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Kunming dialogue on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in support of the global review

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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters

Scenario note

I. Background

1. In 2022, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework was adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its fifteenth meeting, following a four-year consultation and negotiation process. This landmark Framework sets out four goals for 2050 and 23 targets for 2030 conceived as a pathway for reaching the global vision of a world living in harmony with nature by 2050. A comprehensive package of decisions aimed at supporting implementation was also adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, including a mechanism for reviewing implementation through a midterm global review at its seventeenth meeting and a final global review at its nineteenth meeting.¹ At the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held in Yerevan in October 2026, Parties will take stock of progress and gaps in implementing the Framework. With biodiversity and ecosystems in continuing decline, the first global review of the Framework represents a critical opportunity to identify areas most in need of greater focus and accelerated action.

2. In its [decision 16/32](#), the Conference of the Parties agreed on how the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework would be conducted, highlighting that the global review would be a Party-led process and would draw upon relevant recommendations of the subsidiary bodies and working groups and the outcomes of relevant technical, subregional and regional dialogues. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate an informal technical dialogue among Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth representatives, academia, the private and financial sectors, experts and other stakeholders as part of the process leading up to the global review. This request was re-emphasized by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-seventh meeting² and by the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities at its first meeting.³

3. In response to the above-mentioned requests, a dialogue on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in support of the global review will be held in Kunming, China, from 7 to 9 September 2026, with a day for regional consultations on 6 September 2026. Upon request, regional and major groups will be provided a space to organize their own meetings.

* CBD/IMP/OM/2026/1/1.

¹ See [decision 15/6](#).

² See [recommendation 27/1](#).

³ See [recommendation 1/5](#).

4. The dialogue is being organized jointly by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Government of China, with the support of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. It will be attended by representatives of Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, academia and the private and financial sectors, as well as experts and other stakeholders and representatives of the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres. The dialogue is being convened with the financial support of the UNEP China Trust Fund, Germany, Netherlands (Kingdom of the) and Switzerland.

II. Objectives

5. The overall purpose of the informal technical dialogue is to allow Parties, experts and other observers to have an informal and technical discussion on the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework. The dialogue will be primarily based on the content, and in particular the key messages, of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework and other relevant inputs for the global review. The dialogue is an informal meeting and is not part of any negotiation process. Therefore, the content of the global report will not be revised or negotiated during the dialogue. Similarly, while the outcomes of the twenty-eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation may inform the discussions during the dialogue, they will not be directly discussed or negotiated. Furthermore, throughout the dialogue, conversation of a political nature or that relates to the negotiation processes under the Convention should be avoided. All knowledge and experiences should be respected as contributions to the discussion, with a view to promoting collaboration and building trust. To ensure a frank and open discussion, the dialogue will follow the Chatham House Rule. The main aims of the dialogue are to:

- (a) Develop a shared understanding of gaps and challenges in the collective progress made in the implementation of the Framework and to identify possible approaches for accelerating progress;
- (b) Identify opportunities to enhance scalable action and to support the implementation of the Framework, including to enhance whole-of-society and whole-of-government cooperation and initiatives;
- (c) Provide an open and inclusive platform for a discussion on how to galvanize commitments across all targets and elements of the Framework, in particular those targets, target elements and cross-cutting issues where progress most lags behind.

6. The final outcomes of the dialogue will be made available to the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting as two information documents:

- (a) A non-negotiated summary of the dialogue prepared by the Co-Chairs and issued on the last day of the dialogue;
- (b) A non-negotiated report by the Co-Chairs, published a few weeks after the closing of the dialogue, capturing specific suggestions, messages and practical options for further action to support accelerated implementation of the Framework.

III. Participation

7. It is estimated that the number of participants in the dialogue will be between 400 and 500 people. Balanced participation will promote interactive discussion and effective engagement. Consequently, the maximum number of participants permitted to register for the dialogue is:

- (a) Three participants from each Party;
- (b) Twenty representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities;
- (c) Ten representatives each of women and youth;

- (d) Eighty other participants, including representatives of academia and the private and financial sectors, experts and other stakeholders;
- (e) Two participants from each of the technical and scientific cooperation support centres.

IV. Organization of work

8. The dialogue will be held in English only. However, the host country may provide its own interpretation for its representatives.
9. The dialogue will be co-chaired by:
 - (a) Minister of Ecology and Environment of China, Huang Runqiu;
 - (b) Secretary of State (Nature) of Canada, Nathalie Provost.
10. The Co-Chairs will be responsible for providing strategic leadership throughout the process, encouraging active participation and engagement in the dialogue, sharing the outcomes of the dialogue and preparing a summary and report, supported by the Secretariat of the Convention.
11. The schedule for the dialogue is provided in the annex to the present note. The dialogue will be structured as follows:
 - (a) Opening plenary session:
 - (i) Welcoming remarks by the Minister of Ecology and Environment of China (as Co-Chair of the dialogue);
 - (ii) Welcoming remarks by the Governor of Yunnan Province, China, Wang Yubo;
 - (iii) Opening remarks by the Secretary of State (Nature) of Canada (as Co-Chair of the dialogue);
 - (iv) Opening remarks by the Minister of the Environment of Armenia, Hambardzum Matevosyan (as incoming President of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties);
 - (v) Opening remarks by the Executive Secretary of the Convention, Astrid Schomaker;
 - (vi) Presentation by the Secretariat of the Convention on the objectives and programme of the dialogue and key messages of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework;
 - (b) Group discussions (see section V for details);
 - (c) Closing plenary session:
 - (i) Presentation by the Co-Chairs on their summary of the dialogue;
 - (ii) Closing remarks by the Executive Secretary;
 - (iii) Closing remarks by the Governor of Yunnan Province, China.
12. In addition to the formal agenda, the dialogue will also have several informal events, including:
 - (a) A reception;
 - (b) A field visit;
 - (c) A networking session for representatives of the technical and scientific cooperation support centres. This session will provide a space for representatives of the centres to share information about their work and the experiences and lessons they have learned in supporting Parties to date. During these sessions, representatives of the centres will describe how their workplans address the findings of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework. The aim of this session is to initiate a dialogue

around challenges and opportunities in accelerating action and cooperation at the regional level to support national implementation;

13. A series of parallel online group discussions will also be held for those who cannot attend the dialogue in person.⁴ The plenary sessions of the dialogue will also be livestreamed.

V. Group discussions

14. The group discussions during the dialogue will be focused on five topics, which are based on the key messages of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework. The topics are:

- (a) Scope and coverage;
- (b) Action and implementation;
- (c) Means of implementation;
- (d) Whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches;
- (e) Data and knowledge.

15. For each topic, two guiding questions⁵ have been developed in collaboration with the members of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. During each 90-minute session, the five topics will be discussed in parallel in separate groups. Participants will then be asked to change groups, so that every participant has the opportunity to discuss each topic. For each topic, participants will be further divided into subgroups to facilitate the discussions. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the five topics twice (once for every guiding question). To ensure that groups are balanced in size, participants will be asked to choose in advance the order in which they wish to discuss the topics.

16. The members of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework will moderate each group discussion.

⁴ Details for the online sessions will be circulated through a notification accessible at www.cbd.int/notifications.

⁵ The background and guiding questions for each topic are described in a dedicated note available on the webpage of the meeting at www.cbd.int/meetings/IMP-OM-2026-02.

Annex

Indicative schedule

Time	6 September 2026		7 September 2026		8 September 2026	9 September 2026
9–10.30 a.m.	Meetings of regional and major groups		Opening plenary		Group discussion – Session 4 on first set of questions	Group discussion – Session 8 on second set of questions
10.30–11 a.m.			Coffee break			
11 a.m.–12.30 p.m.			Press conference	Group discussion – Session 1 on first set of questions	Group discussion – Session 5 on first set of questions	Group discussion – Session 9 on second set of questions
12.30–1.30 p.m.			Lunch break			
1.30–2 p.m.		Field visit	Group discussion – Session 2 on first set of questions		Group discussion – Session 6 on second set of questions	Group discussion – Session 10 on second set of questions
2–3 p.m.						
3–3.30 p.m.			Coffee break			
3.30–4 p.m.			Group discussion – Session 3 on first set of questions		Group discussion – Session 7 on second set of questions	Closing plenary
4–5 p.m.						
5–5.30 p.m.						
5.30–7 p.m.			Welcome reception		Networking session for representatives of the technical and scientific cooperation support centres	