

Sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body Implementation

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AGENDA ITEM 9: REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROCESS UNDER THE CONVENTION AND ITS PROTOCOLS

DATE: 14 FEBRUARY 2026

Statement by the **International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)**.

The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in its Article 8(J) and related provisions, its Nagoya and Cartagena Protocols as well the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework recognizes the roles, rights and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and local communities through the review of the effectiveness of the CBD and its protocols, especially the Nagoya Protocol, must ensure the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities.

The IIFB suggests that the Executive Secretary of the CBD provides capacity-building and technical support for Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the preparatory process of the CBD meetings, including registration, early submissions of statements and content of the meetings.

The IIFB emphasizes the need for the respect of the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities to the full and effective participation at the CBD and protocol meetings, maintaining the opportunity to speak at plenary sessions, contact groups among others.

The IIFB calls on Parties and other donors to increase their contribution to the voluntary funding mechanism (VB Trust Fund) to facilitate the participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its protocols.

The IIFB highlights the importance of effectiveness and that this should strengthen not undermine the recognition of roles, rights and contributions of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the Convention and its protocols.

The new text recommendations to the document CBD/SBI/6/9 are in **GREEN CAPITALS**

VI. Recommendations

1. The Subsidiary Body may wish to adopt a recommendation^[1] along the following lines:

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

Recommends that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

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Recalling decisions [16/25](#), [CP-11/5](#) and [NP-5/10](#) of 1 November 2024,

Recognizing the need to further improve the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention on Biological Diversity^[2] and its Protocols,

1. Welcomes the progress made in the implementation of measures to improve the effectiveness of processes under the Convention and its Protocols, as described in document [CBD/SBI/6/9](#), takes note of the summary of submissions for improving the effectiveness of meetings contained in the same document, and notes the need to encourage more Parties to contribute to such improvement;
2. Takes note of the pilot on the early submission of statements carried out for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;
3. Encourages Parties, other Governments and **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN, YOUTH AND OTHER** observer organizations to continue to participate actively in the early submission process whenever used for subsidiary or governing body meetings;
4. Requests the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to continue to improve the modalities for the early submission of statements;
5. Recommends that, as much as possible, draft decisions submitted to the Conference of the Parties by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation or the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities not undergo a first reading during a meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to facilitate more efficient decision-making;
6. Requests the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureaux:
 - (a) To organize, where possible, online pre-session briefings for Parties, **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH** and **OTHER** observers on the agenda items and meeting procedures of subsidiary or governing bodies;
 - (b) To explore the use of technology that can expedite decision-making processes;
 - (c) To continue to explore mechanisms for streamlining agendas, with a view to reducing the duplication of work;
7. Also requests the Executive Secretary:

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(a) To engage the secretariats of other multilateral environmental agreements in the further identification of best practices for improving the effectiveness of meetings;

(b) To further invite submissions from Parties, **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES** and stakeholders on options to further improve the effectiveness of meetings under the Convention and its Protocols and to make the submissions available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

2. The Subsidiary Body may also wish to adopt a recommendation along the following lines:

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

Recommends that, at its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol,

Recognizing the need to ensure the integrity of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety^[3] while pursuing efficiencies and the integration of processes with the Convention on Biological Diversity^[4] and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization,^[5]

1. *Takes note* of decision 17/-- of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

2. *Welcomes* the progress made with the decision-tracking tool developed further to decision [XII/28](#) of 17 October 2014 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as described in document [CBD/SBI/6/INF/11](#);

3. *Decides* that decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety should be included in the decision-tracking tool;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take the necessary steps in that regard, beginning with decisions of its tenth and eleventh meetings;

5. *Recalls* its decision [BS-VII/9](#) of 3 October 2014, by which it decided to hold its future ordinary meetings concurrently with the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in the same two-week period in which the meetings of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention were held;

6. *Reiterates* its call upon developed country Parties to increase their contributions to the relevant voluntary trust funds to ensure the full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States

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among them, and Parties with economies in transition, in the concurrent meetings, as well as **TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE VOLUNTARY FUNDING MECHANISM TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (VB TRUST FUND) (DECISION VII/16 G PARAGRAPH 10) WHICH SUPPORT THE PARTICIPATION OF** representatives of indigenous and local communities, in meetings held under the Convention and its Protocols;

7. *Notes* that chairs of groups considering matters under the Cartagena Protocol are to be selected from among the Parties to the Protocol.

3. The Subsidiary Body may further wish to adopt a recommendation along the following lines:

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

Recommends that, at its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol,

Recognizing the need to ensure the integrity of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization^[6] while pursuing efficiencies and the integration of processes with the Convention on Biological Diversity^[7] and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety,^[8]

1. *Takes note* of decision 17/-- of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

2. *Welcomes* the progress made with the decision-tracking tool developed further to decision [XII/28](#) of 17 October 2014 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as described in document [CBD/SBI/6/INF/11](#);

3. *Decides* that decisions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization should be included in the decision-tracking tool;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take the necessary steps in that regard, beginning with decisions of its fourth and fifth meetings;

5. *Recalls* its decision [NP-1/12](#) of 14 October 2014, by which it decided to hold its future ordinary meetings concurrently with the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety within a two-week period;

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6. *Reiterates* its call upon developed country Parties to increase their contributions to the relevant voluntary trust funds to ensure the full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition, as well as representatives of indigenous and local communities, in meetings held under the Convention and its Protocols;

7. *Notes* that chairs of groups considering matters under the Nagoya Protocol are to be selected from among the Parties to the Protocol.

[1] The estimated extrabudgetary resource requirements for the activities outlined in the three draft recommendations are shown in the annex to the present document.

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

[3] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

[4] *Ibid.*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

[5] *Ibid.*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

[6] *Ibid.*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

[7] *Ibid.*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

[8] *Ibid.*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.