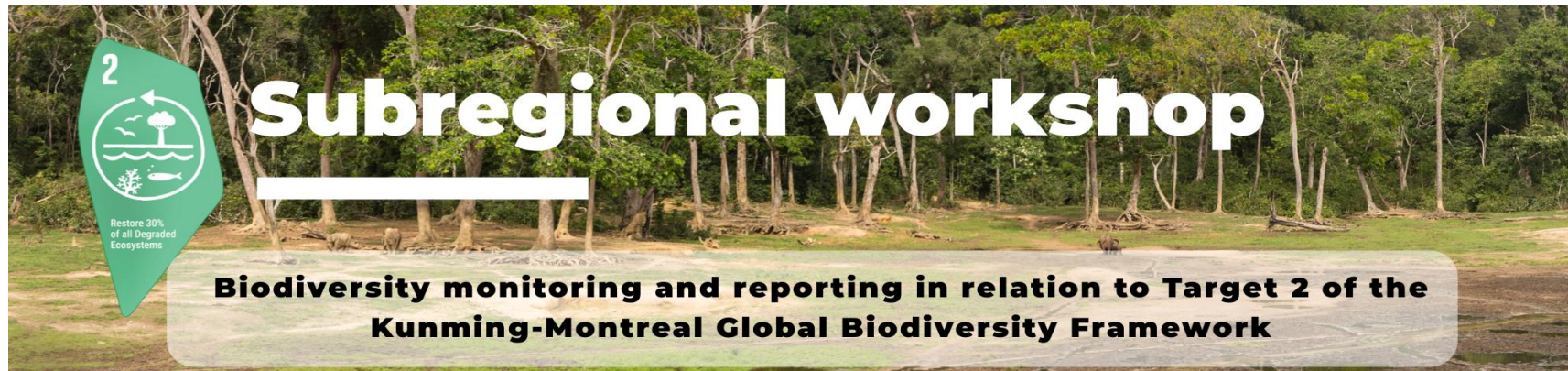




27 to 30 January 2026 - Nairobi, Kenya

To be held at Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD)

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BACKGROUND

The Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) underscores the urgent need to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, with **Target 2** calling for the effective restoration of degraded ecosystems by 2030. Achieving this target requires robust, coordinated, and comparable systems for ecosystem restoration monitoring and reporting, supported by strengthened national capacities and regional cooperation.

In this regard, we are pleased to announce that a Subregional workshop on biodiversity monitoring and reporting in relation to Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, 27 to 30 January 2026 – RCMRD premises in Nairobi, Kenya.

The workshop is co-organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Representatives from countries covered by RCMRD, in its function as subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centre, as well as



representatives of other four technical support centres in Africa are invited to participate in the workshop. The countries covered by RCMRD CBD Technical Support Centre are: Comoros, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, and Zambia.

The workshop supports the participating countries to accelerate monitoring and reporting on ecosystem restoration in the context of Target 2 of the Framework and offers the opportunity to share subregional, national and local experiences and challenges in this regard. The workshop includes a training of trainers for the representatives of the support centres of the African region. Furthermore, RCMRD will officially launch its role as subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centre and the establishment of its steering committee.

The workshop's objectives are:

- To enhance technical understanding of ecosystem restoration monitoring under Target 2 of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including relevant indicators, data sources, and reporting pathways.
- To strengthen national capacities to improve monitoring and reporting processes, with particular emphasis on supporting Parties in preparing inputs to the Seventh National Report.
- To facilitate structured exchange of experiences, lessons learned, and challenges in ecosystem restoration monitoring at sub-regional, national, and local levels, to promote harmonized and effective approaches.
- To build the capacity of Sub-Regional Technical and Scientific Cooperation Support Centres in Africa through a Training of Trainers (ToT) approach, enabling sustained technical support to Parties beyond the workshop.
- To Officially launch RCMRD's mandate as a Sub-Regional Technical and Scientific Cooperation Support Centre, including the establishment of its steering committee, to strengthen coordination, governance, and long-term technical cooperation on biodiversity monitoring.

Through this workshop, participating countries and institutions will be better positioned to accelerate progress toward ecosystem restoration commitments and contribute effectively to the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework.



Programme for the Official Launch

27 January 2026 at 9:00hrs | Venue: RCMRD, Nairobi, Kenya.

9:00 – 09:15	Chief Guest arrives at RCMRD Complex Signs visitors book at Director General's Office
09:15– 09:40	Introduction and Overview of the Objectives and Programme of the Workshop - Welcome and Introduction. Ngugi Kimani, Geospatial Data and Technologies Manager (RCMRD) - Overview of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM GBF), Monitoring Implementation, and Preparing National Reports. Jamal Annagylyjova, Forest Biodiversity and Ecosystem Restoration Officer (CBD) - RCMRD's role as a sub-regional support centre for monitoring and reporting focusing on Target 2 and a regional overview of NBSAPs and national targets. Kelly Waga, Knowledge Management Expert (RCMRD)
09:40– 10:00	Remarks by Partners - Dr Emmanuel Nkurunziza, Director General (RCMRD) - Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary of the Convention, (CBD), video-message - Yelena Finegold, Forestry Officer (FAO) - Robina Abuya, British Embassy - Patrick Mucheleka, RCMRD Governing Council Chairperson and Permanent Secretary Ministry of Land and Natural Resources, Zambia
10:00– 10:30	CHIEF GUEST SPEECH Hon. Dr. Deborah Mlongo Barasa, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry
10:30 – 10:35	Official launch of the Technical and Scientific Cooperation Support Centre

10:35 – 10:40 Group Photo

10:40 – 10:50 Planting of a Tree

Detailed Programme

DAY 1: TUE, 27-JAN-2026: KM-GBF MONITORING FRAMEWORK AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION IMPLEMENTATION			
Time	Session	Responsible Person(s)/ Facilitator	ROOM/LOCATION
08.00 - 09.00	Registration	RCMRD	RCMRD Conference room entrance
ITEM 1: Tuesday 27th January 2026: Opening of the workshop and TSC Launch			
09.00 - 10:50	High Level Opening of the Subregional Workshop (check detailed programme above)	RCMRD	RCMRD Conference room
10:50 - 11.20	Tea Break	RCMRD	Complex Roof Top (Pergola)
ITEM 2: Unpacking Target 2			
11.20 - 11.30	UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: Where the UN Decade is and where it is going in the next 5 years.	UNEP	RCMRD Conference room
11.30 - 11.40	Presentation of Target 2 self-assessment results	CIFOR-ICRAF	RCMRD Conference room
11.40 - 12.10	Presentation on the key elements of Target 2, including understanding degradation in the three major	SER	RCMRD Conference room

	ecosystem types and defining the baseline		
12.10 - 12.20	Country experiences - 1	Madagascar	RCMRD Conference room
12.20 - 12.30	Q&A	All	RCMRD Conference room
12.40 - 13.40	Lunch Break	RCMRD	Complex Roof Top (Pergola)
13.40 - 14.40	Break-out session: Group Discussion to share examples derived from country and local-level experiences, including how to assess degradation and determine baselines	All	TBC/M1/M2/B8
14.40 - 14.55	Report back from group discussion	TBC	RCMRD Conference room
14.55 - 15.20	Tea break	RCMRD	TBC/PAGOLA
15.20 - 15.50	Presentation on defining restoration outcomes & implementing effective restoration to achieve national targets	SER	RCMRD Conference room
15.50 - 16.00	Country experiences - 2	Uganda	RCMRD Conference room
16.00 - 16.10	Q & A	All	RCMRD Conference room
16.10 - 17.10	Break-out session: Group discussion on how to implement national targets and contribute to the Target 2 key outcomes	All	TBC/M1/M2/B8
17.10 - 17.25	Report back from group discussion	TBC	RCMRD Conference room
17.25 - 17.30	Summarize and close Day 1	RCMRD	RCMRD Conference room
DAY 2:			
WED, 28-JAN-2026: RESTORATION DATA REPORTING AND FERM			
ITEM 3: Restoration data, reporting, and FERM			

Time	Session	Responsible Person(s)/ Facilitator	ROOM/ LOCATION
08.30 - 9.00	Registration	RCMRD	RCMRD Conference room entrance
09.00 - 9.10	Opening and overview of Day 2	FAO	RCMRD Conference room
09.10 - 09.20	AFR-100 Monitoring and reporting at the Regional level	AUDA-NEPAD	RCMRD Conference room
09.20 - 09.30	Country presentation 3 - AFR-100 monitoring and reporting	Tanzania	RCMRD Conference room
09.30 - 09.40	Q&A		
09.40 - 10.00	Monitoring and reporting Target 2	FAO	RCMRD Conference room
10.00 - 10.10	Q & A	RCMRD	RCMRD Conference room
10.10 - 10.30	Tea Break	RCMRD	Complex Roof Top (Pergola)
10.30 - 10.40	Component Indicator - SDG 15.3.1 and degradation baselines	UNCCD	RCMRD Conference room
10.40 - 10.50	Country presentation 4 - SDG 15.3.1 and degradation baselines	Ethiopia	RCMRD Conference room
10.50 - 10.55	Exploring the linkages between Target 2 and 22	FAO Kenya (TBC)	RCMRD Conference room
10.55 - 11.05	Indigenous Led Restoration Monitoring	TBC	RCMRD Conference room
11.05 - 11.15	Q & A	TBC	RCMRD Conference room
11.15 - 11.45	FERM - demo, FERM registry, search engine and data review for target 2 reporting	FAO	RCMRD Conference room
11.45 - 12.00	Q & A	All	RCMRD Conference room
12.00 - 13.00	Plenary Interactive session for FERM registry tutorial	FAO	RCMRD Conference room
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch Break	RCMRD	Complex Roof Top (Pergola)

14.00 - 15.00	Plenary Interactive session for FERM data review functionality	FAO	RCMRD Conference room
15.00 - 15.25	Tea break	RCMRD	Complex Roof Top (Pergola)
15.25 - 15.35	Country presentation 5 - Protected areas and restoration	Rwanda	RCMRD Conference room
15.35 - 15.45	Q & A	All	RCMRD Conference room
15.45 - 16.45	Break-out session: discussion to identify challenges and opportunities for monitoring and reporting ecosystem restoration related to data collection, compilation, and validation (harmonization, disaggregation, sharing bases)	All	TBC/M1/M2/B8
16.45 - 17.05	Report back from group discussion	TBC	RCMRD Conference room
17.05 - 17.10	Summarize and close Day 2	RCMRD	RCMRD Conference room

DAY 3:

THU, 29-JAN-2026: VISIT TO CIFOR-ICRAF & FIELD TRIP TO RESTORATION SITE (KARURA FOREST)

TIME	Session	Responsible Person(s)/ Facilitator	ROOM/ LOCATION
ITEM 4: Visit to CIFOR-ICRAF			
08.30 - 09:00	Arrival and Breakfast at CIFOR-ICRAF Campus	CIFOR-ICRAF	Courtyard
ITEM 5: Opening Remarks			
09.00 - 09:30	Phillip Osano (COO), CIFOR-ICRAF	CIFOR-ICRAF	Courtyard

	- Peter Minang (Africa Director), CIFOR-ICRAF - Leigh Winowiecki, Global Lead, Soil and Land Health.		
ITEM 6: Technical Presentations by CIFOR-ICRAF, the Karura Forest and Countries			
09.30 - 10:15	- CIFOR-ICRAF scientists: Restoration World Cafe - Karura Forest restoration plan preview	CIFOR-ICRAF and Karura Forest	Conference Hall
10:15 - 10:25	Country presentation 6 - Restoration examples from the field & monitoring	Comoros	Conference Hall
10:25 - 10:35	Country presentation 7 - Restoration examples from the field & monitoring	Somalia	Conference Hall
10:35 - 10:45	Country presentation 8 - Restoration examples from the field & monitoring	South Sudan	Conference Hall
10:45 - 11:00	Q & A		
ITEM 7: Laboratory Visits (3 Rotations with 20 participants per rotation)			
11.00 – 12:30	- Soil Lab, - Tree & Seed Lab - Spatial Observation Lab	CIFOR-ICRAF	TBC
12.30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	CIFOR-ICRAF	Bamboo hut
ITEM 8: Karura Forest Field Visit			

13.30 – 16:30	Nursery and indigenous seedling systems; invasive removal sites; restoration plots; monitoring approaches	Karura Forest	Karura Forest
DAY 4: FRI, 30-JAN-2026: WRAP UP AND TRAINING OF TRAINERS (RESTORATION ACTION PLANS TO ADDRESS NATIONAL NEEDS FOR MONITORING AND REPORTING)			
ITEM 9: Restoration action plans to address national needs for monitoring and reporting			
TIME	Session	Responsible Person(s)/ Facilitator	ROOM/ LOCATION
09.00 - 09.25	Preparation and submission of the seventh national report	CBD Secretariat	RCMRD Conference room
09.25 - 09.35	Country Presentation 9 - National experience on reporting	Zambia	RCMRD Conference room
09.35 - 09.45	Country Presentation 10 - National experience on reporting	Eswatini	RCMRD Conference room
09.45 - 09.55	Q&A		
09.55 - 10.10	Synthesize key technical, governance and capacity gaps from SA tool	RCMRD/ CIFOR-ICRAF	RCMRD Conference room
10.10 - 11.10	Develop a working draft for restoration monitoring plans for countries	RCMRD	TBC
11.10 - 11.30	Tea Break		Complex Roof Top (Pergola)
ITEM 10: Establishment of the steering committee of the technical and scientific cooperation support centre, RCMRD			
11.30 - 12.10	- Overview of the Host Agreement, Roles of the Steering Committee, - Nomination of Members to the Steering Committee.	RCMRD	TBC

ITEM 11: Conclusions and next steps for Sub-Regional priorities

12.10 - 12:45	- Next steps for the Parties and Target 2 Roadmap, - Feedback from the participants	CBD/FAO/RCMRD/	RCMRD Conference room
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ITEM 12: CLOSURE OF WORKSHOP

12.45 - 13:00	Workshop Conclusion & Closure	CBD/FAO/RCMRD/	RCMRD Conference room
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	RCMRD	Complex Roof Top (Pergola)

ITEM 13: Training of Trainers session for the technical and scientific cooperation support centres (TSCCs Only)

14:00 - 15.30	Part 1: Training on -trainers session for the technical and scientific cooperation support centres	SER/CIFOR-ICRAF	RCMRD Conference room
15:30 - 15.45	Tea Break	RCMRD	Complex Roof Top (Pergola)
15:45 - 17.15	Part 2: Training on -trainers session for the technical and scientific cooperation support centres	SER/CIFOR-ICRAF	RCMRD Conference room