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Agenda item 16

**Scientific and technical needs to support the  
implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global  
Biodiversity Framework, including implications  
for the programmes of work of the Convention**

**Decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on  
Biological Diversity on 1 November 2024**

**16/12. Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the  
Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recognizing* that the identification of scientific needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>1</sup> is an ongoing process throughout its duration and that several other processes currently under way are relevant to the identification of further needs and to addressing them, including the work on monitoring and indicators, reviews of programmes of work, the new programme of work on Article 8(j) and other provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>2</sup> the work on capacity-building and development, technical and scientific and cooperation, the process for updating and supporting the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and the work carried out by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and other relevant processes,

*Welcoming* the establishment of the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres,

1. *Recognizes:*

(a) That the programmes of work and cross-cutting work of the Convention on Biological Diversity remain important tools to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, although some programmes of work may need to be updated;

(b) That most of the tools and guidance developed under the Convention and its Protocols are relevant to the implementation of the Framework and already provide a solid basis to support its implementation without delay;

<sup>1</sup> Decision 15/4, annex.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

(c) That the priority for further work should be on supporting the use of tools and guidance to enhance the implementation of the Framework, including through adequate financial resources, capacity-building and development, and technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer, especially for developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition;

(d) That there is an opportunity to mainstream the Framework into the work undertaken under other relevant intergovernmental agreements and processes and by international organizations, the private sector and other stakeholders, including indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and into capacity-building and development initiatives, with a view to integrating the considerations for the implementation of the Framework<sup>3</sup> into tools and guidance developed through such processes and initiatives, so that they support biodiversity-inclusive actions and outcomes;

(e) The potential and important role of the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and relevant initiatives in supporting the use of tools and guidance to facilitate the implementation of the Framework, as relevant;

2. *Decides* that work could be advanced in the following areas, avoiding duplication with existing multilateral processes and respecting their mandates:

(a) Biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning;

(b) Pollution and biodiversity;

(c) Sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services that enhance biodiversity;

(d) Equity, gender equality and the human rights-based approach relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources;

(e) Different value systems, as stated in paragraph 7 (b) of section C of the Framework;

3. *Encourages* Parties, other Governments, relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other agreements, intergovernmental processes, international organizations and initiatives, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and other relevant stakeholders to make use of relevant tools and guidance to support the implementation of the Framework, adapted to the national context as needed, and to share through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention their experience and lessons learned on the use of tools and guidance, including their effectiveness, barriers to their uptake and ways and means of overcoming them, in particular at the national level;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To continue to facilitate the compilation of and access to scientific and technical tools and guidance, in cooperation with relevant partners, including through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention;

(b) To continue to facilitate the development and updating of the tools and guidance<sup>4</sup> to support the implementation of the Framework, avoiding duplication of existing tools and guidance,<sup>5</sup> in consultation with Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and relevant stakeholders;

(c) In undertaking the aforementioned work, to cooperate with relevant multilateral environmental agreements, processes and organizations; where appropriate, to work with such

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<sup>3</sup> Decision 15/4, annex, sect. C.

<sup>4</sup> Document CBD/SBSTTA/26/3 contains a gap analysis undertaken by the Secretariat.

<sup>5</sup> See CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/16/Rev.1, annex, for a compilation of tools and guidance submitted by Parties.

relevant processes and organizations; and, in line with their respective mandates, to integrate the considerations for the implementation of the Framework into tools and guidance being developed under those processes and by those organizations in order to support biodiversity-inclusive actions;

(d) For each of the issues referred to in paragraph 2, (i) to invite Parties, other Governments, relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other agreements, intergovernmental processes, international organizations and initiatives, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and other relevant stakeholders to provide submissions on their views and relevant experiences on those work areas; and (ii) to provide a summary of the submissions and, taking the workload at future meetings of the Conference of the Parties into account, make proposals for potential further work for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(e) Recalling paragraph 9 of decision [15/4](#), to conduct a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work of the Convention in the context of the Framework to facilitate its implementation, and on the basis of this analysis, to prepare draft updates of those programmes of work, taking into account documents prepared for the twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice related to that work, and submit them for consideration by the Subsidiary Body at a future meeting held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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