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**Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation
of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework:
strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work
under the Convention in the context of the Framework**

Recommendation adopted by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on 24 October 2025

27/4. Strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention in the context of the Framework

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

Noting the work undertaken to date,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, further to the request by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity¹ in paragraph 9 of decision [15/4](#) of 19 December 2022 and paragraph 4 (e) of decision [16/12](#) of 1 November 2024, to propose a systematic approach, timeline and schedule of review and potential updating for the programmes of work under the Convention, demonstrating their alignment with the Framework, identifying efficiencies and improving consistency in their implementation, using consistent evaluation methodology, to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration, with a view to addressing the issue at the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in the context of the multi-year programme of work;

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

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The Conference of the Parties,

Acknowledging the contribution of the existing thematic programmes of work since their establishment to the implementation of and work undertaken under the Convention on Biological Diversity² and its Protocols, its bodies and its Secretariat,

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

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

Recalling its decision [15/4](#) of 19 December 2022, in which it decided that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework³ should be used as a strategic plan for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, its bodies and its Secretariat over the period 2022–2030 and that, in that regard, the Framework should be used to better align and direct the work of the various bodies of the Convention and its Protocols, its Secretariat and its budget according to the goals and targets of the Framework, and it requested the Executive Secretary to conduct a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work under the Convention in the context of the Framework, to facilitate its implementation,

1. *Takes note* of the strategic review and analysis of all areas of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity, namely, the thematic programmes of work formally established under the Convention, programmes addressing cross-cutting issues and other areas of work under the Convention in the context of the Framework, as contained in documents [CBD/SBSTTA/27/5/Add.1](#) and [CBD/SBSTTA/27/INF/6](#);

[2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the evaluation methodology for the programmes of work under the Convention contained in the annex to the present decision, prepared by the Executive Secretary, and notes its potential for future use in the review of the work undertaken under the Convention;]

3. *Recognizes* that some of the programmes of work [and] [other areas of work][cross-cutting issues] under the Convention have been updated since its fifteenth meeting and that sufficient guidance in certain areas has been developed to support the implementation of the Framework;

4. *Decides* that the following programmes of work [and] [other areas of work][cross-cutting issues] are to be maintained close to their current form and regularly updated, taking into account recent decisions of the Conference of the Parties and work undertaken by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice[on agricultural biodiversity; communication education and public awareness; gender and biodiversity; biodiversity and health; forest biodiversity; monitoring, reporting and review; invasive alien species; island biodiversity; marine and coastal biodiversity; synthetic biology; liability and redress; the Global Taxonomy Initiative; protected areas; inland waters biodiversity; and mountain biodiversity];

5. *Recognizes* that the following programmes of work [and] [other areas of work][cross-cutting issues] would benefit from being updated to better align with the Framework, following the schedule and approach contained in the annex to the present decision: [agricultural biodiversity, Global Taxonomy Initiative, ecosystem restoration, inland waters biodiversity and mountain biodiversity];

6. *Also recognizes* that the following programmes of work [and] [other areas of work][cross-cutting issues] would benefit from being integrated: [business engagement; capacity-building; climate change and biodiversity; digital sequence information on genetic resources; economics, trade and incentive measures; ecosystem restoration; financial mechanism; Global Strategy for Plant Conservation; mainstreaming; resource mobilization; sustainable use of biodiversity; sustainable wildlife management; technical and scientific cooperation; technology transfer; and tourism and biodiversity];

7. *Decides* that the following programmes of work [and] [other areas of work][cross-cutting issues] should be led by partner organizations and Parties, noting that all achievements in that regard should continue to be recorded on the website of the Convention and through the clearing-house mechanisms, as information sources: [biodiversity and cultural diversity; biodiversity for development; dry and subhumid land biodiversity; ecosystem approach; and impact assessment];

³ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to carry out an analysis on the implications and potential benefits of integrating the programmes of work [and] [other areas of work][cross-cutting issues] listed in paragraph 6 above and submit the results for consideration by the appropriate subsidiary body or bodies at a meeting held before its eighteenth meeting.

Annex*

Evaluation methodology for the programmes of work under the Convention

- Schedule for updating the programmes of work [and] [other areas of work][cross-cutting issues] referred to in paragraph 5 of the present decision.

- Approach for updating programmes of work [and] [other areas of work][cross-cutting issues] referred to in paragraph 5 of the present decision.

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* To be completed at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.