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#### Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review

### Recommendation adopted by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on 29 May 2024

#### 4/2. Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review

##### *The Subsidiary Body on Implementation*

1. *Recalls* paragraph 1 (f) of decision [15/6](#) of 19 December 2022, in which the Conference of the Parties decided to further develop and test the open-ended forum for the voluntary country review as part of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review;
2. *Welcomes* the further development of the online reporting tool for the submission of national targets<sup>1</sup> and national reports<sup>2</sup> and the functionality on the clearing-house mechanism for uploading revised or updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:
  - (a) Continue the development and testing of the online reporting tool;
  - (b) Continue to support regional or subregional national biodiversity strategy and action plan dialogues in collaboration with relevant organizations and host countries, where appropriate, in an inclusive and transparent manner;
  - (c) Compile views from Parties on the procedures for the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,<sup>3</sup> make the views publicly available and revise the procedures;
  - (d) Provide, subject to the availability of resources, a resource manual before the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties with further guidance on and explanations of the use of the national reporting template and links to potential sources of information for the preparation of the seventh and eighth national reports;

<sup>1</sup> The template for the submission of national targets, as contained in annex I to decision 15/6, was adopted by the Conference of the Parties in that decision.

<sup>2</sup> The guidance and draft template for the submission of the seventh and eighth national reports, as contained in annex II to decision 15/6, were adopted by the Conference of the Parties in that decision. An updated template is provided in annex I to the draft decision included in the present recommendation.

<sup>3</sup> CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.2/Rev.1.

(e) Prepare a summary of lessons learned and the insights gained from regional dialogues before the fifth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation;

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

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* Articles 6, 23 and 26 of the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>4</sup>

*Recalling also* its decisions [VI/25](#) of 19 April 2002, [VIII/7](#) of 31 March 2006, [X/4](#) of 29 October 2010, [XII/2](#) of 17 October 2014 and [15/3](#), 15/5, 15/6 and 15/11 of 10 December 2022 concerning the findings of the five editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the two editions of the *Local Biodiversity Outlook*,

*Recalling further* that, in accordance with decision and 15/6, the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review will be undertaken in a facilitative, non-intrusive and non-punitive manner, respecting national sovereignty and avoiding placing undue burden on Parties, in particular developing countries,

*Recalling* that, pursuant to paragraph 2 of decision 15/6, the Conference of the Parties will consider and provide any recommendations, as necessary, at its future meetings with a view to achieving the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,<sup>5</sup>

*[Noting][Emphasizing]* that the implementation by Parties of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review will contribute to the effective implementation of the Convention, its Protocols and the Framework,

*Noting with appreciation* the work conducted by the Executive Secretary to further develop the online reporting tool with functionality for the submission of national targets aligned with the Framework and the submission of national reports [, as well as the work on the decision-tracking tool],

*Underscoring* the critical importance of scientific, technical and technological inputs, including from traditional knowledge, for all elements of the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework,

*Recognizing* the contributions of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as well as the role of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in reviewing their findings [, and noting the role of the *Global Environment Outlook* and other major international scientific assessments in improving global biodiversity knowledge and information],

*Recognizing also* the role of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in providing advice on relevant scientific, technical and technological matters, including traditional knowledge, for the global review,

*Welcoming* the decision by the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, at its tenth session, to undertake a fast-track methodological assessment on monitoring biodiversity and nature's contributions to people by 2026, a fast-track methodological assessment of integrated biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and ecological connectivity by 2027 and a scoping process for a second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services by 2024, with a view to producing the second global assessment in 2028, as part of its rolling work programme up to 2030,<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

<sup>5</sup> Decision 15/4, annex.

<sup>6</sup> Decision IPBES-10/1.

*Stressing* the importance of the aforementioned rolling work programme for the global review, in particular the importance of the second global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services for the global review to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its nineteenth meeting,

*Recalling* that Parties are requested to submit their seventh national reports by 28 February 2026 and their eighth national reports by 30 June 2029,

1. *Endorses* the revisions to the national reporting template for the seventh and eighth national reports, as contained in annex I to the present decision;

[2. *Reiterates* the encouragement to Parties to use headline and binary indicators, as well as component, complementary and national indicators, in national reports;]

3. *Encourages* Parties to collaborate, where appropriate, with other reporting processes, such as those under the Sustainable Development Goals and relevant multilateral environmental agreements, including by using the Data Reporting Tool for Multilateral Environmental Agreements or other modular data reporting tools, on a voluntary basis;

[4. *Adopts* the core reporting elements for commitments by non-State actors contained in annex II to the present decision;]

[5. *Recalls* its invitation, in paragraph 26 of decision 15/6, to [non-State] actors to, on a voluntary basis, develop and share commitments contributing to national biodiversity strategies and action plans and to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and invites those actors to be guided by the general principles and the core reporting elements of the template contained in annex II to the present decision;]

[6. *Recognizes* that the open-ended forum for the voluntary country review provides a platform for sharing experiences and lessons learned related to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the Framework, including with respect to promoting cooperation and synergies, as appropriate, with other biodiversity-related conventions and multilateral environmental agreements;]

[7. *Endorses* the modus operandi for the open-ended forum for the voluntary country review provided in [document to be developed];<sup>7</sup>]

8. *Decides* that the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework conducted by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth [and nineteenth] meeting[s] will culminate in [a] decision[s] at [that][those] meeting[s], including any recommendations, as appropriate, to address challenges [and maximize opportunities] in collective progress in implementation, including on the means of implementation, in particular for developing country Parties, with a view to achieving the goals and targets of the Framework [and [any] possible future [steps][frameworks]];

9. *Also decides* that the global review, including of the means of implementation, will be primarily based on:

- (a) National reports;
- (b) A global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework;
- (c) [Information shared by major stakeholder groups on their contributions to the implementation of the Framework[, as outlined in paragraph 26 of decision 15/6]];
- [(d) The global analysis described in paragraph 1 (c) of decision 15/6;]

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<sup>7</sup> The modus operandi will be further developed by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its fifth meeting. The Subsidiary Body will review the present paragraphs in that context.

[(e) A technical dialogue at the global level to discuss progress towards implementing the Framework;]

[(f) Outcomes from the open-ended forum for the voluntary country review;]

10. *Further decides* that the global review will also draw upon relevant recommendations of the subsidiary bodies and working groups<sup>8</sup> [including recommendations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice based on the outcomes of the informal technical dialogue referred to in paragraph 26 below] [and high-level discussions held among Parties pursuant to paragraph 21 of decision 15/6];

[11. [*Emphasizes*][*Decides*] that the global review should be focused on assessing collective progress [with no focus on individual Party or policy prescriptive guidance,] and recalls its decisions 15/5 and 15/6, and that the review will be undertaken in a facilitative, non-intrusive and non-punitive manner, respecting national sovereignty and avoiding placing undue burden on Parties, in particular developing countries;]

[11.alt *Decides* that the global review should be focused on assessing collective progress in the implementation of the Framework with no individual Party focus or policy prescriptive guidance, recognizing different levels of development and respecting the policy space of Parties in the context of the achievement of sustainable development and poverty eradication];

12. *Also decides* that the global review is a Party-driven process conducted in a comprehensive, facilitative, efficient, inclusive and transparent manner, avoiding duplication of work, at all its stages, including when preparing the global report;

[13. [*Further decides*] that in order to support the effective and equitable participation of Parties, all inputs should be fully accessible, including online [and that the in-person participation of delegates from Parties in the global review should be supported through the provision of adequate funding, in particular for developing country Parties [for all related activities]]];

14. *Decides* that the global review, in particular with regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 above, will be a Party-led process guided by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation

[with support from the Advisory Committee on the Global Review of Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the terms of reference of which are contained in annex III],

[with engagement of all Parties through the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and a review by the Conference of the Parties, and that it will be informed by Party submissions and/or a peer review before the respective meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Conference of the Parties on what should be included in the draft Conference of the Party decision or decisions on the global review]

[with support from the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity to ensure coherence of the global review process and communication]

[, and, noting that communication and advocacy are important for stimulating action that will address the challenges identified in the global review, also decides to appoint envoys

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<sup>8</sup> As established by the Conference of the Parties.

to improve communication and political will [at the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties][at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties],]

[and, subject to the availability of resources, will include a focused exchange of views, information and ideas through the open-ended forum for the voluntary country review, workshops or other activities and will be facilitated by two co-chairs, who will be responsible for carrying out the focused exchange and the preparation of a factual synthesis report and other outputs with the assistance of the Executive Secretary, and requests the Chairs of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to develop guiding questions for all components of the global review, including specific thematic and cross-cutting questions];

15. [Takes note of the indicative timeline for the global review, including for the preparation of the global report, contained in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.2/Rev.1, and requests the Executive Secretary[, subject to the availability of resources,] to conduct related work on the basis of such timeline];

16. *Decides* that the global report will be focused primarily on assessing progress in the implementation of the Framework and contain the following structural elements:

- (a) An introduction to the report and the Framework;
- (b) A concise scientific and technical synthesis of the status of, and trends in, biodiversity;
- (c) A review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework, including a target-by-target assessment of progress towards the 23 targets, the 2030 mission and other elements of the Framework, including sections C, I, J and K;
- (d) A dedicated section on the provision of means of implementation consistent with the Framework;
- (e) An analysis of progress towards the goals of the Framework and the 2050 vision;
- [(f) A concise compilation of the interlinkages between other multilateral environmental agreements and the Framework and of [examples of the] contributions of those agreements towards the implementation of the Framework, [in line with their respective mandates]]];
- [(g) A brief compilation of successful cases and best practices in the implementation of the Framework that provide co-benefits for multiple social, economic and environmental goals;]
- [(h) A conclusion [that summarizes the [key messages] [content of the global report]] [exploring options for addressing identified gaps and challenges in implementation [, in a non-prescriptive[, non-intrusive and non-punitive] manner][, including a summary of gaps in data and knowledge and][of successful policy interventions for addressing the drivers of biodiversity loss]]];]

17. *Also decides* that the three objectives of the Convention must be considered in the global report in a balanced manner, as reflected in the Framework;

[18. *Further decides* that specific challenges to the implementation of the Framework[, in particular for developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and the small island developing States among them,] [for developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States,] will be considered throughout the global report;]

19. *Emphasizes* that the global report should draw upon data and information provided by Parties and the best available peer-reviewed scientific, technical and technological

information, as well as traditional knowledge given access to with the free, prior, informed consent of indigenous people and local communities;

20. *Also emphasizes* the need to ensure balance, transparency and inclusivity in the preparation of the global report at all its stages;

21. *Decides* that the following sources of information should be drawn upon when preparing the global report:

(a) As its primary source, national reports submitted in compliance with Article 26 of the Convention and in line with decision 15/6;

[(b) The information provided by Parties in their national reports on the use of indicators from the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>9</sup> [cross-reference to recommendation 26/1 of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, technical and Technological Advice];]

(c) The global analysis of information in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national targets provided pursuant to paragraph 15 of decision 15/6;

(d) The five editions of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* and the two editions of the *Local Biodiversity Outlook* to date;

(e) [Intergovernmentally reviewed] assessments[, reports and deliverables] of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services[[, with particular attention to adopted summaries for policymakers,]] and other relevant intergovernmentally reviewed scientific assessments and reports, including those of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change[[, with particular attention to adopted summaries for policymakers]], [and other major national, regional and international scientific and technical assessments, including regional and subregional assessments] [[, that have been considered by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice]];

(f) Reports on means of implementation, reviewed by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, including those of the Global Environment Facility Council on progress in the Global Environment Facility trust fund and the Global Biodiversity Framework Fund[, and those of other relevant organizations];

(g) Other relevant scientific and technical peer-reviewed literature[[, as well as relevant databases, scenarios and models] [that have been reviewed by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice or the Subsidiary Body on Implementation]];

(h) [Reports from regional dialogues conducted under the open-ended forum for the voluntary country review, where relevant, which may include an overview of experiences shared from voluntary peer reviews or the voluntary country review];

(i) Information on commitments by non-State actors towards the Framework,<sup>10</sup> including disaggregated information on contributions from indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth [considered by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention];

(j) Relevant information from the secretariats of biodiversity-related conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, international organizations and processes, including [intergovernmentally reviewed] reports submitted under related conventions and on the Sustainable Development Goals [related to biodiversity];

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<sup>9</sup> Decision 15/5, annex I.

<sup>10</sup> Pending adoption of paragraphs 4 and 5 of the present decision.

(k) Relevant traditional knowledge, innovations, practices and technology of indigenous peoples and local communities that are given access to with their free, prior and informed consent [and that have been considered by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions];

22. *Also decides* to establish an ad hoc scientific and technical advisory group for the preparation of the global report on collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, with a time-bound mandate until the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and terms of reference contained in annex IV to the present decision, that will provide scientific, technical and technological recommendations, including on traditional knowledge, for the preparation of the global report on the basis of the sources noted in the preceding paragraph;

23. *Further decides* that the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework will report to and support the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in providing scientific, technical and technological advice to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, which will guide the global review;

24. *Decides* that the global report will be made available for peer review and review by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation before its submission to the Conference of the Parties;

[25. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue to support the implementation of the guidance for national biodiversity strategies and action plans and for the seventh and eighth national reports, as adopted in decision 15/6, taking into account the final template for those reports contained in annex I to the present decision;

(b) To continue to facilitate the voluntary use of modular tools for data reporting, such as the Data Reporting Tool for Multilateral Environmental Agreements;

(c) To continue to support capacity-building and the development of Parties in the use of online registration tools for both national biodiversity strategies and action plans and online progress reporting;

(d) To further develop a mechanism for tracking commitments of non-State actors using the template contained in annex II to the present decision;

(e) To support the organization of subregional and regional dialogues to enhance the implementation and sharing of experiences;

[(f) To support the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in its conduct of the open-ended forum for the voluntary country review;]

(g) To support indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth in sharing information that they have developed to help to inform the global review;

(h) To continue to coordinate actions and collaborate with relevant partners in support of the implementation of the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review;]

26. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, with the support of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group, to facilitate an informal technical dialogue among Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth representatives, academia, the private and financial sectors and other stakeholders and experts on the scientific, technical and technological aspects of the global report and other relevant inputs to the global review, including the sharing of best practices, challenges, gaps and solutions;

27. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to provide regular updates to Parties on the preparation of the global report, including at meetings of the subsidiary bodies;

[28. *Invites* donors, Governments and multilateral and bilateral agencies to support the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including the strengthening of national-level monitoring, in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Framework;]

29. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services to contribute to the global review, and in particular to the work of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group, in a manner fully respectful of their respective mandates;

[30. *Encourages* Parties, and invites other Governments and relevant organizations, including funding organizations, to support the improvement of biodiversity data and models, inter alia, to address data gaps and gaps in modelling methodologies related to the impacts of drivers of biodiversity loss and policy interventions on biodiversity and ecosystem services].

## Annex I

### Template for the seventh and eighth national reports \*

#### I. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report

<b>Country name</b>	
<b>National authorities responsible for the preparation and submission of the report</b>	
<b>Contact person</b>	
<b>Contact details</b>	
<p><b>Briefly describe the process followed for the preparation of the present report. Responses may include the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination mechanisms and methodology for data collection and validation employed, if applicable, as well as key challenges encountered.</li> <li>• Consultations undertaken at various levels for preparing the present report, involving and engaging various stakeholders and taking into account national circumstances, including by using a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.</li> </ul>	

#### II. Status of the revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP) in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

<b>1.</b>	<b>Has your country revised or updated its NBSAP in alignment with the Framework?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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\* The guidance and the template for the eighth national report can be adjusted, if necessary, building on the experiences and lessons learned in the preparation for the seventh national report.



		<input type="checkbox"/> In progress If the answer is “no” or “in progress”, please indicate the expected date of completion of the revision or updating of the NBSAP: _____
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Did your country involve and engage stakeholders in revising or updating its NBSAP?</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If the answer is “yes”, please select among the following (drop-down menu): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="radio"/> Indigenous peoples and local communities</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Women</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Youth</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Local and subnational government</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Private sector</li> <li><input type="radio"/> Other stakeholders</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Has your country’s revised or updated NBSAP been adopted as a policy or a legal instrument, and/or integrated into other strategies?</b></p> <p>_____</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the answer is “no”, please indicate the expected date of adoption: _____
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>If the answer to question 3 is “yes”, indicate how your country’s revised or updated NBSAP has been adopted.</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted through legislation or otherwise by parliament <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by the Council of Ministers, the Office of the President or of the Prime Minister, or an equivalent body <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by the Ministry of the Environment or another sectoral ministry <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated into the poverty reduction strategy, sustainable development strategy, national development plan or another related strategy or plan <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ -
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Briefly describe the national biodiversity monitoring system and how it tracks progress in the implementation of the NBSAP.</b></p>	

**III. Assessment of progress towards national targets**

Please use the following templates to report on progress in the implementation of your country’s national targets and revised or updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan in alignment with the Framework. In cases where no national target is linked with one or more related global targets, it is suggested that countries report directly on progress contributing towards the global targets.

**National target** (pre-populated from the submission of national targets or from the text of the global target when a national target does not exist for that global target)

1.	<b>Briefly describe the main actions taken to implement the target.</b>	
2.	<b>Indicate the current level of progress towards the target</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> On track to achieve target <input type="checkbox"/> Progress made but at an insufficient rate <input type="checkbox"/> No significant progress <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Achieved</b>
3.	<b>Provide a summary of progress towards the target, including the main outcomes achieved</b>  <b>Provide a summary of key challenges encountered and different approaches that may be taken for further implementation</b>	
4.	<b>Provide data on headline indicators used for assessing progress towards the target</b> (pre-populated from the submission of national targets) <sup>11</sup>  <i>This part can be completed for targets with a headline indicator.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Use national data set <input type="checkbox"/> Use the data available from relevant global (data sources provided) <input type="checkbox"/> No data available. Please explain why: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not relevant. Please explain why: _____  <i>Parties that choose to use national data sets are requested to submit them in a tabular format and to specify the sources of data. Parties will submit data for each indicator once, even if the indicator is used for multiple goals and targets.</i>  <i>Parties that choose to use globally or regionally available data sets will be provided with a tabular view of the data for the indicator.</i>  <i>Parties that answer “no data available” are requested to briefly describe efforts under way to develop relevant indicators and data sets.</i>  Comments (optional): _____
5.	<b>Respond to the questions for the binary indicator<sup>12</sup></b>  <i>This part can be completed only for targets with a binary indicator</i>	<i>The binary indicators and questions will be included on the basis of the list adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.</i>  <i>Parties will submit data for each binary indicator only once, even if the indicator is used for multiple goals and targets.</i>  Comments (optional): _____

<sup>11</sup> See the online reporting tool for an example of how the submission of data has been included in the tool.

<sup>12</sup> See decision 16/-- for the list of binary indicators.

6.	<b>Provide data on component, complementary or other national indicators used for assessing progress towards the target</b> (optional) (pre-populated from the submission of national targets)	<i>Parties may wish to provide data and sources of information in a tabular format.</i>  Comments (optional): _____
7.	<b>Provide examples or cases to illustrate the effectiveness of the actions taken to implement the target. Provide relevant web links or attach related materials or publications, as needed.</b>	
8.	<b>Briefly describe how the implementation of the target relates to progress in achieving the related Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets, and the implementation of other related agreements</b> (optional)	

**IV. Assessment of national progress contributing towards the goals of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

2050 goals	Summary of national progress contributing to the global goals	Headline and binary indicators  (pre-populated from the submission of national targets)	Component, complementary or other national indicators  (pre-populated from the submission of national targets)	Source of data for indicators
Goal		<i>(Relevant indicators will be provided for selection, as described in section III above)</i>	<i>(Relevant indicators will be provided for selection, as described in section III above)</i>  <i>For national indicators, countries may need to submit relevant national indicators in a table format.</i>	

**V. Conclusions on the national implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

In the present section, Parties are encouraged to provide a summary of the national implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Framework, including the main achievements and major challenges encountered, in particular those related to capacity, technical, technological, institutional and financial gaps and constraints, and support provided for implementation. Parties could refer to cross-cutting challenges affecting the implementation of the Convention and the Framework or specific obstacles that have hindered progress. Those challenges may include lack of adequate financial, human and technical resources; difficulties regarding interministerial or inter-agency cooperation and coordination; lack of timely and reliable access to knowledge, information and data; lack of the scientific expertise needed to support project development and management; and lack of access to relevant technology for implementation. Parties should try to avoid duplication if relevant information is covered in the sections above.

**Provide a summary assessment of the implementation of the Convention and the Framework, including all the sections of the Framework, and the main achievements and major challenges encountered and, where applicable, resolved, in particular those related to capacity, technical, technological, institutional and financial gaps and constraints, and support provided for implementation.**

## **[Annex II**

### **Reporting of commitments by non-State actors\***

#### **I. General principles for including commitments from non-State actors in the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review**

1. The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>13</sup> embraces a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, and its success relies on the action and cooperation of all actors in society. Non-State actors are encouraged to communicate commitments, on a voluntary basis, toward the implementation of the Framework with a particular focus on national targets, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, or both. Non-State actors' contributions can have a positive effect on implementation and strengthen collaboration across all sectors of society. The submission of information on commitments from non-State actors can make a valuable contribution to the enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review and should be guided by the following considerations:

(a) Standardized guidelines and templates for communicating the commitments of non-State actors may improve information-sharing and [national reporting and] [a global-level review]. Communicating commitments for Non-State actors should be as simple as possible, while allowing them to demonstrate that they contribute to the implementation of the Framework with a particular focus on national targets, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, or both;

(b) The use of established and available metrics, including relevant indicators from the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework<sup>14</sup> and national targets and national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as appropriate, is highly recommended, whenever possible, as such metrics may provide information that can improve the monitoring of the Framework, in particular when baselines are being established in relation to impacts on biodiversity and to demonstrate progress over time;

(c) In recognizing the different circumstances of non-State actors, the proposed template will allow for some flexibility, while ensuring that relevant information about commitments is captured;

(d) The template recognizes that countries have different modalities to engage with non-State actors in the revision or update of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets, and to include their contributions in those strategies and plans and in national reports.

\* [Reporting is voluntary and open to actors beyond national Governments, including indigenous peoples and local communities, the private sector and all relevant organizations and stakeholders.]

<sup>13</sup> Decision 15/4, annex.

<sup>14</sup> Decision 15/5, annex I.

2. Non-State actors may report their commitments by using the standardized template and sending it to the relevant national focal point of the Convention on Biological Diversity, uploading it to the international portal designated by the Conference of the Parties,<sup>15</sup> or both. Information made available on the international portal will be shared with the relevant national focal points of the Convention through an automated notification sent to Parties that wish to be informed of information shared on the portal.

3. Commitments to be submitted by non-State actors using the standardized template:

(a) Will be communicated to the relevant national focal points of the Convention with the understanding that the submission of such information is not to be understood as replacing national processes or an endorsement by national Governments;

(b) May be communicated through an international portal designated by the Conference of the Parties; the relevant national Governments will be able to review the commitment before publication on a no-objection basis, where relevant.

4. Non-State actors that submitted commitments are encouraged to send reports on progress towards achieving those commitments to the focal points of the Convention and to upload them to the portal mentioned in paragraph 3, on a voluntary basis and are invited, when possible, to send them prior to the relevant deadlines set out in decision 15/6.

## II. Core reporting elements for commitments by non-State actors

### General information

5. Name of the organization or coalition (official name of the organization responsible for a single commitment or, if the commitment is collective, name of the coalition).

6. Website (provide website information for the lead organization or coalition, if available) (optional).

7. Contact person (full name, job title and email address of person responsible for the commitment, or the submission, within the organization or coalition).

8. Address (full address of lead organization, including city; state, province or territory; and country).

9. Geographical scope of organization or coalition (indicate whether the organization or coalition operates at the local, subnational, national, regional or multinational level and provide a list of locations whenever possible).

10. Type of organization ((a) academic and research; (b) business or industry; (c) financial institution; (d) indigenous peoples and local communities; (e) non-governmental organization; (f) philanthropic organization; [(g) subnational or local government or authority]; (h) women's organization; (i) youth organization; (j) other (please specify). Select all that apply.

### 1. Commitment

11. Title of commitment.

12. Description of commitment, including:

(a) An overview of scope, and the actions proposed;

(b) Which direct and indirect drivers or enabling conditions of biodiversity loss the commitment will seek to address (optional).

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<sup>15</sup> The designated portal will be the [Sharm el-Sheikh to Kunming and Montreal Action Agenda for Nature and People][Convention online reporting tool, but separated from the national reporting tool available on the same portal].

13. Timeline of commitment (kick-off and completion dates). Alternatively, indicate whether this is an open-ended commitment and share information on plans for next steps.
14. Key performance indicators or other relevant indicators of measurable success (such as percentages, figures or other quantitative pieces of information, noting links with the indicators from the monitoring framework, national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and national targets, when applicable) (optional).
15. Endorsements (for example, in the case of a collective commitment by a coalition of organizations, if the commitment has been endorsed by the chief executive officers or governing bodies of the constituent organizations, including traditional authorities) (optional).
16. Description of any mechanism for tracking progress towards the commitment.
17. Goals and targets of the Framework, as well as national strategies and action plans, and national targets, that the commitment is aimed at contributing to, and any relevant headline indicators:
  - (a) Primary national or global target (selection of the single most relevant target or goal) and indicator;
  - (b) Other relevant targets and goals (multiple targets and goals are possible) and elements of the Framework (e.g. sect. C) and indicator (optional).
18. Geographical coverage of the commitment (indicate a specific region, country or group of countries and biome or ecosystem, as relevant).
19. Expected financial contribution currently available that will be used towards the commitment (optional).
20. Is the currently available financial contribution sufficient for achieving the commitment? (Yes/no).
21. Sustainable Development Goals and multilateral environmental agreements and instruments to which the commitment contributes (optional).
22. Partners (name and location of other organizations involved in the commitment).
23. Is the commitment explicitly mentioned in any national biodiversity strategy and action plan? If yes, indicate in which country or countries.

## **2. Progress tracking**

24. Are you currently reporting or planning to report on Target 15 of the Framework? If yes, on what basis?
25. Is progress towards the commitment tracked? If yes:
  - (a) What is the format (e.g. online or in a publication), frequency and public availability of progress tracking against the commitment;
  - (b) Provide a URL, if available (optional);
26. Potential ways to address challenges and opportunities in achieving effective implementation of the commitment and its contribution to the Framework, including its section C and its targets and goals, and other decisions (e.g. Gender Plan of Action (2023–2030)).<sup>16</sup> (optional)

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<sup>16</sup> Decision 15/11, annex.

**[Annex III****Terms of reference of the Advisory Committee on the Global Review of Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

1. The Advisory Committee on the Global Review of Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework will be Party-led and provide strategic oversight to ensure that the global review is also Party-led by:

(a) Ensuring that information flows from various regions into the global review and that the challenges, successes and lessons learned at the regional level are considered in drafting the global report and in informing the global outcomes;

(b) Providing guidance to the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework on the policy relevance of the global report in order to support its use in informing relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties (i.e. ensuring that the global report is relevant for decision-making);

(c) Supporting the drafting of the relevant decision or decisions on the global review for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the Conference of the Parties;

(d) Providing guidance to the Executive Secretary on the conduct of the global review;

(e) Providing advice on how to improve the uptake and communication related to the global review, including on how to engage with various stakeholders to ensure follow-up of the outcomes of the global report.

2. The Advisory Committee will be provided with updates on the work undertaken by the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group to support the preparation for the global report.

3. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of 25 persons nominated by Parties, with due regard to equitable regional representation and gender balance, and led by two co-chairs. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties will select the members of the Committee from among the nominations submitted by Parties.

4. The Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation may participate, in an ex officio capacity, in the meetings of the Advisory Committee. The Committee will report to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. The Co-Chairs of the Committee will provide updates to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties on the work of the Committee on a regular basis, as needed.

5. The workplan of the Advisory Committee shall be guided by the indicative timeline contained in document CBD/SBI/4/4/Add.2/Rev.1.

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**Annex IV****Terms of reference of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**

1. The Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group for the Preparation of the Global Report on Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework shall support the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the provision of scientific, technical and technological inputs for the preparation of global reports on collective progress in the implementation of the Framework by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, including on means of implementation, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth and nineteenth meetings.

2. The Advisory Group shall oversee and guide the process to compile, analyse and synthesize relevant scientific, technical and technological information for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in preparing the scientific and technical aspects of the global report, on the basis of the sources listed under paragraph 21 of the present decision. The Group is specifically tasked to:

(a) Provide advice on the scientific, technical and technological contributions to the draft report[, including on the provision of means of implementation, in particular to developing countries];

(b) Provide advice on the use in the global report of the indicators of the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;<sup>17</sup>

(c) Ensure the scientific and technical soundness of the draft global report and its associated products.

[3. The Advisory Group shall:

(a) Prepare and present to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice an outline of content and key questions that will structure the scientific and technical aspects of the global report, on the basis of the present decision;

(b) Support the preparation of content for relevant sections of the draft global report[, drawing from the sources of information listed in the present decision] [and reach out to additional contributors where needed];

[(c) Consult with the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services [and the secretariats of other relevant assessment processes, partners and networks] at the various stages of preparation of the report.]

[4. The Advisory Group shall also contribute to the technical dialogue referred to in the present decision.]

5. The Advisory Group shall be composed of 15 experts nominated by Parties, who may include experts from relevant academic and research institutions, and 10 representatives nominated by observers, including 5 from indigenous peoples and local communities and women and youth groups, with due regard to equitable regional representation, gender balance and representation of different areas of technical expertise, ensuring balance in expertise in all aspects of the goals and targets of the Framework. The Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with the support of the Secretariat, shall select experts from the nominations submitted by Parties and observers

6. Experts may be selected from people with, among others:

(a) A record of scientific, technical and technological publications or expertise related to the analysis of biodiversity status and trends, biodiversity indicators and social and cultural aspects of biodiversity;

(b) Expertise and experience in a field related to the goals and targets of the Framework;

(c) Demonstrated knowledge of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other international scientific and technical assessment processes related to biodiversity;

(d) Knowledge of and perspectives on the three objectives of the Convention and traditional knowledge, [including expertise in diverse methods and approaches for valuing nature,] such as those held by indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth.

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<sup>17</sup> Decision 15/5, annex I.



7. The Advisory Group will elect two co-chairs from among the selected experts, one from a developed country and one from a developing country.
  8. The Chairs of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention and the Advisory Committee on the Global Review of Collective Progress in the Implementation of the Framework (if established) may participate, in an ex officio capacity, in the meetings of the Advisory Group, when appropriate. The Advisory Group may invite other experts, as appropriate, with due regard to equitable regional representation, including that of developing countries, and gender balance, to contribute their expertise and experiences on specific issues related to its terms of reference.
  9. The Advisory Group shall conduct its work primarily by electronic means and, subject to the availability of resources, shall also meet in person, if possible, at least twice during the intersessional period.
  10. Once established, the Advisory Group shall inform the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties of its work and exchange relevant information with the Advisory Committee on the Global Review, if established.
  11. The timeline for the workplan of the Advisory Group shall be guided by the procedures developed by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for the global review, noting that the global reports should be finalized before the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings, respectively, of the Conference of the Parties for consideration at those meetings.
  12. The Advisory Group shall report on its work to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its meetings held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
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