

Submission from Australia, Canada, Iceland, New Zealand, and Norway

CBD Notification 2018-063:

Updating the proposed preparatory process for the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

“A ROADMAP TO BEIJING”

The Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting will consider a preparatory process for the development of a follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. In accordance with paragraph 34 of decision XIII/1, the Executive Secretary prepared, in consultation with the Bureau, a proposal for such a process for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) at its second meeting. The SBI, in its recommendation 2/19, requested the Executive Secretary to update, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting, the proposed preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, taking into account the statements made during the second meeting of the SBI, and further views submitted by Parties, other Governments, Indigenous peoples and local communities, relevant international organizations, civil society organizations, women’s and youth organizations, private and financial sectors and other stakeholders by 15 August 2018. The following submission from Australia, Canada, Iceland, New Zealand and Norway represents a proposed detailed process for the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

The development of a process for the preparation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework is of critical importance. While the process in 2010 was successful in giving us the Aichi Targets, the issues today are more complex and the urgency heightened. We need to build on high level work already completed on the development of a process, with the adoption now of a concrete, practical and effective roadmap to Beijing in 2020. This roadmap must include early opportunities for discussion, the identification of key important themes and for building early consensus where feasible. Key milestones, opportunities and outcomes need to be identified early for Parties to be well-positioned to adopt a post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at COP-15 in Beijing, China.

Principles for a preparatory process for the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

The process should be:

- **Party led:** Parties have buy-in and a strong role in the process towards a draft framework.
- **Transparent and accountable:** All parties understand the process and where they have opportunities to influence.
- **Inclusive:** All parties and stakeholders, including representatives from Indigenous peoples and women’s groups, have a balanced opportunity to provide input in the process.
- **Results-oriented:** Issues for further clarification, discussion and exploration are identified early. Relevant experts and stakeholders are engaged to look at potential issues and solutions. Process is driven by evidence, science and traditional knowledge.
- **Efficient:** Early identification and resolution (if possible) of issues to focus high-level attention on key decisions or outcomes. The process should take advantage of existing opportunities to engage often on the development of the framework. It should also learn from and take into account the current strategic plan and Aichi Targets to inform post-2020 arrangements.

Broad outline of a proposed preparatory process

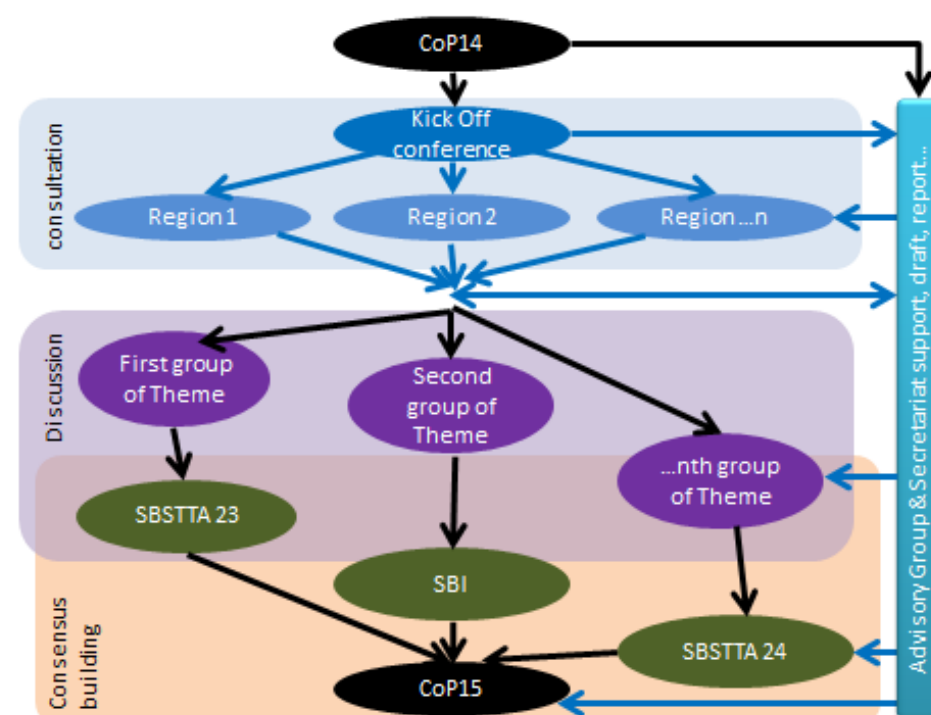
A two-phase approach is proposed: where phase one is for undertaking wide-reaching consultation at the regional and global scale to gather views of Parties, Indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, non-governmental organisations, experts, academia, and others. The views would be consolidated into a summary document which would identify key themes for further investigation, including commonalities, areas of general consensus and areas of divergent views. Phase two would then focus attention on the identified themes, using the SBSTTA/SBI sessions to negotiate areas of consensus. In this way, COP15’s attention would primarily be turned to a few key areas where there is greater divergence or more in-depth consideration needed.

- **Phase 1: Gathering of views:** December 2018 to mid-2019
- **Phase 2: Consolidation of views:** mid-2019 to May 2020 (SBSTTA-24) including discussion and consensus-building

The intent of the thematic meetings is to enable Parties to explore possible goals or targets for a limited number of themes (e.g. protected areas and conserved spaces, species, etc). The goal would be to find early areas of consensus for consideration by the CBD subsidiary bodies, thus focusing the high level discussions at Beijing on resolving issues for which consensus appears to be challenging.

Post-2020 Advisory Group

In order to achieve a party-led, transparent and accountable process, it is recommended that a regionally balanced post-2020 Advisory Group be developed. This group would be small but representative of all CBD regions (perhaps two representatives for each Region, selected by the region and supported by the CBD Secretariat). It could also include a few representatives from key stakeholders as observers (e.g. one each from IPF, WBCSD, IPBES, youth, BLG, BIP). The Advisory Group’s role would include to work together with the Executive Secretary to jointly oversee the regional consultations, prepare or review consultation documents,



prepare and revise reports based on the outcomes of the consultations, identify key themes for discussion, and prepare a final report for the Conference of the Parties.

The Advisory Group:

- **Agreed at COP14:** COP14 would agree to the establishment of the Advisory Group and TORs as part of the post-2020 process. It is understood that Parties will require additional discussions at COP14 on both the membership of the Advisory Group, as well as its TORs.
- **Membership:** Regionally balanced, with Chair selected from among the members, supported by the Secretariat.
- **Role:** jointly with the Executive Secretary, to:
 - Oversee preparation of and participation in regional consultations.
 - Prepare reports on the results of the regional consultation.
 - Prepare a consolidated consultation document based on the regional consultations, including identifying key underlying themes for future discussion.
 - Oversee preparation of and participation in thematic meetings, as needed.
 - Prepare reports as a result of thematic discussion, in preparation for CBD meetings, including SBSTTA-23, WG8(j)-11, SBSTTA-24 and SBI-2.
 - Prepare first draft Global Biodiversity Framework for global consultation
 - Prepare final report/draft Global Biodiversity Framework for COP15

Possible Key Milestones and Thematic Meetings

- **November 2018 - COP14:** Parties adopt the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework preparatory process, including the establishment of a Post-2020 Advisory Group, with its membership and TORs.
- **December 2018 / January 2019:** Submission on the scope and content of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework by Parties and stakeholders.
- **Feb 2019:** Paper drafted by the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Advisory Committee, consolidating and summarizing the submissions on the scope and content of the post-2020 framework, to feed into regional consultations.
- **Feb - March 2019:** Trondheim/London-type kick-off conference involving representatives from all regions.
- **Feb – April 2019:** Regional consultations, as well as national and sub-national consultations led by Parties, as appropriate.
- **May 2019:** Second draft consolidation document and key themes released for comment from Parties, stakeholders.
- **July 2019:** Revised consolidation document released and thematic meetings announced.
- **September/October 2019:** Thematic meeting(s); possibly in conjunction with the Trondheim Conference; outcomes released for comment in advance of SBSTTA-23.
- **November 2019 - SBSTTA-23 and WG8(J)-11:** Opportunity to negotiate and arrive at consensus on recommendations on first set of key themes, including the future of the WG8j.
- **December 2019 - February 2020:** Thematic meeting(s) possibly in conjunction with CMS-COP, and/or with an extraordinary meeting of the SBI. If undertaken as an extraordinary SBI, it would be both an opportunity to discuss a second set of themes and arrive at consensus recommendations on a second set of key themes.
- **March – April 2020:** Final thematic meeting(s) if possible; otherwise final themes to be discussed at SBSTTA-24.
- **May 2020:** Release of first draft post-2020 global biodiversity framework for comment by Parties and stakeholders.
- **May-June 2020 - SBSTTA-24 and SBI-3:** Opportunity to negotiate and arrive at consensus recommendations on last set of key themes, and review first consolidated draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
- **June-July 2020 (or Sept if through UNGA):** UN Biodiversity Summit could give a high level steer on some key elements.
- **August 2020:** Possible release of second draft Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for comment by Parties and stakeholders.
- **October 2020 - COP15:** Final Global Biodiversity Framework agreed by Parties.

		ROADMAP TO BEIJING		Other Opportunities (interim list)	
2018	Nov	Phase I: identify issues, get input ...	COP-14 – Egypt: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parties adopt post-2020 process - Decision by Parties on Advisory Group - High-level Session: Opportunity to build political support for post-2020 process, and discuss initial ideas on possible structure of targets. 		
	Dec		Initial input on substance of post-2020 global biodiversity framework (formal submissions from Parties and others)		
2019	Jan				World Economic Forum, Davos
	Feb		Global Kick-off Conference Regional consultation workshops: one per UN region. Workshops should be structured around key questions so as to ensure focused input from stakeholders.	<i>1st Advisory Group Meeting</i> Paper drafted consolidating and summarizing the submissions on the scope and content of the post-2020 framework, to feed into regional consultations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High level engagement with business leaders, focus on mainstreaming biodiversity. - In parallel: 4th Informal workshop on Living in Harmony with Nature Post-2020 – “From Paris to Beijing”
Mar				G7 French Presidency	
Apr				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparatory/working level meetings, Environmental Ministerial, and Leaders’ Summit - Opportunity to build political support for post-2020 process, and discuss possible high level substance and messages on targets in reaction to first CBD discussion paper. - High level statements in G7 declaration. 	
May			<i>2nd Advisory Group meeting</i> Second draft consolidation document and key themes released for comment from Parties, stakeholders.	CITES COP, Sri Lanka / UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies: Opportunity for CITES and UNFCCC input on post-2020 global biodiversity framework	
Jun				G20 Japanese Presidency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparatory/working level meetings, Environmental Ministerial, and Leaders’ Summit - Opportunity to build political support for post-2020 process, and discuss possible high level substance and messages on targets in reaction to first CBD discussion paper. - High level statements in G20 declaration. 	
Jul			<i>3rd Advisory Group meeting</i> Revised consolidation document released and thematic meetings announced.		
Aug					
2020	Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct	Phase II – Engage all Parties, stakeholders in discussion	Thematic Meeting - Trondheim Conference Workshop should be structured around key questions so as to ensure focused input from science community. <i>4th Advisory Group meeting</i> SBSTTA-23 and WG8J-11: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and considering recommendations from first thematic mtg(s) - Review of draft GBO-5 - Additional scientific and technical advice on post-2020 global biodiversity framework - Input on IPLCs, traditional knowledge, customary sustainable use for post-2020 global biodiversity framework. <i>5th Advisory Group meeting</i>	UNCCD COP14: input on post-2020 framework	
			Thematic meeting(s) possibly in conjunction with CMS-COP, and/or with an extraordinary meeting of the SBI. If undertaken as an extraordinary SBI, it would be both an opportunity to discuss a second set of themes and arrive at consensus recommendations on a second set of key themes.	UNFCCC COP: input on post-2020 framework	
			Possible Extraordinary Mtg of SBI (India – back-to-back with CMS COP?) Focus on second set of thematic issues <i>6th Advisory Group meeting</i>	CMS COP (India):input on post-2020 framework	
			Thematic meeting(s): outcomes posted for comment as they occur	Input from the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	
			Release of draft: Consolidated first draft of post-2020 framework based on SBSTTA/SBI/WG8(j) results	GBO-5 published	
			SBSTTA-24: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review of GBO-5 - Review and considering recommendations from third thematic mtg(s) <i>7th Advisory Group meeting</i>	IUCN World Conservation Congress : input on post-2020 framework	
			Possible second draft of post-2020 framework released for second round of comments		
			<i>8th Advisory Group meeting</i>	UN General Assembly Leaders’ summit: political support for post-2020 framework, and discuss final draft of framework, resolve issues.	
			COP-15 – Beijing, China: Final adoption of post-2020 global biodiversity framework		