

AGENDA ITEM: 10. Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation

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Thank you Chair, I speak on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB).

The IIFB acknowledges several elements of document CBD/SBI/7/10, such as: the recognition, arising from the progress report in the implementation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development, of the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth and whole-of-society engagement as part of the actions for uptake of the plan; the potential of the subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres in devolving capacity-building and development support; and the recommendation that enhanced engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth and relevant stakeholders is also essential for an effective mechanism on technical and scientific cooperation.

Moreover, the draft global report on collective progress also contains key insights for this agenda item. While the draft global report on collective progress states that Parties have reported general measures on capacity building actions for indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth, and persons with disabilities, the report also highlights a crucial gap in another target relevant for capacity building - that is Target 21. The report mentions progress in Target 21, a key gap identified by national reports also included access to traditional knowledge with free, prior and informed consent. It also highlighted challenges related to Target 21, including on traditional knowledge, cross-cutting implications.

We therefore make the following comments and recommendations:

On the capacity building and development:

We acknowledge the finding that the limited use of the long-term strategic framework by Indigenous Peoples and local communities, among others, reflects practical capacity and resource constraints. However, in spite of these limitations, we would also like to highlight that Indigenous Peoples and local communities' organizations already conduct and/or engage in their own partnerships for training and exchange — such as the intergenerational transfer of traditional knowledge and community-based monitoring of their territories. These actions should be recognized and supported in their own right.

Aside from the central portal of the clearing-house mechanism, the facilitation of subregional biodiversity capacity-building fora by the regional TSCs, with the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women, youth and relevant stakeholders, could also be an avenue to share such initiatives and exchanges.

Moreover, the assessment of Target 20 of the KMGBF should also capture and give due recognition to these community-led and peer-to-peer capacity-building efforts. While the draft global report states that only three organizations have uploaded commitments on Target 20, this may also reflect the need to review the mechanisms through which Indigenous Peoples and local communities, among others, can submit commitments for the KMGBF on Target 20 and 21.

On technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer

Article 8j and relevant provisions for Indigenous Peoples and local communities should be included in the biennial workplans of the technical and scientific cooperation support centres, developed with the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities. This can be done by reaching out to IP & LC networks and organizations in the region, as well as representation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities in the governance structures of the support centres to help guide their work and priorities. Monitoring and evaluation of impacts should also be disaggregated by gender, age and ethnicity, to fully assess impact across the whole of society.

In addition, the regional TSCs can also be a mechanism to support national traditional knowledge focal points to promote capacity-building for Indigenous Peoples and local communities on issues related to the Convention, in line with Decisions 15/10, paragraphs 5 and 6.

Consistent with these elements, Indigenous Peoples and local communities must be placed at the heart of capacity-building processes under the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols. This requires the adequate, predictable and sustained allocation of financial, technical and human resources dedicated to strengthening their capacities.

Based on this, we propose the following key text suggestions in the SBI Recommendations (paragraph 33):

- In para 3, add at the end of the paragraph: “**WITH FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN, YOUTH AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS**”
- In para 6, add at the end of the paragraph: “**INCLUDING BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN, YOUTH AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS**”
- In para 8(b), add at the end of the paragraph: “**WITH THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH**”
- In para 19, add after “reporting templates for centres”: “**INCLUDING AGE, SEX AND ETHNICITY DISAGGREGATED DATA**”

Our full list of text proposals are annexed to this statement.

Thank you, Chair.

The IIFB suggested text is in **GREEN CAPITALS** as follows:

Annex. Text Proposals CBD/SBI/7/10

Para 3. Invites the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and other regional bodies and relevant organizations to hold, as appropriate, regional capacity-building and development forums to facilitate the sharing of experiences, good practices and lessons learned in capacity-building and development in support of national and regional biodiversity strategies and action plans and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, **WITH FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN, YOUTH AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS**;

Para 6. Invites Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations in a position to do so to provide and facilitate access to financial and technical support for capacity-building and development activities to facilitate the further uptake and use of the long-term strategic framework **INCLUDING BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN, YOUTH AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS**;

Para 8. Requests the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:

(b) To organize, in collaboration with the support centres and relevant organizations, capacity-building and development activities, including training-of-trainers workshops and peer-to-peer learning exchanges, to promote and facilitate the context-specific application of the long-term strategic framework **WITH THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH**;

(c) To collaborate with the Biodiversity Finance Initiative and relevant organizations in order to organize capacity-building activities for Parties, including their ministries of finance, economic planning and national development, **AS WELL AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH**, on ways to mobilize domestic resources and gain access to international financing for capacity-building and development, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer;

(d) To convene, in collaboration with partners, a meeting of the Biodiversity Capacity-Building and Development Forum to facilitate the sharing of experiences, good practices and lessons learned in capacity-building and development in support of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, **INCLUDING FROM INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN, YOUTH AND RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS** before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

17. *Invites* United Nations entities, relevant international organizations, development agencies, research institutions, academia, the private sector and other stakeholders to work actively with and support the support

centres and the Global Coordination Entity, **ENSURING THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH.**

Paragraph 19. (d) To develop, in consultation with the support centres and with assistance from the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation, a common monitoring and evaluation framework and reporting templates for the centres, **INCLUDING AGE, SEX AND ETHNICITY DISAGGREGATED DATA**, with a view to ensuring the consistent tracking of outcomes and the effectiveness of technical and scientific cooperation support and to facilitating the review of progress by the Subsidiary Body of Implementation at a meeting held before the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;