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Monitoring framework for the
Kunming-Montreal Global
Biodiversity Framework**

Comments on the outputs of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In its decision 15/5, the Conference of the Parties adopted the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and established the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators to advise on the further operationalization of the monitoring framework. The Expert Group provided an update on its work to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-fifth meeting, and the final outcomes of its work are being made available to the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-sixth meeting.
2. In its recommendation 25/1, the Subsidiary Body requested the Expert Group to make the revised metadata for each indicator, in particular on headline indicators that do not have an existing methodology, and additional explanatory information on the list of binary questions, including guidance on the methodologies that will be used to compile the global indicators based on the binary responses, the thresholds for responding to the questions and a glossary of key terms, available in due time for review by the Parties before the twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, and requested the Executive Secretary to compile and make available the views received from Parties.
3. The aforementioned information is included in document CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/14: *Guidance on using the indicators of the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework*. A number of other information documents, which were used by the Expert Group to develop this guidance, have also been made available for the Subsidiary Body at its twenty-sixth meeting.
4. In response to the above recommendation 25/1, the Secretariat issued notification [2024-033](#) on 8 April 2024 inviting Parties, Indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant

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organizations to submit comments on the guidance provided by the Expert Group on using the indicators of the monitoring framework. The Secretariat provided a template for the submission of these comments. Section II of this document includes a review of the comments received in response to this notification.

5. In addition to inviting comments on the guidance prepared by the Expert Group, the Secretariat supported the Expert Group members as they organized a series of webinars over April and May 2024 to share information and encourage discussion on the guidance provided on the use of indicators in the monitoring framework. The webinars were specifically timed to share this information ahead of the twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body to support Parties in their preparation of submitting comments and in preparing for the meeting. A brief summary of the webinars is provided in Section III of this document.

6. This document supports the consideration of document CBD/SBSTTA/26/2 on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

II. Comments received related to the guidance provided by the Expert Group on using the indicators of the monitoring framework

7. As of 7 May 2024, twenty submissions have been received by the Secretariat in response to notification 2024-033 from:

- a. Twelve Parties (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Belgium, France, Kenya, Japan, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Canada, Switzerland, European Union, Denmark); and
- b. Eight observers (United Nations Ocean Decade ECOPs Programme Africa, RMIB-LAC, CDP, Global Reporting Initiative, CropLife International, Ghent University-International Plant Biotechnology Outreach, the Secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, and the World Benchmarking Alliance).

8. The original submissions have been made available on the notification webpage¹. This document only provides an overview of the comments received, it does not aim to provide a full analysis.

9. Almost all Parties (92 per cent) included general comments in their submissions with 50 per cent of the Parties welcoming the work of the Expert Group as part of their general comments. Similarly, 92 per cent of Parties provided comments related to a specific indicator or section of the guidance in their submission.

10. Similarly, 75 per cent of the submissions from Observers included general comments with 50 per cent of Observers welcoming the work of the Expert Group. All submissions from Observers included comments specific to indicators or sections of the guidance.

III. Summary of the series of webinars organized by the members of the ad hoc technical expert group on indicators

11. To support Parties in preparing for the twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body and to provide information which may be relevant for Parties in preparing to respond to notification 2024-033, the members of the ad hoc technical expert group on indicators, supported by the Secretariat, and joined by partners, hosted a series of webinars² over April and May 2024 to describe and discuss the guidance the Expert Group has provided.

12. In total, the Expert Group conducted 17 webinars. Four other webinars were provided by other organizations and partners.

¹ Available at www.cbd.int/notifications/2024-033.

² Available at www.cbd.int/conferences/indicators-ahteg/webinars.

13. The first webinar was provided by a Co-Chair of the Expert Group and it provided a general overview of the series of webinars, its purpose, and the process undertaken by the Expert Group in developing the guidance. The webinars that followed provided in-depth explanations and discussion on topics such as the use of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting, the Global Ecosystem Typology and the link with the traditional knowledge indicators, and others discussed indicators and monitoring for goals and targets of the Framework including: A.1, A.2, A.4, B.1, C.1, C.2, D.1, D.2, D.3, 2.1, 3.1, 6.1, 9.2, 7.2, 13.b, 15.1, 18.1, 18.2, 22.1, and section C of the Framework. The webinars organized by the Expert Group also discussed overarching issues including what the monitoring framework can (and cannot) measure, gaps in the monitoring framework, and next steps including research needs. Capacity needs and opportunities for national monitoring have also been discussed.

14. The results of the Expert Group will also be shared in a workshop which will be held back-to-back with the Subsidiary Body in Nairobi. The workshop will have remote viewing access. It is to be held on 11 May 2024.³

15. For the webinars organized by the Expert Group members, the total persons registered was 1379, with the live attendees including 1057 people. Nine of the webinars organized by the Expert Group members are posted to YouTube on the CBD Channel, and these have accumulated 1244 views as of 7 May 2024. The remaining webinars will be posted shortly.

16. Recordings of the webinars remain available as a resource to Parties and the public on the CBD website.⁴

³ More details available at: www.cbd.int/meetings/SBSTTA-OM-2024-01.

⁴ Available at www.cbd.int/conferences/indicators-ahteg/webinars.