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BUREAU OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC,  
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Kunming, China, 23-24 May 2023

### MINUTES

#### INTRODUCTION

1. A meeting of the Bureau Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) was held from 23 May (2:00 - 5:00 p.m.) to 24 May (9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.) 2023, at Haigeng Convention Center, in Kunming, the People's Republic of China. The meeting was preceded by a joint meeting of the COP and SBSTTA Bureaux in the morning of 23 May 2023 and followed by another joint session of the two Bureaux in the afternoon of 24 May 2023.
2. The meeting was attended by the following members of the Bureau: Mr. Hesiquio Benitez Diaz (Mexico, Chair), Ms. Tia Stevens (Australia), Mr. Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic), Ms. Marina von Weissenberg (Finland), Mr. Jean Bruno Mikissa (Gabon), Mr. Gaute Voigt-Hanssen (Norway), Mr. Adams Toussaint (Saint-Lucia), Mr. Bilal Qtishat (Jordan), and Ms. Ana Teresa Lecaros Terry (Peru). Apologies were received from Ms. Gwen Sisor (Palau), Ms. Senka Barudanovic (Bosnia-Herzegovina), Ms. Marie-May Muzunguile (Seychelles) and Ms Tatsiana Lipinskaya (Belarus).
3. The meeting was supported by Ms. Jihyun Lee (SBSTTA Secretary) of the CBD Secretariat.

#### I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting was opened at 2 p.m. (local time, Kunming) on Tuesday, 23 May 2023 by the SBSTTA Chair, Mr. Hesiquio Benitez Diaz.
5. In his opening remarks, the SBSTTA Chair welcomed the Bureau members, expressing his appreciation for their efforts to travel to Kunming to join this meeting in-person to exchange their views and insights for the activities of the SBSTTA in the next biennium. He highlighted that there is strong commitment to move from *agreement* to *action* to build back biodiversity through the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, reiterating that the SBSTTA will need to play a critical role to make this commitment a reality. He updated the Bureau on the series of planning and coordination meetings -undertaken since the beginning of the year, including the one by the Chair with the Secretariat staff (held in February), the first online meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau (held in early March), the follow-up meetings by the Chair with the Secretariat to update on -progress in implementing various

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SBSTTA-related activities (held in April), and the coordination meeting with SBI Chair (held in May), among others.

6. He also highlighted that the Secretariat has thus far this year issued 14 notifications relating to SBSTTA activities (see annex 1 to this document), and that the SBSTTA Bureau has identified potential agenda items for both the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> meetings of SBSTTA, and has discussed relevant preparatory activities to take place, such as peer-review, Ad Hoc Technical Expert Groups and other expert workshops/meetings, over the biennium prior to COP 16. He encouraged Bureau members to work efficiently in the next two days to reach common strategic views to guide the Secretariat, in terms of finalizing the meeting agenda of SBSTTA 25 and 26 for posting, as well as preparing- the presessional meeting documents and draft recommendations, building on the results of various intersessional activities.

## **II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

7. The draft provisional agenda for the meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau was prepared by the SBSTTA Chair, with the support of the Secretariat, taking into account the joint Bureaux meeting with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties being convened in conjunction with this meeting. The Bureau was invited to consider the provisional agenda for its meeting for adoption.

8. The Chair invited Ms. Jihyun Lee, Secretary to the SBSTTA, to introduce the agenda and guide the Bureau members on the related meeting documents.

9. The Bureau members had before them: draft provisional agenda and its annotations for SBSTTA at its 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> meetings, an updated table of preparatory activities for these two meetings, the list of notifications relating to SBSTTA activities issued so far in 2023, and draft list of different agenda items to be followed-up by respective Bureau members.

10. The Bureau adopted the provisional agenda for its meeting without any modifications.

## **III. PREPARATIONS FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE, INCLUDING INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

11. Under this item, the Bureau members, with the support of the Secretariat, reviewed the draft provisional agenda and its annotations for the twenty-fifth meeting of the SBSTTA, to be held in October 2023, in Nairobi, Kenya.

12. The Chair, with the support of the Secretariat, provided updates to the Bureau members regarding the preparatory activities for SBSTTA 25, including the issuance of notifications, peer-review of documents, submission of information and organization of various expert processes, together with a tentative timeframe for these intersessional activities (see annex 2 to this document).

13. The draft provisional agenda and its annotations as well as an updated table of associated preparatory activities, together with additional supplementary information, was provided to the Bureau in advance of the meeting.

14. After exchanging their views and insights on the proposed agenda items for SBSTTA 25, the SBSTTA Bureau approved the provisional agenda, which includes eight agenda and sub-agenda items, as contained in annex 3 to this document; specific agenda items were identified, and the interlinkages and priorities among different agenda items were discussed.

15. Through extensive deliberations, the SBSTTA Bureau provided clear guidance and advice to the Secretariat in terms of finalizing the annotations to the provisional agenda for SBSTTA 25 and the organization of the work, undertaking various intersessional activities and preparing for the meeting documents.

16. Some of the important discussion points, which apply to the consideration of agenda items for both SBSTTA 25 and 26, are summarized as below:

a) Priorities for the forthcoming SBSTTA meetings need to focus on facilitating the national implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, by providing necessary scientific and technical tools and options that will enable Parties and partners to expedite their implementation activities;

b) SBSTTA 25 will thus review the findings of assessments from relevant bodies, such as the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) ~~IPBES~~ and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), so that it can consolidate necessary scientific and technical recommendations relating to the implementation of the GBF to support national implementation. In this regard, the Bureau members noted the schedule of the forthcoming meeting of IPBES 10 Plenary, to be held from 28 August 2023 to 2 September 2023, in Bonn, Germany, which will consider the request from the Convention regarding a second global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services, as contained in annex to decision 15/19.

c) Both SBSTTA 25 and 26 should prioritize the finalization of the development of the monitoring framework, as requested by COP 15, building on the outcomes of the AHTEG established for this purpose. Coordination meeting(s) with the Co-Chairs of the AHTEG was proposed in this regard, including further clarification on the mandates of the AHTEG to address the gaps in the headline indicators;

d) SBSTTA 25 and 26 will identify scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the GBF, including its implications for the programme of work of the Convention, through step-by-step approaches. Specifically, SBSTTA 25 will receive the results of the rapid gap analysis of relevant programmes of work in the context of KMGBF, to be undertaken by engaging Parties through webinars or peer-reviews, so that the Subsidiary Body can consider priority areas for updating some programmes of work to effectively support the implementation of the KMGBF.

e) Furthermore, the SBSTTA Bureau noted some challenges in undertaking the work proposed for its 25th and 26th meetings. For example:

- SBSTTA 25 may need at least one more day for its deliberations to effectively cover all the agenda items;
- The Bureau needs to find ways to manage the heavy agenda items for SBSTTA 26, including the consideration of possible working modalities of SBSTTA;
- The Bureau also noted urgent needs for identifying available financial resources to support the work of undertaking strategic review and updating the relevant programmes of work in the context of the KMGBF, as well as expediting the work on biodiversity and health among others, including the use of a fund for Digital Sequence Information (DSI) provided by Norway to support the work of biodiversity and health; and

- In view of the priorities identified for both SBSTTA meetings, it was emphasized that the pre-session documents and draft recommendations for both SBSTTA meetings should be prepared in a concise and succinct manner.

#### **IV. PREPARATIONS FOR THE TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE, INCLUDING INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

17. Under this item, the Bureau members, with the support of the Secretariat, reviewed the draft provisional agenda and its annotations for the twenty-sixth meeting of the SBSTTA, to be held in May 2024.

18. The Chair, with the support of the Secretariat, provided updates to the Bureau members regarding the preparatory activities for SBSTTA 26, including the issuance of notifications, peer-review of documents, submission of information and organization of various expert processes, together with a tentative timeframe for these intersessional activities (see annex 4 to this document).

19. The draft provisional agenda and its annotations as well as an updated table of associated preparatory activities was provided to the Bureau in advance of the meeting.

20. After exchanging their views and insights on the proposed agenda items for SBSTTA 26, the SBSTTA Bureau approved the provisional agenda, which includes nine agenda and sub-agenda items, as contained in annex 5 to this document, identifying specific agenda items and discussing the interlinkages and priorities among different agenda items; specific agenda items were identified, and the interlinkages and priorities among different agenda items were discussed.

21. Through extensive deliberations, the SBSTTA Bureau provided clear guidance and advice to the Secretariat in terms of finalizing the annotations to the provisional agenda for SBSTTA 26 and the organization of the work, undertaking various intersessional activities and preparing the meeting documents.

22. The discussion points summarized in the paragraph 16 above were also applied to the considerations under this agenda item.

#### **V. OTHER MATTERS**

23. Under this agenda item, the Bureau updated the list of the Bureau members to follow-up with specific agenda items, as contained in the annex 6 to this document.

#### **VI. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

24. During closing of the meeting, the Chair expressed his appreciation to all the Bureau members for their hard work to ensure the success of this meeting. He noted that the meeting discussions have been very informative and valuable to the preparations for the two upcoming SBSTTA meetings and also to ensuring that the scientific and technical needs are adequately addressed in facilitating the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. He also thanked the Secretariat for efficiently servicing the meeting, including the timely provision of all the relevant meeting documents and supplementary information.

25. The Bureau meeting was closed at 12:30 p.m. (local time, Kunming) on Wednesday, 24 May 2023.

*Annex I**List of notifications relating to SBSTTA activities, issued so far and planned to be issued<sup>1</sup> in 2023***January 2023**

**2023-001, 11 January 2023:** Nomination of experts for the ad hoc technical expert group on indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (action by 24 February)

**February 2023**

**2023-006, 6 February:** Submission of information on synthetic biology and nomination of experts to participate in the open-ended online forum on synthetic biology (action by 15 March, event: 20-31 March 2023)

**2023-007, 6 February:** Risk assessment and risk management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: submission of information and online forum (action by 15 March)

**2023-014, 22 February:** Call for nominations for the informal advisory group for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (action by 6 April)

**2023-017, 28 February:** Invasive alien species (decision 15/27): Invitation to participate in the peer review of the annexes to decision 15/27 and to submit information on invasive alien species (action by 30 March)

**March 2023**

**2023-024, 9 March:** Submission of views and information regarding the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions (action by 21 April)

**2023-034, 27 March:** Nomination of experts to participate in the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology (action by 24 April) Superseded by 2023-046, see April, below.

**April 2023**

**2023-040, 6 April:** Selected experts for the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

**2023-043, 14 April:** Notification for submission of views and information on biodiversity and climate change (action by 26 May)

**2023-044, 14 April:** Invitation to participate in the online forum on invasive alien species (action by 10 May) superseded by 2023-051, below.

**2023-046, 24 April:** Extension of deadline: Nomination of experts to participate in the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology (action by 2 May)

**May 2023**

**2023-051, 5 May:** New dates: Online forum on invasive alien species (action by 10 May)

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<sup>1</sup> Potential titles of notifications yet to be issued are provided in italics.

**2023-053, 10 May:** Request for additional nomination of experts to participate in the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology

**2023-054, 16 May:** Moderated online discussions on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

### **June 2023**

*Submissions on analysis and update of programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity*

*Submissions on analysis and update of programme of work on island biodiversity*

*Submission of information on detecting newly developed and unauthorized living modified organisms, and developing reference materials, as well as ongoing collaborations involving national and regional laboratories*

### **July 2023**

*Sustainable Wildlife Management (decision 15/23): Notification inviting Peer review of draft guidance*

### **September 2023**

*Call for nominations for EBSA modalities workshops*

*Invitation to participate in a peer-review of recommendation and a capacity-building and development for monitoring strategy*

### **October 2023**

*Invitation to participate in peer-review of draft voluntary guidelines on EBSA peer-review process*

### **November 2023**

*Invitation to participate in the peer review of the draft update of the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity*

*Invitation to participate in the peer review of the programme of work on island biodiversity*

*Invitation to participate in the peer-review of the updated draft global action plan on biodiversity and health*

### **December 2023**

*Invitation to participate in the peer-review of report of the multidisciplinary Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology*

*Annex 2*  
*Preparatory activities for SBSTTA 25<sub>2</sub>*

*Agenda Item 3*

Agenda Item with Decisions	SBSTTA Action requested by COP	Notifications, including Peer-review	AHTEG/Expert/IAG Meetings <sup>3</sup>	Inputs to SBSTTA by the Secretariat
<b>Proposed Agenda Items for SBSTTA 25</b>				
<p>Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal GBF Decision 15/5</p>	<p>Review outcomes of the ad hoc technical expert group and complete the scientific and technical review of the monitoring framework and report their findings for subsequent consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;</p>	<p><b>Notification for the AHTEG on the indicators (issued on 11 Jan 2023)</b> <b>Notification of the Selected Experts (issued on 10 April, Ref No 2023-40)</b></p> <p><b>Notification on moderated online discussions on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (Issued on 16 May 2023, Ref No 2023-054)</b></p>	<p><b>AHTEG on indicators-mostly through virtual meetings (First virtual meeting convened on 2 May 2023)</b></p> <p>In-person AHTEG meeting (October 2023) focusing on the metadata for the adopted headline indicators, in particular those indicators that did not have existing methodologies and on any outstanding the binary indicators.</p>	<p>Progress report by ES note, based on reports of the first two meetings of the AHTEG and any intersessional work</p>
<p>Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review Decision 15/6</p>	<p>Provide advice on relevant scientific technical and technological inputs that should inform the global reviews mentioned in paragraph 16 for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation</p>	<p>Notification on Peer review of draft procedures for global review (to be issued in May 2023)</p>		<p>Note by ES</p>

<sup>2</sup> This table was presented by the SBSTTA Chair and the secretariat to facilitate the deliberation of the Bureau meeting, and therefore its contents do not necessarily reflect the final outcomes of the meeting, which are summarized in the main body of this note as well as annex 3.

<sup>3</sup> Organization of in-person meetings is subject to funding availability, including the commissioning of consultancy as inputs to these expert processes.

Agenda Item with Decisions	SBSTTA Action requested by COP	Notifications, including Peer-review	AHTEG/Expert/IAG Meetings <sup>3</sup>	Inputs to SBSTTA by the Secretariat
<p>Approaches to identifying scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework, including its implication for the programme of work of the Convention</p> <p>Decision 15/4</p>	<p>Para 9. Requests the Executive Secretary to conduct a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work of the Convention in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to facilitate its implementation, and, on the basis of this analysis, prepare draft updates of these programmes of work for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as appropriate...and to report on this to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.</p>	<p>To be discussed by the meeting</p>	<p>To be discussed by the meeting</p>	<p>Note by ES</p>
<p>Plant Conservation</p> <p>Decision 15/5 &amp; Decision 15/13</p>	<p>Prepare a set of complimentary actions related to plant conservation to support the implementation of the global biodiversity framework</p>	<p>Notification on Peer review of draft set of complimentary actions (to be issued in June 2023)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Note by ES with inputs from the Global Partnership on Plant Conservation</p>



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<p>Review of findings from the assessments by IPBES and IPCC and their implications on the work of the Convention</p> <p>IPBES PoW Decision 15/19</p> <p>IPCC (Biodiversity and Climate Change) Decision 15/30</p>	<p>Consideration of the findings of those assessments and to provide recommendations relating to the implementation of the Convention and, in particular, the post-2020 global biodiversity framework</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><i>Note: IPBES meeting multi-disciplinary expert panel was represented by David C/Hesiquio on COP 15 outcomes</i></p>	<p>Note by ES (in collaboration with IPBES Secretariat), regarding:</p> <p>(a) The IPBES Methodological assessment regarding the diverse conceptualization of multiple values of nature and its benefits, including biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services;</p> <p>(b) The IPBES Assessment report on the sustainable use of wild species; furthermore, the Subsidiary Body will consider sustainable wildlife management under item 6;</p> <p>(c) The IPBES Thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control; furthermore, the Subsidiary Body will consider invasive alien species and their control under item 5;</p> <p>and,</p> <p><b>Note by ES :</b></p> <p>(d) The sixth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. This information is also relevant for item 7 on biodiversity and climate change.</p>

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Invasive Alien Species Decision 15/27	Consideration of revised annexes I to VI, based on the results of the Peer-review	Notification for (i) peer review of annexes and (ii) inviting submission of information on IAS (issued on 28 Feb 2023, Ref No 2023-017, Action by 30 March)  Notification inviting to online forum to consider peer- review of annexes (April 2023, Ref No 2023-044, Action by 10 May)	Virtual meeting of the Inter-Agency liaison group on IAS convened on April 5  The <a href="#">Online Forum</a> opened on 19 May at 10 am Montreal time (EDT) and closed on 26 May at 5 pm Montreal time (EDT).	Note by ES on the results of peer-review/online forum, and update on any other relevant intersessional activities
Sustainable Wildlife Management Decision 15/23	Consideration of the future work of the Convention on the issues surrounding sustainable wildlife management	Notification inviting Peer review of draft guidance (to be issued in July 2023)	N/A	Note by ES providing progress report with inputs from IPBES and other stakeholders
Biodiversity and Climate Change Decision 15/30	Consideration of compiled views on biodiversity and climate change	Notification for submission of views and information on biodiversity and climate change (issued on 14 April 2023, Ref no 2023-043, Action by 26 May)	N/A	Note by ES based on the compilation of views on biodiversity and climate change

*Annex 3*  
*Provisional Agenda for SBSTTA 25, as approved by the Bureau*

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters: election of officers and adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Facilitating the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the monitoring of its progress:
  - 3A. Monitoring Framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;
  - 3B. Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review;
  - 3C. Approaches to identify scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework, including its implication for the programmes of work of the Convention; and
  - 3D. Plant conservation.
4. Review of findings from the assessments by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and their implications for the work of the Convention
5. Invasive alien species.
6. Sustainable wildlife management.
7. Biodiversity and climate change.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting.

*Annex 4*  
*Preparatory activities for SBSTTA 264*

*Agenda Item 4*

Agenda Item with Decisions	SBSTTA Action requested by COP	Notifications, including Peer-review <sup>5</sup>	AHTEG/Expert/IAG Meetings <sup>6</sup>	Inputs to SBSTTA by the Secretariat
<b>Proposed Agenda Items for SBSTTA 26</b>				
<b>Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal GBF</b> Decision 15/5	Consideration of the outcome of the ad hoc technical expert group and complete scientific and technical review of the monitoring framework, and provide inputs to SBI	Notification on Peer review of proposed disaggregation of indicators (to be issued in January 2024)  Notification on Peer-review on recommendation and a capacity-building and development for monitoring strategy (to be issued in September to December 2023).	Post -SBSTTA 25 Online meeting of the AHTEG (possibly December 2023 or January 2024): To discuss any intersessional requests from SBSTTA 25, including updates on the indicators  In-person AHTEG: (Mar 2024): Discussion on disaggregation and capacity-building; Any other intersessional work requested by SBSTTA 25.	Note by ES, based on the outcome of the further work by AHTEG
<b>Nature and Culture</b> Decision 15/22  <b>(To be covered under the Monitoring</b>	Review and update the four adopted traditional knowledge indicators (Dec XIII/28) and are relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, in the	Notification for submission of views and information regarding the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions ( <a href="#">Notification 2023-024</a> , issued on 9 March 2023).	AHTEG on indicators will discuss these TK indicators, as relevant	WG8j-12 (Nov 2023) will include an agenda item on “review and update of four adopted traditional knowledge indicators” and inform the AHTEG on indicators and

<sup>4</sup> This table was presented by the SBSTTA Chair and the secretariat to facilitate the deliberation of the Bureau meeting, and therefore its contents do not necessarily reflect the final outcomes of the meeting, which are summarized in the main body of this note as well as annex 5.

<sup>5</sup> Proposed dates are indicative, and updated schedule for peer-review will be informed to the Bureau in due course.

<sup>6</sup> Organization of in-person meetings is subject to funding availability, including the commissioning of consultancy as inputs to these expert processes.

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<b>Framework agenda item)</b>	light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the ongoing work on biological and cultural diversity and human well-being.	This includes the submission of views on four TK indicators.		make its outcome available for SBSTTA-26
<b>Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework, including its implication for the programme of work of the Convention</b>  Decision 15/4	Para 9. Requests the Executive Secretary to conduct a strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work of the Convention in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to facilitate its implementation, and, on the basis of this analysis, prepare draft updates of these programmes of work for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, as appropriate...and to report on this to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.	To be discussed by the meeting	To be discussed by the meeting	Note by ES
<b>Synthetic Biology</b> Decision 15/31	Consideration of the outcomes of AHTEG established to support the process for broad and	Notification inviting for (i) submissions of information and (ii) online forum (issued on 6 February 2023, Ref No	Open-ended Online forum on Synthetic Biology (convened on 20-31 March 2023).	Note by ES, based on the outcome of the work by Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Synthetic Biology

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	regular horizon scanning, monitoring and assessment	<p>2023-006; Action by 15 March)</p> <p>Notification inviting nominations for AHTEG on Synthetic Biology (issued on 27 March, Ref No. 2023- 034 and 2023-046, Action by 2 May)</p> <p>Notification for peer review of AHTEG report (to be issued in December 2023).</p>	<p>First AHTEG meeting (to be convened from 11 to 14 July 2023)</p> <p>Second Face-to-face meeting of AHTEG (to be convened on November 2023)</p>	
<p><b>Risk Assessment and risk management</b> Decision CP-10/10</p>	Consideration of the outcomes of the AHTEG on Risk Assessment	<p>Notification inviting (i) submissions of information and (ii) online forum (issued on 6 February 2023, Ref No 2023-007, action by 15 March)</p> <p>Notification inviting nominations for AHTEG on risk assessment (to be issued in May 2023).</p> <p>Notification for peer review of AHTEG report (to be issued in January 2024).</p>	<p>1st Open-ended Online forum (convened on 10-21 April 2023)</p> <p>2nd online forum session to peer review the outline (to be held in August-Sep 2023)</p> <p>First AHTEG meeting (to be held in September 2023)</p> <p>second meeting of AHTEG (to be held in January 2024)</p>	Note by ES, based on the outcome of AHTEG on risk assessment
<p><b>Detection and identification of living modified organisms</b> Decision CP-10/11</p>	Consideration of the information on experience with detecting newly developed and unauthorized living modified organisms, and	Notification inviting for submission of information on detecting newly developed and unauthorized living modified organisms, and developing reference	Online discussions of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms ( to be held in Sept 2023)	Note by ES based on the compilation of submissions and online meetings/ technical collaboration with partner organizations

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	the need to update the training manual on the detection and identification of living modified organisms	materials, as well as ongoing collaborations involving national and regional laboratories ( to be issued in June 2023)		
<b>EBSAs: further work</b> Decision 15/26	Consideration on adopting modalities for modifying descriptions of EBSAs and for describing new areas, based on the outcomes of 2 workshops;  Consideration of draft terms of reference for a “relevant expert advisory body” in the context of EBSA modalities  Consideration of voluntary guidelines on peer-review processes for the EBSA description	Notification to request nominations for IAG (issued on 22 February 2023, Ref No 2023-014, Action by 6 April)  Notification to request nominations for EBSA modalities workshops (2) (to be issued in September 2023)  Notification to request peer-review on draft voluntary guidelines on EBSA peer-review process (TBD)	<u>EBSA IAG</u> The informal advisory group on EBSA will work virtually or in-person in conjunction with other meetings.  <u>EBSA modalities (para 4)</u> Technical and legal expert workshops (back to back) (subject to funding): January 2024  Online discussion forum on outcomes of technical and legal workshops (February 2024)	Note by ES, based on the outcomes of two workshops and the work by IAG
<b>Conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity</b>  Decision 15/24	Consideration of draft update to the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity as well as that of island biodiversity, based on strategic review and analysis in the context of supporting the implementation of GBF	<u>Analysis and update of marine PoW</u> Notification to request submissions on marine and coastal PoW revision (to be issued in June 2023)  Notification to request peer-review on draft PoW revision	Expert workshops on marine PoW and island PoW review/update (subject to funding) (February 2024)	Note by ES, based on the outcome of the strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work on marine and coastal biodiversity as well as island biodiversity , including the inputs from Parties and stakeholders and

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		<p>(to be issued in November 2023)</p> <p><u>Analysis and update of island PoW</u></p> <p>Notification to request submissions on island PoW (to be issued in June 2023)</p> <p>Notification to request peer-review on draft PoW review/update (to be issued in November 2023)</p>		<p>the outcomes of expert workshops</p>
<p><b>Biodiversity and Health</b> Decision 15/29</p>	<p>Consideration of the updated version of the draft global action plan and targeted messages</p>	<p>Notification to participate in the peer-review of the updated draft Global action plan (tentatively Nov 2023)</p>		<p>Note by ES in consultation with SBSTTA Bureau, based on the inputs and peer-review results on updated version of the draft global action plan and targeted messages</p>



*Annex 5*  
*Provisional Agenda for SBSTTA 26, as approved by the Bureau*

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters: election of officers and adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
4. 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.
  - 4A. Update of the programmes of work on marine and coastal biodiversity as well as on island biodiversity; and
  - 4B. Update of the other relevant programmes of work.
5. Synthetic biology.
6. Risk assessment and risk management.
7. Detection and identification of living modified organisms.
8. Marine and coastal biodiversity:
  - 8A. Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas: further work; and
  - 8B. Conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity.
9. Biodiversity and health.
10. Other matters.
11. Adoption of the report.
12. Closure of the meeting.

**Annex 6**  
**Updated List of the Bureau Members and the respective agenda items to follow-up**

- Assessments by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and IPCC (SBSTTA 25):  
*Hesiquio (Mexico), Marina (Finland)*
- Sustainable wildlife management (SBSTTA 25):  
*Jan (Czechia), Adams (St Lucia)*
- Invasive alien species (SBSTTA 25):  
*Senka (Bosnia-Herzegovina), Jean Bruno (Gabon)*
- Biodiversity and climate change:  
*Jan (Czechia), Marie-May (Seychelles)*
- Monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (SBSTTA 25 - 26):  
*Bilal (Jordan), Gaute (Norway), Adams (St.Lucia)*
- Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review (SBSTTA 25-26):  
*Bilal (Jordan), Gaute (Norway)*
- Scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Framework, including its implication for the programme of work of the Convention (SBSTTA 25-26) (Strategic review and analysis of the programmes of work in the context of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework):  
*Hesiquio (Mexico), Gwen (Paula), Tia (Australia), Marina (Finland)*
- Plant Conservation (SBSTTA 25):  
*Hesiquio (Mexico), Adams (St Lucia)*
- Synthetic biology SBSTTA 26:  
*Jean Bruno (Gabon), Jan (Czechia)*
- Risk assessment and risk management SBSTTA 26:  
*Jean Bruno (Gabon), Jan (Czechia)*
- Detection and identification of living modified organisms:  
*Jean Bruno (Gabon), Jan (Czechia)*
- Biodiversity and health:  
*Marina (Finland), Ana Teresa (Peru)*
- Marine and coastal biodiversity:  
*Gaute (Norway), Marie-May (Seychelles)*
- Nature and culture (TK indicators as part of agenda item on the monitoring framework):  
*Ana Teresa (Peru)*

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