

**Intervention Norway- agenda item 7 Capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer, knowledge management, and communication.**

Thank you Madame chair,

Capacity development, technical and scientific collaboration, knowledge management and communication are all essential measures to reach the goals and targets of the post 2020 framework. The note from the secretariat outlines an ambitious escalation of efforts to be funded by GEF and voluntary contributions.

Norway notes that the capacity development strategy that the secretariat has prepared in accordance with Resolution 14.24 is comprehensive.

We agree that elements relating to capacity development, technical scientific cooperation and knowledge and information sharing should be strengthened for the post 2020 framework.

We do however question the need to copy several of the mechanisms established under the climate convention, as suggested in the document. Climate and biodiversity should increasingly be seen in context, but we do not see this being achieved by establishing parallel structures under the secretariats of the two conventions.

Capacity development needs to be demand-driven and seen in the context of national plans. It should be carried out by competent institutions and entities that have experience in capacity development. Technical and scientific cooperation and IPBES' role in compiling knowledge and capacity development are essential, as is communication and outreach to engage actors outside the biodiversity family.

The secretariat should limit their own role in this area and encourage other more experienced actors to take the lead. The secretariat should focus on compiling reports and analyses of progress, and make this available for parties and relevant operating actors of capacity development.

We will actively participate in SBI's deliberation on this agenda item with the aim of obtaining a decision at COP 15. The elements of capacity building that are linked to the post 2020 process should be forwarded to the Open ended working group and seen in connection with the discussion that takes place in the negotiations on a new global framework

Thank you Madame Chair