

## RCMRD Two-Year Workplan for RCMRD as a CBD Technical and Scientific Cooperation Support Centre (TSSC)

**Period:** Year 1–Year 2

**Institution:** Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development (RCMRD)

**Framework:** Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Technical and Scientific Cooperation Mechanism; Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF)

**Countries Covered:** 11 countries i.e. Comoros, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, and Zambia

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### 1. Purpose and Strategic Alignment

This two-year workplan operationalizes RCMRD’s role as a **CBD Technical and Scientific Cooperation Support Centre (TSSC)** in accordance with the Host Agreement between RCMRD and the CBD Secretariat. It responds directly to the mandate of establishing a **functional, visible, responsive, and well-governed support centre** that delivers technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer, and capacity development to Parties in Eastern and Southern Africa.

**Overall Objective** The overall objective of the Technical and Scientific Cooperation Support Centre (TSSC) is to **establish and operationalize an effective, inclusive, and responsive regional support centre that enables Parties to access technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer, partnerships, and resources for implementation of the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF).**

Outcome	Output	Activity	Indicator	Baseline	Target (Time-bound)	KM-GBF Target
<b>Outcome 1: Operational TSCC</b>  <i>TSCC is fully operational with effective management, governance, coordination systems and a functional steering committee.</i>	Output 1.1: Management systems	1.1.1 Appoint TSCC Coordinator	Coordinator in place	No coordinator	Coordinator appointed (Q1 in Y1)	Target 19
		1.1.2 Form TSCC Steering Committee	Steering Committee established	No steering committee	Steering Committee formed (Q1 in Y1)	Target 19
		1.1.3 Convene inclusive Steering Committee meetings	Number of meetings held	0	1 meeting per year	Target 19
		1.1.4 Establish coordination unit	Unit operational	No unit	Unit operational (Q1 in Y1)	Target 19
		1.1.5 Establish an office with computer, desk, chairs etc	Unit operational	No unit	Established office (Q1 in Y1)	Target 19
	Output 1.2: TSCC operationalized	1.2.1 Official TSCC launch	Launch event conducted	Not launched	TSCC launched Jan 2026 (Q1 in Y1)	Target 19
	Output 1.3: Effective coordination in place	1.3.1 Sign host agreement with SCBD	Signed host agreement	Draft Agreement	Signed host agreement (Q1 in Y1)	Target 19
		1.3.2 Develop biennial workplan with Results Based Indicators	Biennial workplan submitted and approved	No approved workplan	Workplan approved (Q1 in Y1)	Target 19
<b>Outcome 2: Visibility &amp; responsiveness</b>  <i>TSCC is visible, responsive, and actively engages Parties through helpdesk services and innovation initiatives</i>	Output 2.1: Regional engagement and innovation initiatives	2.1.1 Conduct quarterly GeoHex Challenges in 2026 (Targets 2, 3, 6, 12)	Number of GeoHex Challenges conducted	0	4 challenges by end 2027	Targets 2, 3, 6, 12
	Output 2.2 Awareness	2.2.1 Official TSCC launch	Online Media Coverage	Not launched	TSCC launched Jan 2026 (Q1 in Y1)	Targets 2, 3, 6, 12
		2.2.2 Create a Help Desk	Create a Help Desk	No Helpdesk	Help Desk established	All Targets

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			to assist countries			
		2.2.3 Attend COP 17	Showcase TSCC Activities	0	1 meeting	All Targets
<b>Outcome 3: Resource mobilization, partnerships and linkage to existing projects</b>  <i>Strategic partnerships and resource mobilization systems are established to ensure long-term sustainability.</i>	Output 3.1: Regional Centre of Excellence (RCoE) for Biodiversity, Forests & Seascapes Ecosystem Management	3.1.1 Establish linkage with and support in updating protected and conserved area	Countries are supported in updating protected and conserved areas	0	Support all the countries	Target 3
	Output 3.2: Resource mobilization strategy plan	3.2.1 Develop resource mobilization strategy with partner and Party input	Resource mobilization strategy plan	0	Resource Mobilization Strategy Developed	Target 19
		3.2.2 Develop and submit funding proposals	Number of completed proposals	0	At least 4 proposals by Year 2	Target 19
<b>Outcome 4: Technical &amp; scientific cooperation</b>  <i>Parties receive effective technical, scientific cooperation, capacity building, technology transfer and NBSAP support.</i>	Output 4.2: Enhanced national and sub-regional technical capacity for KM-GBF implementation	4.2.1 GBF capacity needs assessment (FAO/Kunming Fund)	Capacity Needs Assessment completed	No assessment	Assessment completed (Y1)	Targets 14, 20
		4.2.2 GBF Target 2 Roadmap capacity building (FAO HQ)	No. of capacity building activities	Limited capacity	2 sub-regional activities (Y1 and Y2)	Target 2
		4.2.3 Support countries to update & report NBSAPs	No. of Countries supported	Limited support	At least 11 countries supported (Y2)	Targets 14, 15
	Output 4.3: Access to geospatial tools and technologies enhanced	4.3.1 Deploy ArcGIS software to countries and provide technical support	Number of countries using ArcGIS for biodiversity planning	Limited access	ArcGIS licenses deployed and in use in participating countries (Y1 & Y2)	Targets 14, 20

