

Progress report on the implementation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development and the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

Recommends that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt elements of a decision along the following lines:¹

The Conference of the Parties

I Capacity-building and development

1. *Takes note* of the outcomes of the first meeting of the Biodiversity Capacity-Building and Development Forum, convened in Cali, Colombia, on 19 October 2024;²

1bis Also takes note of capacity gaps and barriers identified in the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and underscores the urgent need to address these barriers;

2. *Invites* Parties, subnational and local governments indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and other relevant organizations to consider, as appropriate, the key messages and recommendations from the Forum³ in the design and implementation of their capacity-building and development actions according to their needs, circumstances and local contexts;

3. *Invites* the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and other regional bodies and relevant organizations to hold, as appropriate, regional capacity-building and development forums, with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth representatives and other relevant stakeholders to facilitate regional cooperation, peer learning, the sharing of experiences, good practices and lessons learned in capacity-building and development in support of national and regional biodiversity strategies and action plans and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;⁴

4. *Takes note* of the progress report⁵ in the implementation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development;⁶

5. *Invites* Parties, , subnational and local governments indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and other relevant organizations to share the experiences and lessons learned in designing capacity-building and development initiatives and programmes using the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework, through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism.

6. *Urges* developed country Parties in accordance with Article 20, and *invites* Parties, other Governments, and relevant stakeholders including the private sector in a position to do so to provide and facilitate access to adequate, predictable and sustainable financial and

¹ If adopted, the present elements will be consolidated with those in recommendation [6/5](#) of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation into a single draft decision.

² See www.cbd.int/cb/2024-cbd-forum-report.pdf.

³ www.cbd.int/cb/cbd-2024-forum-key-messages.pdf.

⁴ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

⁵ [CBD/SBI/7/INF/8](#).

⁶ Decision [15/8](#), annex I.

technical support to design and implement capacity-building and development activities using the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework.;

7. *Invites* the support centres and relevant organizations, in line with the requests formulated by Parties, to design and implement capacity-building and development activities using the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework in particular the strengthening of regional cooperation, exchanges of experiences and peer learning;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To develop, in collaboration with the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation, practical and user-friendly guidance and learning materials, including a step-by-step guide and e-learning modules on the design and implementation of capacity-building and development using the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework including methods and indicators for measuring the effectiveness, sustainability and long-term impact of capacity-building initiatives, to support implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and to make such materials available through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism;

(b) To facilitate, in collaboration with the support centres and relevant organizations, the organization of capacity-building and development activities, including training-of-trainers workshops and peer-to-peer learning exchanges technical mentoring and advisory support for Parties, subnational and local governments, and indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations.

(c) To collaborate with the Biodiversity Finance Initiative and relevant organizations to organize capacity-building activities for Parties, including their ministries responsible for finance, economic planning and national development, as well as indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations, on ways to mobilize domestic resources and gain access to international financing for capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer;

(d) To convene, in collaboration with partners, a third meeting of the Biodiversity Capacity-Building and Development Forum to facilitate the sharing of experiences, good practices and lessons learned in capacity-building and development in support of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(e) To monitor, in collaboration with the Informal Advisory Group and partner organizations, including indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth organizations, initiatives aimed at supporting the implementation of Target 20 of the Framework, and to compile emerging lessons and good practices and make them available through the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism;

(f) To submit a progress report on the activities outlined in subparagraphs (a) to (e) above to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting.

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Technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer

9. *Welcomes* the progress report on the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism;⁷

⁷ CBD/SBI/7/INF/10.

10. *Notes with concern*; that adequate financial resources have not been made available to the support centres and global coordination entity to fully operationalize their activities;

11. *Expresses appreciation* to the Secretariat for initiating the operations of the Global Coordination Entity and providing staff to support the Entity's work until such time as the Entity becomes fully operational;

12. *Also expresses appreciation* to support centres for their continued commitment and contributions during the intersessional period in advancing technical and scientific cooperation;

13. *Further expresses appreciation* in that regard for the support provided by the Republic of Korea, through the Bio-Bridge Initiative and a Junior Professional Officer post in the Secretariat, and the financial contribution made by the European Union through voluntary contributions to facilitate the initial operationalization of the Global Coordination Entity;

14. *[Approves] [Takes note]* the proposed workplan [and the-budget] of the Global Coordination Entity for the biennium 2027–2028, as contained in the annex to the present decision;

15. *Requests* the support centres to take into account the gaps and challenges noted in the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the KMGBF and the seventh national reports, including challenges in the use of indicators summarised in CBD/SBSTTA/28/INF/11, when providing capacity building and development support to Parties;

16. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, United Nations entities, relevant international organizations, development agencies, research institutions, academia, the private sector and other stakeholders in a position to do so to provide adequate, predictable multi-year and sustainable financial and in-kind contributions to support the programmes and operations of the Global Coordination Entity and the support centres;

17. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, and *invites* the Kunming Biodiversity Fund, the Green Climate Fund and other relevant multilateral funds and international financial institutions, in accordance with their mandates, to consider providing funding, upon request by eligible Parties in line with their priorities and needs, projects and programmes of the support centres designed to provide, technical and scientific support;

18. *Urges* Parties, and *invites* other Governments, subnational and local governments, United Nations entities, relevant international organizations, development agencies, research institutions, academia, the private sector and other stakeholders to work actively with and support the support centres and the Global Coordination Entity in addressing the challenges limiting their operations and effectiveness;

19. *Encourages* Parties, the support centres, and relevant organizations to ensure that technical and scientific cooperation and capacity-building activities are implemented with the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations, including through the co-design of programmes, identification of capacity needs, joint research, knowledge exchange and the development of technologies, in line with decision 15/8 and 16/3;

20. *Requests* the support centres, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To accelerate the establishment and operationalization of their governance structures and institutional frameworks;

(b) To develop and progressively scale up demand-driven support packages for Parties, and indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations, based

on their identified priorities and needs and use appropriate delivery modalities, including regional expert rosters, help desks and matchmaking mechanisms, to respond to the demand for assistance.

(c) To further mobilize resources from all sources, including by developing joint project pipelines for donor support and leveraging innovative financing solutions;

(d) To submit to the Global Coordination Entity their workplans for the biennium 2027–2028 based on the needs and priorities identified by the Parties that they support

(e) To submit to the Global Coordination Entity activity reports for the biennium 2027–2028, with a view to facilitating the preparation of a progress report on the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;

21. *Requests* the Global Coordination Entity, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To increase resource mobilization efforts and assist the support centres to do the same, including by supporting project proposal development, identifying and engaging potential financial sources including by ~~and~~ convening round tables, and assist the support centres to develop a multi-year resource mobilization strategy with concrete funding targets and timelines;

(b) To enhance coordination, collaboration and knowledge exchange among the support centres through, inter alia, the holding of regular coordination meetings, including at least one in-person meeting of their programme coordinators in each biennium, to facilitate experience sharing, peer-to-peer learning and the development of joint initiatives;

(c) To develop, in consultation with the support centres and with assistance from the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation, a common monitoring and evaluation framework comprising indicators to assess the outcomes and impacts of their activities and reporting templates for the centres, including through sex-disaggregated data, with a view to ensuring the consistent tracking of outcomes and the effectiveness of technical and scientific cooperation support and to facilitating the review of progress by the Subsidiary Body of Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(d) To submit to the Secretariat a progress report on its work and, on the basis of the biennial activity reports of the support centres, on the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism for the biennium 2027–2028, through an information document submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting

(e) To submit a proposed workplan and budget for the biennium 2029–2030, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting.

22. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To further facilitate the full and effective operationalization of the Global Coordination Entity;

(b) To increase resource mobilization efforts to support the work of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism, including by actively engaging with, as appropriate, multilateral funding sources, such as bilateral and multilateral financial institutions, development banks, philanthropic organizations and the private sector, with a view to securing dedicated, predictable and sustained funding accessible by the Global Coordination Entity and

the support centres, while recognizing that private sector support should complement and not replace public international support for capacity-building ;

(c) To strengthen collaboration with other biodiversity-related conventions, multilateral environment agreements, United Nations entities and relevant partners, with a view to enhancing cooperation and complementarity, reducing fragmentation and maximizing the collective impact of capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation in support of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

(d) To transmit the progress report on the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism, as prepared by the Global Coordination Entity further to subparagraph 19 (e) above, through an information document submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting.

Annex

Proposed Workplan of the Global Coordination Entity for the biennium 2027–2028

Table 1
Biennial workplan

<i>Strategic priorities and outcomes</i>	<i>Main activities and outputs</i>	<i>Time frame</i>
1. Institutional and operational capacity of the Global Coordination Entity strengthened	[1.1 Permanent staff of the Entity recruited]	Second quarter of 2027
2. Coordination, collaboration and knowledge exchange improved among the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres	2.1 Monthly coordination meetings held	Ongoing
	2.2 Biennial coordination meetings (one in person and one virtual)	First quarter of 2027 (online)
	2.3 Ongoing communication and exchange of information facilitated	Ongoing
	2.4 Workplan and reporting templates further developed	First quarter of 2027
	2.5 Progress reports prepared for meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and of the Conference of the Parties	Second quarter of 2028
3. Capacity of the support centres strengthened	3.1 Global help desk fully operationalized	Second quarter of 2027
	3.2 Technical assistance and guidance provided to the support centres	Ongoing
	3.3 Technical information and tools delivered	Ongoing
	3.4 Capacity-building activities, including peer-to-peer learning, facilitated (on demand)	Ongoing
4. New partnerships leveraged and resources mobilized	4.1 Resource mobilization strategy prepared and implemented	First quarter of 2027
	4.2 Support centres linked to various funding sources	Ongoing
	4.3 Key global partners mapped and additional strategic partnerships established	Ongoing
	4.4 In-kind support, including secondments, mobilized	Ongoing

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5. Communications and visibility of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism enhanced	5.1 Branding for the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism completed and additional promotional materials developed	First quarter of 2027
	5.2 Events organized to promote and showcase the work and achievements of the Global Coordination Entity and the support centres	Fourth quarter of 2028
	5.3 Social media posts prepared and disseminated	Ongoing
	5.4 Web pages of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism and of the support centres improved	Second quarter of 2027

[Table 2
Biennial budget
 (United States dollars)]

<i>Budget item</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Staff	
1 P-4	537 800
1 P-2	361 800
1 G-7	225 800
Consultants	80 000
Staff travel ^a	60 000
Activities	
Annual coordination meetings ^b	80 832
Operating costs ^c	6 000
Subtotal	1 352 232
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	175 790
Total	1 528 022

^a Including missions to the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and other related travel.

^b Including airfare and daily subsistence allowance for representatives of the support centres to attend at least one in-person meeting by biennium.

^c Operational costs specially required by the Global Coordination Entity, such as software licences. Other core operating costs, including office space, computers and other office equipment, office supplies, Internet connection and communication support, will be provided by the Secretariat of the Convention.]