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BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK
Second meeting
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SCENARIO NOTE

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. For the first meeting of the Working Group, we provided a scenario note to facilitate the preparations of the Working Group. We understand that it was found to be useful and will therefore continue this practice. The present scenario note details how we envision the agenda for the second meeting of the Working Group unfolding by providing our perspectives on the objectives of the meeting on how we suggest to approach the negotiations, what we see as the possible outcomes and how these relate to the next meeting of the Working Group.

2. With respect to the day-to-day conduct of the meeting, we will be working closely with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, which will meet regularly during the week. In this regard, any issues or concerns may also be relayed to us through your regional representatives on the Bureau. In addition, we continue to encourage you to bring any issues or concerns regarding the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework directly to our attention as soon as possible so that we can work together to find the best way forward. To this end, during the second meeting of the Working Group, we will make ourselves available to delegates before and after sessions.

II. OBJECTIVE OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

3. The objective of the second meeting of the Working Group is to significantly advance the negotiation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It is our hope that the Working Group will do this on the basis of the zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/WG2020/2/3) that we have prepared. It is our expectation that Parties will engage at this meeting in negotiation of the parts of the framework that are ready to be discussed and seek to prepare agreed text, or identify areas where further preparatory work or consultation is required:

4. As noted in the document containing the zero-draft text (CBD/WG2020/2/3), it is envisaged that the Working Group at its second meeting will focus its attention on the zero draft of the framework itself and use the draft monitoring framework (CBD/WG2020/2/3/Add.1) and glossary (CBD/WG2020/2/3/Add.2) as explanatory and contextual references. Yet, the Working Group may wish to delay the negotiation of the monitoring framework until after it is updated in the light of the negotiations on the main text of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and then submitted for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. Observations, input and comments made by Parties at the second meeting of the Working Group concerning the appendices would be taken into account in this process. The Working Group is encouraged to read this document in conjunction with the zero draft and may also wish to give preliminary consideration to the potential elements of a draft decision.

III. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

5. The second meeting of the Working Group will start at 10 a.m. on 24 February 2020. Following a short opening ceremony, we will invite regional statements and statements by organizations presenting the collective views of indigenous peoples and local communities, civil society, youth, women's organizations and business. These statements will be strictly limited to six minutes each. Following the opening statements, we will present our reflections on the process to date. After this, we will begin the formal consideration of the substantive agenda items of the Working Group.
6. For agenda item 4 (Zero draft of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework), we will invite comments on the entire document, recognizing that the main focus of the work will be on annex I.
7. In keeping with the practice followed at the first Working Group meeting, the length of interventions in plenary will be strictly limited to three minutes for individual Parties or observers and to six minutes for regional groups or groups of observers. A clock will be displayed in the room and, once the allotted time has expired, microphones will be turned off.
8. Following this general reading of the draft in plenary, we envisage that the majority of the discussions and negotiations will take place in contact groups. Contact groups may need to be established for goals, mission and other cross-cutting and coordination issues (such as decisions, gaps and overlap between targets), action targets related to threats, action targets related to the sustainable use and action targets related to solutions. These contact groups would meet sequentially to the extent possible in order to allow maximum participation by small delegations. Representatives are encouraged to participate actively in contact group discussions as there will be not be a detailed review of the text in plenary at this meeting of the Working Group.
9. We have proposed the arrangements for chairing the contact groups to the Bureau for their consideration. More information will be provided during the first day of the meeting.
10. The contact groups may want to focus their attention initially on goals, mission and targets that are covered by completed thematic consultations or those for which there is no specific consultation (targets 1 to 4, 6, 9, 10, 17, 20). Discussion on the other targets should be based on the premise that the work of the thematic consultation, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice or the Subsidiary Body on Implementation has not yet been completed. Input collected during the discussions of the Working Group on these targets will be fed into the relevant process and eventually reflected in the next draft.
11. The contact groups will work on the basis of the relevant sections of the zero draft. We encourage the contact groups to first reach consensus on the substance and direction of the targets. Then it would be useful for the contact group to turn its attention to level of ambition envisaged for each target (numerical values or range of values). However, it is not necessary to finalize these values at this time, as this work will be informed by the discussions at the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. Numerical values would be finalized during the third meeting of the Working Group.
12. The contact groups will operate in a manner similar to those established during meetings of the Conference of the Parties and the Convention's subsidiary bodies. All participants will be invited to participate in the discussions; however, Parties will be given the first opportunity to intervene. Specific text suggestions from representatives of non-Parties will require support from a Party in order to be considered.
13. Annex I contains a proposed schedule for the meetings of the contact groups. This schedule is provided as an illustration and will be adjusted as each contact group progresses in its discussion.
14. Annex II contains a list of proposed questions to help guide the contact groups in these discussions.

IV. RESULTS OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

15. Each contact group co-lead will prepare a report that will be presented in plenary. These reports will identify:

(a) Where possible, the text reflecting the outcome of the negotiations which will then be reflected as is in the next draft of the framework;

(b) For areas where there is no full consensus, alternatives to the extent possible (or a range if there are numerical values);

(c) For areas of significant disagreement, the various positions, as noted by the co-leads, and the rationale for them, as well as any relevant guidance for drafting the next version of the framework, with the co-leads making every effort to avoid the use of complex bracketed text in those circumstances;

(d) All comments relevant to the monitoring framework.

16. The plenary discussion should focus on the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the report and should avoid detailed paragraph-by-paragraph negotiation (this will take place at the third meeting of the Working Group, when the full text is available). The Working Group would then note the progress made by annexing the reports of the contact groups, including negotiated text, to the report on the meeting.

17. As suggested in the draft recommendation in document CBD/WG2020/2/3, we envisage that we would be given a mandate:

(a) To prepare a document for the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice that will present the outcome of the second meeting of the Working Group relevant to the work of the Subsidiary Body (that is, scientific and technical validation of the framework and development of a list of indicators);

(b) Complement and annotate the draft text of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework resulting from the second meeting of the Working Group, taking into account the ongoing consultation processes, and the outcome of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. In doing so, we would seek to offer possible solutions to outstanding issues. These annotations would then be provided to the Working Group for its consideration at its third meeting, complementing, and alongside the text resulting from the second meeting.

18. In addition, the Working Group may wish to make further requests to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, further to the requests already made to these bodies at its first meeting, and complementing Subsidiary Body recommendation 23/1.

19. The Working Group is due to complete its work by 1 p.m. on 29 February 2020.

V. INFORMATION SESSIONS

20. Similar to the first meeting of the Working Group, we have made provisions to have a set of information sessions during the lunch period. These sessions are informal and are intended to provide participants with information and an opportunity to share ideas. More information on the information sessions will be provided to the Working Group on the first day of the meeting.

VI. SECOND INFORMAL BRIEFING BY THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE WORKING GROUP

21. We will provide a second informal briefing on the Working Group in the margins of the twenty-fourth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, which will be held in Montreal, Canada, in May 2020. This informal briefing will serve to provide an update on progress and to hear further views from participants. More information on this will be provided in the coming weeks.

VII. THIRD MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

22. The third meeting of the Working Group will be held at the end of July 2020, in Cali, Colombia. It will undertake its work on the basis of the results of second meeting, the results of the consultation processes undertaken up to that time (including submissions and reports from thematic workshops), and the relevant outcomes of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, and the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

Annex I. Proposed schedule for meetings of contact groups (draft)

	Monday 24 Feb	Tuesday 25 Feb	Wednesday 26 Feb	Thursday 27 Feb	Friday 28 Feb	Saturday 29 Feb
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Plenary refer to agenda published	Short plenary	CG2 -first session	CG2 - possible second session (as needed)	CG2 - possible third session (as needed)	Plenary
		CG1 - first session				
Info session	FAO briefing	DSI dialogue	Financial mechanism	Science Dialogue Economics and Valuation		
3 – 6 p.m.	Plenary Continued	CG4 - first session	CG3 solution – first session	CG3 –possible second session (as needed)	CG3 - possible third session (as needed)	
				Report to plenary	CG1 – final meeting: Review all CG outcome for gaps and overlap	
Evening session		CG1 – second session	CG4 - possible second session (as needed)	Trying not to schedule session to provide delegates with some rest and time for report writing	Plenary	

Annex II. Questions for contact group participants (draft to be augmented)

1. Is it the right coverage of topics in this set of issues (goals or targets)?
2. Is there anything missing from the thematic coverage of this set of issues and each individual target?

Note that those questions are not relevant to the discussion on the mission.

More detailed questions (as part of the particular contact group mandate) may be developed after the first reading in plenary on the basis of interventions.
