

## **Intervention Norway - Review of progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.**

Thank you Madame Chair

The need to strengthen implementation should be at the centre of discussions leading up to Kunming. This is a vital message underlined by GBO-5, and that resonates well with this agenda item.

While there has been encouraging progress towards elements of the Aichi Targets, progress on the whole has been limited.

National targets and commitments set by Parties through National Biodiversity strategies and Actions Plans, NBSAPs, are collectively not corresponding with the level of ambition set out in the Aichi Targets.

Also, Indigenous peoples and local communities, traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use are not adequately reflected in the implementation

We have to change this.

SBI will play an important role in providing input to the Open Ended Working Group, for the development of an strengthened implementation mechanism post 2020, under agenda item 11.

Reviewing progress towards the goals and targets of the Global Biodiversity Framework on a regular basis, with the aim of increased effort and actions, is key for a successful implementation. However, limiting the review of progress to one agenda item at COP will not bring about the change we need. At the moment there is no real expectation that Parties will increase and adjust measures necessary to enhance implementation, following the review. This needs to change.

We suggest a stronger role for SBI in the review and follow up of the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework and the Convention post 2020.

The SBI should periodically take stock of the implementation of the GBF to assess the collective progress toward the goals and targets through a global biodiversity stocktake.

The global biodiversity stocktake should be comprehensive and facilitative, considering all objectives of the CBD and the means of implementation and support. The stocktake should be based on latest IPBES reports, best available science and a compilation of national reports.

The outcome of the Global Biodiversity Stocktake should inform the next round of revision of NBSAP, creating a “feed-back loop” of information and action where parties gradually improve their efforts. Recognizing that Parties’ starting points and capabilities differ.

We underline the importance of involving Indigenous peoples and local communities in decision-making processes and in the development of indicators for the post 2020 framework. We also encourage parties to put measures in place to enhance awareness and understanding of gender and biodiversity linkages.

It is not only biodiversity that will be suffering if the implementation post 2020 does not significantly improve. This will also undermine other goals, such as temperature goals in the Paris Agreement and The sustainable developments goals.

Thank you Chair,