

Organization of the work of the contact group on agenda item 3

The monitoring framework

1. Under agenda item 2 (organization of work), it is anticipated that the Chair of SBSTTA will propose to reconvene the contact group on agenda item 3, to be co-chaired by Mr. Andrew Stott (UK) and Mr. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana). This note provides an approach and guiding questions as terms of reference for the contact group.
2. The contact group will provide specific advice on the monitoring framework, on the basis of the non-paper on the monitoring framework which has been posted prior to the resumed meeting. The existing L-document on the monitoring framework (CBD/SBSTTA/24/L.3) provides a draft recommendation which makes reference to the monitoring framework to be provided in annex I, which is as yet empty. Thus, the expected outcome of the discussion in the contact group is to develop a draft monitoring framework that can be annexed to the existing draft recommendation contained in CBD/SBSTTA/24/L.3, for adoption by SBSTTA in plenary and further consideration by COP-15.
3. The contact group on the monitoring framework will take into account and receive guidance from SBI-3, including the SBI contact group on the review mechanism which will be discussing, among other things, the role of indicators in national analysis and reporting and global analysis. The SBI contact group's discussion on the requirements, timing and intended use of indicators in national reports and global analysis of progress on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will occur prior to this SBSTTA contact group on the monitoring framework to facilitate the discussion. The co-chairs of the SBI contact group will be invited to the first session of the contact group to present the SBI recommendations on the use of indicators in reporting and review mechanisms.
4. The timing of the individual contact groups sessions takes into account the timing of the WG2020 contact groups on the post-2020 GBF, thus enabling consideration of the relevant sections of the draft monitoring framework after the corresponding elements of the post-2020 GBF were considered by the WG2020 contact group. In line with the revised scenario note (CBD/SBSTTA/24/1/Add.2/Rev.2) and the joint organization of work contained therein, the proposed allocation of tasks for the contact group is summarized in the table below. As appropriate, each session of the contact group may initiate its consideration by hearing a de-brief by the co-leads of the relevant WG2020 contact group.
5. Given the limited amount of time at the disposition of the contact group, focus will be given to the consideration of the proposed headline indicators, while also taking into account the associated component and complementary indicators (for example, see point three below). Thus, for each goal or target, the contact group is expected to conduct its work as guided by the following questions:
 - (a) Is the indicator relevant to key elements of the target, any other goals and targets and the framework as a whole
 - (b) Is the indicator technically feasible to use at the national level – are national level data available, can they be aggregated
 - (c) Is the indicator technically feasible at the global level – can it be disaggregated
 - (d) Is the indicator ready to use now or in the near future
6. The contact group would collect views by Parties and seek to reach common understanding along the traffic light system above (i.e. which traffic light to assign). Based on these reviews, it is anticipated to prepare a revised non-paper for consideration by the last session of the contact group and, upon agreement, for bringing it back to SBSTTA for further consideration in plenary.
7. Under Goals A to D, it is noted that the proposed milestones are still under discussion by WG2020. Given that the proposed indicators are designed to support monitoring of both the goals as well as of any

associated milestones, it is not anticipated that the contact group needs to have a separate discussion on milestones.

Date	
17 March (afternoon session)	Review of indicators for Targets 1-6
17 March (evening session)	Review on indicators for Targets 9-13
18 March (evening session)	Review on indicators for Targets 14-21
21 March (evening session)	Review of indicators for Targets 20,21 and 7-8; Review of indicators for Goals A-D and paragraphs 1-7 of the Annex
23 March (evening session)	Review of two non-papers: (a) a revised monitoring framework document; (b) a list of indicators proposed in session.
