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**Resource mobilization and financial mechanism:
financial mechanism**

**Identification of national funding priorities, including nationally
prioritized funding needs that could be considered as eligible for
funding under the financial mechanism during the period
July 2026 to June 2030****

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The present note complements document CBD/SBI/4/6 and is relevant to the assessment of the funding needed by developing countries and countries with economies in transition to support them in fulfilling their commitments under the Convention and its Protocols during the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).
2. To contribute to the assessment of funding needs to be conducted pursuant to paragraphs 13 and 14 and annex III of its decision 15/15, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 15 of that decision, invited developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to identify related national funding priorities, including nationally prioritized funding needs that could be considered as eligible for funding under the financial mechanism specifically for the period July 2026 to June 2030, and submit the results to the Executive Secretary for inclusion in the funding needs assessment.
3. To facilitate such submissions and the analysis of those submissions, the Secretariat has prepared a questionnaire contained in the annex to the present note. The questionnaire will be set up in an online system for submissions to be made starting in the third quarter of 2024.
4. The design of the questionnaire aligns with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the GEF programming directions of its eighth replenishment period (2022-2026). Its design draws on past experiences of using a questionnaire to gather information of funding priorities and needs.

* CBD/SBI/4/1.

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Annex

Questionnaire for the assessment of biodiversity funding needs during the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility, July 2026 to June 2030

Introduction and context

In its decision 15/15, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity invited developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to identify their national funding priorities, including nationally prioritized funding needs that could be considered as eligible for funding under the financial mechanism specifically for the period July 2026 to June 2030, and submit the results to the Convention Secretariat for inclusion in a global assessment of funding needs.

Conducting periodically an assessment of funding-needs responds to the commitment that the Conference of the Parties has assumed in its memorandum of understanding with the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) contained in decision III/8, annex, section 5.

In anticipation of the replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund, the Conference of the Parties will make an assessment of the amount of funds that are necessary to assist developing countries, in accordance with the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties, in fulfilling their commitments under the Convention and its Protocols over the next GEF replenishment cycle. On the occasion of each replenishment, GEF will, in its regular report to the Conference of the Parties, indicate how it has responded during the replenishment cycle to the previous assessment by the Conference of the Parties and inform the Conference of the Parties of the conclusion of replenishment negotiations. On the basis of that report, the Conference of the Parties will review the amount of funding necessary for the implementation of the Convention, on the occasion of each replenishment of the financial mechanism.

The results of the funding needs assessment for the ninth replenishment period (2026-2030) will be used to communicate biodiversity funding needs information to the GEF Council and the participants of the replenishment negotiations. This exercise is of importance to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework as the ninth replenishment period represents the final four-year period to provide financial support to eligible countries under the financial mechanism of the Convention and its Protocols towards the 2030 targets of the Framework.

The results of the funding needs assessment will be published on the convention website (<https://www.cbd.int/financial/gefneeds.shtml>). Parties that do not wish their response to be made public may inform the Secretariat by email to secretariat@cbd.int.

Representatives of Parties are kindly requested to complete the questionnaire on behalf of their country. Parties are encouraged to make a single submission addressing needs with respect to the Convention and its Protocols but are also welcome to provide separate submissions for the Convention, the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol (or any combination). Please provide information in section 1 on the approach taken. Please provide as much information in your submissions as possible, noting that it is understood that Parties may not be in a position to respond to all questions. .

For questions and technical support, please contact the Secretariat at: secretariat@cbd.int

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Note on the format of the questionnaire

Please note that some questions are repeated or may appear out of order due to the nature of the skip patterns in the online version of the questionnaire.

Section I. Respondent details

1.1. Country

[\(click here to choose\)](#)

1.2. Name of institution

1.3. Name of respondent

1.4. Job title

1.5. E-mail address

User@example.gov

1.6. Are you a designated national Focal Point in your country?

- National focal point of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Operational focal point of the Global Environment Facility
- National focal point of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- National focal point on access and benefit sharing
- No

1.7. Please upload letter of authorization of this submission signed by the national focal point and indicating the scope of the submission (Convention and/or Protocols).

1.8. Please briefly describe the process undertaken for the preparation of this response.

Section II. Status of national biodiversity planning in the light of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

2.1 Has your country revised or updated the national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP) aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework?

Yes

No

In process

If you answer “yes” please upload the updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan online;

If you answer “no” or “in process” please indicate the anticipated date of completion of the revision or updating of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan: _____

2.2 Has your country developed a national biodiversity finance plan in line with its NBSAP / the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework?

Yes

No

In process

If you answer “yes” please upload the national biodiversity finance plan online;

If you answer “no” or “in process” please indicate the anticipated date of completion of the national biodiversity finance plan: _____

3. Has your country implemented a Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BioFIN) project?

Yes

No

In process

If you answer “yes” please upload online your BioFIN project results, including Financial Needs Assessment and Biodiversity Finance Plan;

If you answer “no” or “in process” please describe the status and progress of your BioFIN project:

Section III. National Priorities for Implementation

3.1 What are your national funding priorities related to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework?

3.2 Please describe how your national funding priorities respond to the targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Target 1: Plan and manage all areas to reduce biodiversity loss

Target 2: Restore 30% of all degraded ecosystems

Target 3: Conserve 30% of land, waters and seas

Target 4: Halt species extinction, protect genetic diversity, and manage human-wildlife conflicts

Target 5: Ensure sustainable, safe and legal harvesting and trade of wild species

Target 6: Reduce the introduction of invasive alien species by 50% and minimize their impact

Target 7: Reduce pollution to levels that are not harmful to biodiversity

Target 8: Minimize the impacts of climate change on biodiversity and build resilience

Target 9: Manage wild species sustainably to benefit people

Target 10: Enhance biodiversity and sustainability in agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, and forestry

Target 11: Restore, maintain and enhance nature's contributions to people

Target 12: Enhance green spaces and urban planning for human well-being and biodiversity

Target 13: Increase the sharing of benefits from genetic resources, digital sequence information and traditional knowledge

Target 14: Integrate biodiversity in decision-making at every level

Target 15: Businesses assess, disclose and reduce biodiversity-related risks and negative impacts

Target 16: Enable sustainable consumption choices to reduce waste and overconsumption

Target 17: Strengthen biosafety and distribute the benefits of biotechnology

Target 18: Reduce harmful incentives by at least \$500 billion per year, and scale-up positive incentives for biodiversity

Target 19: Mobilize \$200 billion per year for biodiversity from all sources, including \$30 billion through international finance

Target 20: Strengthen capacity-building, technology transfer, and scientific and technical cooperation for biodiversity

Target 21: Ensure that knowledge is available and accessible to guide biodiversity action

Target 22: Ensure participation in decision-making and access to justice and information related to biodiversity for all

Target 23: Ensure gender equality and a gender-responsive approach for biodiversity action

3.3 What is the total estimated costs (in millions of US dollars) of related national funding priorities?
(This information can be either taken directly from relevant existing national documents or consolidated from relevant existing national documents)

3.4 What is the expected domestic funding (all sources) (in millions of US dollars) for the related national funding priorities?
(Total estimated costs should be covered by expected domestic and external funding combined)

3.5 What is the expected government funding (national and subnational) (in millions of US dollars) for the related national funding priorities?
(This refers to all public sector funding, including governments at all levels, government-sponsored enterprises, national public financial institutions etc.)

3.6 What is the expected domestic nongovernmental funding (in millions of US dollars) for the related national funding priorities?

(This refers to funding from non-profit sector, such as non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, local communities etc.)

3.7 What is the expected domestic private funding (in millions of US dollars) for the related national funding priorities?

(This refers to funding from profit-seeking sector, such as business and corporations.)

3.8 What is the expected external funding (all sources) (in millions of US dollars) for the related national funding priorities?

(Total estimated costs should be covered by expected domestic and external funding combined)

3.9 What is the expected external public funding (in millions of US dollars) for the related national funding priorities?

(This refers to funding from external public sector, such as bilateral official agencies, intergovernmental and international organizations, multilateral and regional public financial institutions, etc.)

3.10 What is the expected external nongovernmental funding (in millions of US dollars) for the related national funding priorities?

(This refers to funding from external non-profit sector, such as international and regional non-governmental organizations, conservation organizations, charities, etc.)

3.11 What is the expected foreign private funding (in millions of US dollars) for the related national funding priorities?

(This refers to funding from foreign profit-seeking sector, such as multinational corporations, etc.)

Section IV. Nationally prioritized funding needs that could be considered as eligible for funding under the Global Environment Facility for the period July 2026 to June 2030

4.1. Please describe how national focal points of the Convention and its Protocols have collaborated with operational focal points of the Global Environment Facility, and consulted with national focal points of other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, in national biodiversity projects/programmes planning and/or national biodiversity project pipeline development

4.2. Please describe how the GEF-8 resource allocations have been utilized and/or planned for use in your country?

4.3 Please indicate how the use of your GEF-8 country resource allocations contributes to the targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework?

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4.4 Please describe how you have considered incremental cost reasoning and co-financing in your response?

4.5 Intended GEF-9 project details (in millions of US dollars)

(This section will appear on a project-basis online)

Reference number

Project title

(Please use a project title that can broadly cover all intended project components)

Expected total project cost

(Total estimated costs should be covered by expected domestic and external funding combined)

Expected domestic contributions (all sources)

(This refers to governmental, non-governmental and private funding and contributions)

Expected domestic governmental funding, including counterpart contribution

(This refers to all public sector funding, including governments at all levels, government-sponsored enterprises, national public financial institutions etc.)

Expected external funding (all sources)

(This refers to all external funding, including official development assistance, financial mechanisms, charities and private sources)

Expected GEF grant

(This refers to the value added by GEF financing to achieve global environmental benefits using the incremental cost principle as per GEF guidance)

Expected GEF non-grant instrument funding, if appropriate

(This refers to GEF financing on a concessional basis as per GEF guidance on non-grant instruments)

Expected links to GEF integrated programs, if appropriate

- Food systems integrated program
- Ecosystem restoration integrated program
- Sustainable cities integrated program
- Amazon, Congo, and critical forest biomes integrated program
- Circular solutions to plastic pollution integrated program
- Blue and green islands integrated program
- Clean and healthy ocean integrated program
- Net-zero nature-positive accelerator integrated program
- Wildlife conservation for development integrated program
- Greening transportation infrastructure development integrated program
- Elimination of hazardous chemicals from supply chains integrated program

Expected links to GEF global programs, if appropriate

- Delivery pathways of integrated programs to blue and green recovery
- Mobilizing private investment for environmental goals through the blended finance global program (non-grant instruments)
- Country engagement strategy
- Maximizing the contribution of local actions, civil society, and the GEF corporate program for the small grants programme to support the GEF ambition in GEF-8 and beyond
- Innovations window

Expected links to GEF focal area strategies:

- BD1. Improve conservation, sustainable use, and restoration of natural ecosystems (Goals A and B of the GBF)
- BD2. Effectively implement the Cartagena and Nagoya protocols (Goals A, B and C of the GBF)
- BD3. Increase mobilization of domestic resources for biodiversity (contribution to GOAL D of the GBF)
- BD4.1 Enabling Activities
- BD4.2 Inclusive Conservation Initiative
- CC1.1. Accelerate the efficient use of energy and materials.
- CC1.2. Enable the transition to decarbonized power systems.

- CC1.3. Scale up zero-emission mobility of people and goods.
- CC1.4. Promote Nature-based Solutions with high mitigation potential.
- CC2.1. Support capacity-building needs for transparency under the Paris Agreement through the CBIT.
- CC2.2. Support relevant Convention obligations and enabling activities.
- LD1. Avoid and reduce land degradation through sustainable land management (SLM)
- LD2. Reverse land degradation through landscape restoration
- LD3. Address desertification, land degradation, and drought (DLDD) issues, particularly in drylands
- LD4. Improve the enabling policy and institutional framework for LDN
- IW1. Accelerate joint action to support a Sustainable Blue Economy
- IW2. Advance management in the Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ)
- IW3. Enhance water security in shared freshwater ecosystems
- CW1: Create, strengthen and support the enabling environment and policy coherence to transform the manufacture, use and sound management of chemicals and to eliminate waste and chemical pollution.
- CW2: Prevent future buildup of hazardous chemicals and waste in the environment
- CW3: Eliminate hazardous chemicals and waste

4.5 Please indicate how your intended GEF-9 projects will contribute to the implementation of the targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework?

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Section V. Conclusions on the national assessment of funding priorities and needs for the implementation of the Convention, its Protocol and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

5.1 Please provide a summary assessment of funding needs arising out of the implementation of the Convention, its Protocols, and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including main progress achieved and major challenges encountered in preparing the assessment, particularly those related to gaps and constraints in generating the requisite information due to the incomplete conclusion of national biodiversity planning

5.2 Please provide suggestions on how the future assessments of funding needs for the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund could be conducted.

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