



Convention on Biological Diversity

BUREAU OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC,
TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE
9h00 to 10h30 Montreal
Via teleconference (Microsoft Teams)
21 April 2022

MINUTES

1. A meeting of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) was held via teleconference on Thursday 21 April 2022, from 9:00 to 10:30 (Montreal time).
2. The meeting was attended by the following members of the Bureau: Mr. Hesiquio Benitez Diaz (Mexico, Chair), Mr. Jean Bruno Mikissa (Gabon), Ms. Senka Barudanovic (Bosnia-Herzegovina), Ms. Alison McMorrow (Australia), Mr. Andreas Schei (Norway), Ms. Gwen Sisor (Palau), and Mr. Bilal Qtishat (Jordan). Apologies were received from Ms. Marie-May Muzungaile (Seychelles), Mr. Adams Toussaint (Saint-Lucia), Ms. Marina von Weissenberg (Finland), Mr. Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic) and Ms. Ana Lecaros Terry (Peru).
3. The meeting was supported by the following CBD Secretariat staff: Ms. Jihyun Lee (SBSTTA Secretary), Mr. David Cooper, Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filip, Ms. Jillian Campbell, Ms. Sakhile Koketso, Ms. Véronique Allain and Ms. Jacqueline Grekin.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting was opened at 9:07 a.m. (Montreal time) on Thursday 21 April 2022 by the SBSTTA Chair. The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming the new members of the Bureau:
 - AFRICA; Mr. Jean Bruno MIKISSA (Gabon)
 - ASIA AND PACIFIC: Mr. Bilal QTISHAT (Jordan)
 - CEE: Mr. Jan PLESNIK (Czech Republic)
 - GRULAC: Ms. Ana (Teresa) LECAROS TERRY (Peru)
 - WEOG: Mrs. Marina VON WEISSENBERG (Finland, re-elected)

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5. The SBSTTA Chair presented the agenda for the meeting and it was adopted without any changes.

III. INTER-SESSIONAL WORK ON THE MONITORING FRAMEWORK FOR THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

6. The Chair provided a slide presentation to update the Bureau members on the inter-sessional work on the monitoring framework for the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. In this presentation, he covered, *inter alia*: overall background and process for the development of the monitoring background for post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework; dynamic inter-linkages and feedback among SBSTTA, SBI and WG2020, including the interactions during the resumed session of SBSTTA-24 meeting in Geneva; key outcomes of the resumed session of SBSTTA-24 meeting on the development of the monitoring framework; timeline of intersessional activities prior to 4th meeting of OEWG (scheduled for 21-26 June, Nairobi) and COP15 as well as proposed activities after COP 15 (e.g. see the paragraph 7a below for details); and nomination and selection of experts for Technical Meeting on indicators for Post-2020 GBF to be held in Bonn, from 29 June to 1 July 2022. The Chair concluded his talk by highlighting that the selection of experts will be done by the Bureau members, with the assistance of the secretariat, taking into account the regional representation and gender balance as well as balance across disciplines to reflect the scope of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. As such, he invited Bureau members to facilitate timely submission of nomination of experts with adequate experience and expertise.

7. In response to the Chair's presentation, Bureau members exchanged their views, questions and suggestions, as summarized below:

- a. Appreciated Chair for elaborating the inter-linkages among the SBSTTA, the SBI and the OEWG, of the work relating to the development of the monitoring framework, in particular the way intersessional work activities are designed taking into account: (i) necessary inputs for the forthcoming 4th meeting of OEWG (OEWG-4), such as an information document containing initial technical review of the newly proposed indicators from Geneva meeting and the information session to be held at the beginning of the OEWG-4, (ii) linkages with the SBI workshop on options to enhance the planning, monitoring, reporting and review mechanism (SBI-3 agenda item 9), to be held in Nairobi from 17 to 18 June, (iii) proposed preparation of the working documents for Technical Meeting in Bonn, just after the conclusion of OEWG-4, to align the information documents for this Technical Meeting with the outcomes from OEWG-4, (iv) proposed inputs to COP 15, including the outcome of the resumed session of SBSTT-24 as well as the report of Technical Meeting in Bonn, and (v) potential role of AHTEG after COP 15;
- b. Noted the importance of bringing all key components of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, including relevant information from the items under SBSTTA and SBI, into the discussion at the OEWG-4 to allow Parties to advance on the final draft of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, for consideration by COP 15-2;
- c. Appreciating the planned work by the Secretariat to support SBSTTA in close linkages with SBI and OEWG, the followings were suggested and discussed, including: (i) support for the proposed information session on the initial technical review of the newly proposed indicators, to be organized at the Nairobi meeting of OEWG-4 ; (ii) that if the information document on the results of initial technical review of the newly proposed indicators, can be made available well in advance of the OEWG-4, delegates will have enough time for review prior to the meeting, (iii) this information document could be structured in a way that allows the document to be easily used by the contact groups discussing different goals and targets, (iv) support for the organization of online briefing session during the meeting in Bonn which would update the SBSTTA Bureau and WG Co-chairs on the meeting outcomes, and (v) the results of Technical Meeting (in-person meeting) in Bonn to be shared widely through the organization of a webinar, prior to COP 15; and

- d. Clarifications were made on: (i) the timing of selection period once the nominations are submitted, which would take place within two-week time after the deadline for submission of nomination, (ii) traffic light system being applied to assessing the newly proposed indicators, (iii) the timing of the documents being prepared, and (iv) key roles to be played by future AHTEG after COP 15, such as further elaboration of newly proposed indicators regarding the availability of data, potential data providers, and necessary capacity building activities at national levels.

IV. OTHER MATTERS

8. The Chair noted that GRULAC region was not represented at this meeting and requested the secretariat that an informal meeting with GRULAC Bureau members be arranged to update the discussion from this meeting. It was also suggested that the presentation slides used by the Chair be circulated to the Bureau members, with modifications to include additional information coming out of this meeting discussion.

V. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

9. The Bureau meeting was closed at 10:30 a.m. (Montreal time) on Thursday 21 April 2022.

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