

## **On behalf of the European Union and its Member States**

### **AI 7- Capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer, knowledge management, and communication**

*Madam/Mister Chair,*

I speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

We underline the importance of this item to support the effective implementation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (Post-2020 GBF). Science tells us that we need transformative change. So, we need the capacity, technical and scientific cooperation, the knowledge and communication for such transformative change.

We look forward to working with other Parties to improve the documents, including before the formal SBI-3.

We welcome the draft long term Strategic Framework for Capacity Development and the draft proposals to strengthen technical and scientific cooperation.

The EU and its Member States support the idea of developing National Capacity Development Plans or related components, integrated into the updated NBSAPs. Capacity development at national level needs to be structurally embedded in relevant organisations and institutions.

We support the use and improvement of existing tools, communities of practice, support networks and the development of inter-operability of relevant platforms, welcoming the engagement of the private sector. Proposals for new tools need to be evaluated based on their added value.

We seek further clarifications on the options for institutional arrangements for technical and scientific cooperation, mainly on the selection process, the resource mobilization strategy, including funding solutions, and the defined criteria for the proposed centres.

Regarding capacity development under the Cartagena Protocol, and building on our statement under SBI-3 agenda item 5, we are convinced that capacity building can best be addressed with stand-alone documents. We therefore, suggest discussing the Capacity Building Action Plan for the Cartagena Protocol under a specific agenda item at COP-MOP 10.

We take note of the evaluation of the strategic framework for capacity-building and development to support the effective implementation of the Nagoya protocol, and agree that this strategic framework should be revised in line with the Post-2020 GBF, as well as the long-term strategic framework for capacity-development. We emphasize the need to adapt future capacity development activities to the ABS elements of the future Post-2020 GBF.

The EU and its Member States welcome the Knowledge Management component of the Post-2020 GBF, with the important role of the Clearing House Mechanism and the Clearing Houses. The Bioland tool for the National Clearing House Mechanism should

be further developed and should include inter-operability with the Clearing Houses, and other information sources.

The European Commission and UNEP-WCMC are exploring setting up a global Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity notably for tracking progress on targets and goals. We invite all to reflect with us on how to best use such a Centre.

We find the communication strategy for the implementation of the Post-2020 GBF very important. The role of the CBD secretariat would be, in particular, to develop a strategic steer and frame for magnifying the communication efforts by all relevant organisations.

We are still developing final positions on this item as several documents were available only recently.

*Thank you, Madam/Mister Chair.*