the complementarity of efforts, the efficient use of resources, avoiding duplications] and catalysing collective action for, *inter alia* the implementation of the Framework, as per the outcomes of the global review of progress in the implementation of the Framework [under decision 17/XX], , without prejudice to the specific objectives and mandates of the various conventions and agreements and while observing their independent and autonomous nature,;

(a) ter To seek views from Parties, other governments, other convention secretariats and organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and other stakeholders on how to more systematically assess and track improvements in cooperation and policy alignment with other conventions and international organizations;

(b) To collaborate with the United Nations Environment Programme, relevant convention secretariats and organizations, in the preparation of a compilation of best practices on cooperation, collaboration or synergies in the national implementation of the Rio conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions and relevant multilateral environmental agreements, highlighting scalable and cost-effective approaches, building on existing material and information from, *inter alia*, the Bern process, submissions received pursuant to notification 2025-131 of 19 October 2025 and the outcomes of the Global Review;

(c) To undertake, in collaboration with the other members of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions, an analysis of overlaps and potential synergies in the frameworks on national target setting and planning, monitoring, reporting and review of the three conventions and provide options for their enhanced coordination, coherency and alignment [WWF efficiency], as appropriate and within their respective mandates in coordination and in parallel with the timeline for the development of the multi-level road map on policy coherence established by SBSTTA-27;

(d) To enhance awareness-raising in alignment with the objectives of the programme of work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness on the interconnectedness of the

biodiversity loss, climate change, ~~land~~ degradation and pollution challenges, including addressing their interrelated direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity loss and the benefits of coordinated responses to those challenges;

(d. bis) To continue collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and make available the tools and guidance on a human rights-based approach to the implementation of the Framework developed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights⁵ as invited in 16/35 (paragraph 20);

(d. ter.) To collaborate and share relevant information with the Secretariat, including the interim Secretariat, of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction, noting the potential important synergies between the Convention and the Agreement;

(e) To report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting to be held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on progress made with the activities listed in the present paragraph, and on further work undertaken in response to decision 16/35;

(f) To explore, in collaboration with the Global Environment Facility and other relevant financial mechanisms and initiatives such as Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN), options for integrated programming and synergistic funding to allow Parties to submit joint projects on biodiversity loss, climate change, land degradation and pollution;

(g) To continue collaboration with the other members of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions on joint capacity-building activities, including on traditional knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities within the three conventions to promote cooperation and synergies, within their respective mandates.

⁵ “Applying a human rights-based approach in line with Section C of the Kunming Montreal Biodiversity Framework A briefing note “. This joint publication of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity does not reflect the views of the Parties, Member States, or the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. This is a first draft, unedited and subject to further revision and inputs received: <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/issues/climatechange/materials/briefing-note-applying-a-human-rights-based-approach-in-line-with-sectionc-kunming-montreal.pdf>