

Policy Recommendations for the Second Resumed Session of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Conference of Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 16)



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Key Messages

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) was adopted at the 15th Conference of Parties through Decision [CBD/COP/DEC/15/4](#). It calls for the understanding, action, implementation and reporting of the Framework and its goals and targets to be consistent with a human rights-based approach and to ensure gender equality and empowerment.

- Towards this, it has adopted Target 23 as a cross-cutting target to ensure gender equity and a gender-responsive approach to biodiversity action and has adopted the Gender Plan of Action (GPA) in Decision [CBD/COP/DEC/15/11](#) to support and promote the rights-based, gender-responsive implementation of the KM-GBF.
- The GPA in its Objective 3.6 (Indicative action 3.6.2) has asked Parties, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and other relevant organisations to establish targeted funding programmes or budget lines to support the gender-responsive implementation of the KM-GBF.
- The GPA Invites the Global Environment Facility and relevant bilateral and multilateral funding organisations to provide technical and financial support, as well as capacity-building and development, for the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action;
- The GPA has also requested the Executive Secretary, to undertake a mid-term review of its implementation, identifying progress, lessons learned, and further work to be undertaken for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- The GPA Invites Parties to implement the Gender Plan of Action in synergy with gender plans or strategies developed under other relevant multilateral environmental agreements or related multilateral processes, as appropriate;

In the Monitoring Framework ([CBD/COP/DEC/15/5](#)), there is a component indicator "[Indicator on national implementation of the Gender Plan of Action](#)" for which the United Nations Environment Programme -World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) has collaborated with Women4Biodiversity to [co-develop a methodology with Parties](#) to support them with the gender-responsive implementation of the KM-GBF, alongside the other supporting component and complimentary indicators.

Further, [Decision 15/6](#) encourages Parties to apply the [Gender Plan of Action](#) in all aspects and at all scales of planning, implementation, reporting and review related to the KM-GBF;

Further, a decision [UNEP/MC/COP.5/Dec.17](#) has been adopted at the 5th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the [Minamata Convention on Mercury](#), welcoming the adoption of the KM-GBF and recognising the opportunities for the implementation of the Convention and that of the KM-GBF to be mutually supportive and to contribute to the achievement of the objective of the Convention and the goals and vision of the Framework.

COP 16-R 2 AGENDA ITEM 10 Mechanisms for the planning, monitoring, reporting and review

Documents
CBD/COP/16/L.33

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Recommendations for CBD/COP/16/L.33: Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review, including the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be conducted at the seventeenth and nineteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties

Draft decision submitted by the President

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling also 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,¹

Recalling paragraph 4 of Decision 15/6 to consider applying the Gender Plan of Action in all aspects and at all scales of planning, implementation, reporting and review related to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

Global report

18. *Also decides that the following sources of information should be drawn upon when preparing the global report:*

(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;*

c bis The outcome of the mid-term review of implementation of the Gender Plan of Action referred to in paragraph 9 of decision 15/11,

Requests to the Executive Secretary

(h) *To facilitate, with the support of the Ad Hoc Scientific and Technical Advisory Group, an informal technical dialogue among Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth representatives, academia, the private*

¹ Decision 15/4, annex.

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;

h bis To undertake a mid-term review of implementation of the Gender Plan of Action, identifying progress, lessons learned, and further work to be undertaken for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at a meeting held before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; as per Decision 15/11

COP 16-R 2 AGENDA ITEM 11 Resource Mobilisation and Financial Mechanism

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CBD/COP/16/L.34
CBD/COP/16/L.31

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Recommendations for CBD/COP/16/L.34: Resource Mobilisation

Draft decision submitted by the President

The Conference of the Parties,

Reiterating that the provision and mobilisation of resources from all sources for the implementation of the Convention and its protocols as well as the achievement of the Goals and Targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework should follow a human rights-based and gender-responsive approach,

Noting the need to support gender-responsive implementation of the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and to ensure adequate and sufficient funding to operationalise the Gender Plan of Action

17. Calls upon Parties and other relevant actors to improve access, including direct access to and increase financial resources for indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth for the implementation of the Framework;

Annex I

Revised strategy for resource mobilization

Phase II (2025–2030)^{2*}

I. Aim

3. The strategy is guided by:

(e) The need for comprehensive, fair, timely, direct, inclusive, simplified, and equitable access to all financing sources, including non-market based approaches by all Parties, as well as indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and other stakeholders.

^{2*} Medium-term phase in line with [decision 15/7](#), para. 12.

II. Enabling actions

4. The strategy can be enabled by the following possible actions:

(h) Ensuring timely access **including direct access** to financial resources and capacity-building for indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, and other stakeholders;

h bis Ensuring relevant bilateral and multilateral funding for technical and financial support, as well as capacity-building and development, for implementation of the Gender Plan of Action;

III. Objectives and actions

A. A. Increase in international biodiversity-related financial flows and financial resources from all sources

New and additional resources

6. Further mobilized from all sources with a view to achieve Target 19, including through:

(e) Enhancing the role of collective actions, including by indigenous peoples and local communities, **women and youth**, Mother Earth-centric actions³ and non-market-based approaches including community-based natural resource management and civil society cooperation and solidarity aimed at the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, in line with Target 19(f), by considering to provide or to scale up international financial support for such actions and approaches;

B. Significant increase in domestic resource mobilisation from all sources

1. New and additional resources

11. New and additional resources may further be mobilised by:

(f) Significantly increasing the use of nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches at the national and subnational levels, with **their** environmental and social safeguards;⁴

³ Ecocentric and rights-based approach enabling the implementation of actions towards harmonious and complementary relationships between peoples and nature, promoting the continuity of all living beings and their communities and ensuring the non-commodification of the environmental functions of Mother Earth.

⁴ UNEA resolution 5/5.

Annex II

C. Possible criteria for the development of an instrument on biodiversity finance

1. Equitable, and efficient and representative governance structure, including the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities, **women and youth**;

Recommendations for CBD/COP/16/L.31: Financial Mechanism

Financial mechanism^{5*}

Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group I

Global Environment Facility Trust Fund

7. *Encourages* the Global Environment Facility to continue to explore potential opportunities for maximising the contribution of its integrated programmes to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, including through dedicated support to indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth;

7 bis Invites the Global Environment Facility and relevant bilateral and multilateral funding organizations to provide technical and financial support, as well as capacity-building and development, for implementation of the Gender Plan of Action; as per paragraph 10 of Decision 15/11.

Annex I

Four-year outcome-oriented framework of biodiversity programme priorities of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols for the ninth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund (2026–2030)

III. Strategic considerations

10. The programming directions and the policy recommendations for the ninth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, as they relate to the Convention and its Protocols and their financial mechanism established under Article 21 of the Convention, operated by the Facility on an interim and ongoing basis, in accordance with Article 39 of the Convention, should:

- (i) Reinforce the efforts of the Global Environment Facility to mobilise and engage with all stakeholders, including the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, **including the effective participation of**

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indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth representatives in the GEF and GBFF Councils decision making processes;

(k) Promote and implement, as appropriate, nature-based solutions and or ecosystem-based approaches **with environmental and social safeguards**.⁶

12. Over the ninth replenishment period of its Trust Fund, the Global Environment Facility should:

(c) Ensure ~~Explore~~ ways to further support capacity-building and to ensure improve direct access to funding by indigenous peoples and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles and holding traditional knowledge, innovations and practices relevant to the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components and to improve direct access to funding for support activities and initiatives of women and youth to implement activities and initiatives that enhance biodiversity;

(f) Continue to enhance its policies regarding governance and the standards that its implementing partners are held to in order to improve its efficiency and effectiveness in delivering sustainable results, **including by ensuring the full, equitable, inclusive, effective and gender-responsive representation and participation in decision-making of indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth.**

⁶ As defined in UNEP/EA.5/Res.5

COP 16 R-2 AGENDA ITEM 13 Cooperation with other conventions and international organisations

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Recommendations for CBD/COP/16/L.30: Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations

Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations^{7*}

Draft decision submitted by the Chair of Working Group I

The Conference of the Parties,

{Stressing the importance of future cooperation and collaboration between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction; and the Minamata Convention on Mercury, to support the effective implementation of the Framework, in particular its Target 3 and Target 7},

19. Encourages Parties to strengthen cooperation through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach, including by promoting the active engagement and strengthening the capacity of subnational and local governments to contribute to the effective and efficient implementation of the Convention, other multilateral environmental agreements and the Framework at the national level;

19 bis Invites Parties to implement the Gender Plan of Action, in synergy with gender plans or strategies developed under other relevant multilateral environmental agreements or related multilateral processes, as appropriate; as per paragraph 5 of Decision 15/11.

{20. Invites the governing bodies of the chemicals and waste conventions,⁸ the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other relevant conventions and organizations, including the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, to collaborate with the three Rio conventions and the future legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, as appropriate, on Target 7 of the Framework

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⁸ Including the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

on the reduction of pollution to levels that are not harmful to biodiversity, in consultation with Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, **women and youth** and relevant stakeholders;}

21. *Invites* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to develop tools and guidance on a human-**rights** based approach to the implementation of Framework and convey the results to the Secretariat;

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