



**Fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation
21-29 May 2024, Nairobi, Kenya**

AGENDA ITEM 7: Cooperation with other conventions and international organisations

DATE: MAY 23, 2024

Statement on behalf of the **International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)** by Daisy Chepkopus Lokatap, African Indigenous Women Organization

Thank you Chair

I am speaking on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB).

The IIFB welcomes the report contained in CBD document SBI/4/10.

The IIFB notes the meetings between the SCBD Secretariat together with the members of the UN Permanent Forum for Indigenous Issues towards Article 8(j) recommendations from the permanent forum.

The IIFB proposes that a reference to the UN Human Rights Council Resolution 52/23 on the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment be added to Section A of Chapter II. This resolution welcomes that the implementation of the KMGBF should follow a human rights-based approach and encourages States to update and implement their NBSAPs, and thus contribute to the achievement of the KMGBF.

The IIFB has recommendations in SBI/4/10

In paragraph 74, in the sub-paragraph beginning with

Reaffirming the cooperation among ... after the word *initiatives*, insert **WITH FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN, YOUTH**

In the paragraph that begins with

7. *Encourages* Parties to further engage in the Bern process on cooperation among Parties to the various biodiversity-related conventions, **ENSURING FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH**, contributing to the effective and efficient implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

As enunciated in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, we affirm that Indigenous Peoples' full and effective participation is essential for achieving goals of the Bern process, cooperatively through Free, Prior and Informed Consent.



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We further propose an additional **OP 7. bis**, which INVITES THE OFFICE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (OHCHR) TO COLLABORATE WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON DEVELOPING TOOLS AND GUIDANCE ON A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KMGBF.

Similarly, we propose an additional **OP 9. (e)**, which REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO COLLABORATE WITH OHCHR ON DEVELOPING TOOLS AND GUIDANCE ON A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KMGBF.

Section C of the KMGBF sets out that the implementation of the entire KMGBF should follow a human rights-based approach. The cooperation between the CBD's Executive Secretary and OHCHR can bring together the expertise on biodiversity and human rights, promote coherence and complementarity, and support the implementation of the KMGBF in a more efficient and effective manner.

We have submitted these recommendations in writing. We thank the parties for their support and cooperation.

Thank you Chair.

ANNEX: Specific textual proposals



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Document SBI/4/10, page 3:

‘II.

(...)

A. Formal recognition of the Framework

7. (...)

International organizations and bodies

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: resolution [1/174](#) adopted by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its one hundred and seventy-fourth session (2023);

International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas: resolution [23/23](#) adopted by the Commission at its 28th Regular Meeting (2023);

United Nations Environment Assembly: resolution [4^{\[1\]}](#) of the sixth session of the Assembly, and Ministerial Declaration of the High-level Segment of the Assembly (2024);[\[2\]](#)

United Nations General Assembly, seventy-eighth session: resolution [78/155^{\[3\]}](#) on the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity;

United Nations General Assembly, seventy-eighth session: resolution [78/68](#) on sustainable fisheries including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;

United Nations General Assembly, seventy-eighth session: resolution [78/69](#) on oceans and the law of the sea (2023);

United Nations Human Rights Council: resolution [52/23](#). The human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment (2023);

World Health Organization: decision [WHA76.17](#) adopted by the seventy-sixth World Health Assembly (2023).’



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[1] UNEP/EA.6/Res.4, 5 March 2024.

[2] UNEP/EA.6/HLS.1, 1 March 2024.

[3] A/RES/78/155, 21 December 2023.



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Document SBI/4/10, page 16:

5. *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme to further build on the Bern Process and continue to support cooperation and collaboration among biodiversity-related conventions, contributing to the effective and efficient implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

6. *Encourages* Parties to consider the report of the Bern III Conference and convey its conclusions to relevant meetings and processes under relevant conventions and organizations, including under the Convention on Biological Diversity;[\[1\]](#)

7. *Encourages* Parties to further engage in the Bern process on cooperation among Parties to the various biodiversity-related conventions, contributing to the effective and efficient implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, **ENSURING FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH;**

7. BIS INVITES THE OFFICE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS TO COLLABORATE WITH THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON DEVELOPING TOOLS AND GUIDANCE ON A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KUNMING-MONTREAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK;

8. *Invites* Parties to the Convention that are also members of the United Nations Forum on Forest to consider, as appropriate, the alignment of forest-related commitments and actions in their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and voluntary national contribution towards the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Further support cooperation among the related conventions and organizations, including biodiversity-related conventions, the Rio conventions, chemicals and wastes conventions, and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including through joint activities and programmes;



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(b) Continue to collaborate in the integration of cooperation and synergies under the programmes of work and cross-cutting issues of the Convention and report on these at the next meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;

(c) Collaborate with the secretariats of other conventions and the United Nations Environment Programme in monitoring/following up the implementation of the outcomes of Bern III Conference and in the Bern process;

(d) Collaborate with the United Nations Forum on Forests and within the Collaborative Partnership on Forests in order to support alignment in the implementation of the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030 and the Framework;

(E) COLLABORATE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ON DEVELOPING TOOLS AND GUIDANCE ON A HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KUNMING-MONTREAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK.

(ef) Report on its future cooperation activities in support of implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.



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[\[1\]](#) United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.