

MALAWI'S INTERVENTION ON AGENDA ITEM 7: CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND COMMUNICATION

Malawi supports the statement made by DRC on behalf of Africa and sees a great need to invest in capacity, technology transfer and strategic communication for ensuring the effective implementation of the Framework. We join Ethiopia to recognise the support through GEF and Bilateral arrangements towards capacity building over the years.

We are pleased to note the steps being proposed towards ensuring commitment towards implementation mechanisms for GBF, specifically with regards to capacity building and technology transfer. Whilst the alignment of the capacity building framework and the GBF are important, we would like to echo that the ambition raised in goals and targets of the post 2020 GBF need corresponding capacity building ambition.

We have noted the proposals for an inclusive process to review and renew technical and scientific cooperation programmes in Annexe II of CBD/SBI/3/7 and our preference is to have a combination of the options proposed, either option 1 with 2 or option 2 with 3 (Funds permitting). Option 1 or 3 will allow timely expert review whilst option 2 will ensure engagement with countries which is important for this crucial topic. It is very important that the outcomes of the review produce a proposed monitoring, review and reporting framework for the programmes and initiatives aligned to the Post 2020 GBF and

provide clarity on how resources will be mobilised to support the implementation of initiatives as proposed.

We welcome the formation of the advisory committee on capacity building. In addition to the proposed criteria for selection of experts to the advisory group, we would like to add that the experts selected to the group should also have experience in mobilising resources for capacity building and experience in monitoring capacity building activities which are very important for the work of the group.

We welcome the recommendation to establish a one stop global support centre to promote and facilitate technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer among Parties to support the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

With regards to the communication strategy, Malawi Welcomes the recommendations to the executive secretary towards development of a comprehensive communication strategy to accompany the post 2020 GBF. We would like to stress that how we develop the post 2020 GBF will be just as important as how we communicate it. Malawi would like to call on the need to also look at targets and goals in the GBF under development from a communication point of view. Our goals and targets need to be developed in a tactical and deliberate way that highlights their importance and gets them the needed attention. We therefore would like to urge other parties and relevant organisations that as

we evaluate the goals and targets of the post 2020 GBF, we should also evaluate them from a communication point of view to ensure that we develop a GBF that is easy to communicate to increase chances of its uptake and achieving its objectives.

We have also noted the various reports on the assessments done by WWF and others to assess the levels of awareness and communication outcomes. Feedback mechanisms are crucial to determine the success of communication efforts. We therefore recommend that the communication strategy being proposed should have a corresponding monitoring framework to provide feedback on success of implementation.

Thank you.