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

**Recommendation adopted by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific,
Technical and Technological Advice on 18 May 2024**

**26/2. Scientific and technical needs to support the
implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global
Biodiversity Framework**

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

1. *Takes note* of the findings of the analysis of scientific and technical needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including the identification of gaps in tools and guidance, as described in annex III to document CBD/SBSTTA/26/2 and in documents CBD/SBSTTA/26/3, CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/15, CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/16/Rev.1 and CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/19, while noting the range of views expressed by Parties during its twenty-sixth meeting;

2. *Concludes* that most of the guidance that has been developed under the Convention on Biological Diversity is relevant and that there is a wealth of tools and guidance developed through other processes that also support the implementation of the Framework and the potential to work with them to mainstream the considerations for the implementation of the Framework¹ into their activities, and that access to guidance, adequate financial resources, capacity-building and development, and technical and scientific cooperation are needed by Parties for the implementation of the tools and guidance;

3. *Recognizes* that there are gaps in tools and guidance that would require further discussion at the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to support the implementation of the Framework, and notes those contained in document CBD/SBSTTA/26/3, in particular its section IV and its annex, as well as the range of views expressed by Parties during the twenty-sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in that regard;

4. *Also recognizes* that there is a potential need for new work to be advanced, especially but not limited to, in some of the following topics, to address the gaps in tools and guidance for the

¹ Decision 15/4, annex, sect. C.

implementation of the Framework, subject to consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting for inclusion in its programme of work:

- (a) Biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning;
- (b) Biodiversity and pollution;
- (c) Sustainable biodiversity-based activities, products and services that enhance biodiversity;

5. *Invites* the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its fourth meeting, to consider the implications of the present recommendation for work related to, inter alia, capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation, knowledge management and the clearing-house mechanism, mainstreaming, cooperation, the programmes of work of the Convention, administrative and budgetary matters and the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties;²

6. *Recommends* that, at its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties consider adopting a decision along the following lines, noting that complementary recommendations may be elaborated by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing that the identification of scientific needs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework³ 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,⁴ 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 and the global knowledge support service for biodiversity,

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];⁵

(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;

(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, in particular for developing countries;

(d) That there is an opportunity to mainstream the Framework into the work undertaken under other relevant intergovernmental agreements and processes and by

² See CBD/SBSTTA/26/3 sect. V.

³ Decision 15/4, annex.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁵ Decision 15/4, annex.

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 Framework⁶ into tools and guidance developed through such processes and initiatives, so that they support biodiversity-inclusive actions and outcomes;

(e) The [potential] [important] role of the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and the global knowledge support service for biodiversity in supporting the use [and the further development] of tools and guidance to facilitate the implementation of the Framework, as relevant;

2. [Agrees to advance work in the following areas: [to be determined]

[(a) Biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning;

(b) Pollution and biodiversity;

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

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 of further tools [and exchange of good practices][and guidance and updating of existing guidance,]where needed, to address gaps identified [by Parties] [in annex III to document CBD/SBSTTA/26/2, section IV.B of and the annex to document CBD/SBSTTA/26/3 and document CBD/SBSTTA/26/INF/15], in cooperation with relevant multilateral environmental agreements, [other competent intergovernmental organizations,] [the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and the global knowledge support service for biodiversity], relevant processes and organizations, [avoiding duplication of tools and guidance,] and in consultation with Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth organizations and relevant stakeholders, and, where appropriate, [and in line with their respective mandates,] to work with such relevant processes and organizations 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 and outcomes;

(c) For each of the issues referred to in paragraph 2, 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, drawing

⁶ Ibid., sect. C.

on such submissions, [to prepare draft tools or guidance, as appropriate, [for those work areas] for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;]

(d) 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.
