



## Statement by Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity

### Launch of discussion on the second global assessment – WG1 (11 December 2024, Windhoek, Namibia)

#### Distinguished delegates, colleagues,

The first global assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystem services was key for the adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework—the KMGBF.

The second global assessment will coincide with the Framework's final review. And that is no coincidence.

Parties to the CBD and IPBES members recognised that the primary rationale for conducting the second global assessment is to inform the post-2030 global biodiversity framework. IPBES has an important role to play in supporting the global community get this right.

If we do get it right, the global assessment has the potential to set the stage for developing the next global biodiversity framework that builds on what the KMGBF will have accomplished and seeks to fill gaps that the second global assessment would reveal.

Looking at the scoping report, I can see that the objective of the assessment is to support governments and stakeholders in implementing the KMGBF, to support the assessment of progress towards the goals and targets of the KMGBF, and to assess the scientific and technical basis for what is needed to achieve the 2050 Vision for Biodiversity.

To maximise its policy impact, it will be important to provide, as much as possible a target-specific analysis or an analysis of progress towards the headline indicators of the KMGBF. The chair's informal note contains some revisions in line with this need. This is very welcome.

But to avoid that the second global assessment misses a major opportunity, we need to go further, be even more precise and analyse the targets of the KMGBF one by one, and probe how progress towards the targets has generated progress towards the mid-century goals and vision of the Global Biodiversity Framework. No other report can do that.

Thank you.