

AGENDA ITEM 11: Clearing-house Mechanism and Knowledge Management: Progress Report on the Implementation of the Knowledge Management Strategy

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

The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) welcomes the progress made by the Secretariat in implementing the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy pursuant to Decisions 16/9 A and B. We commend the continued enhancement of the central clearing-house portal, the operationalization of the Online Reporting Tool and the Secretariat's efforts to strengthen capacity-building and peer learning. These are important steps towards achieving Target 21 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and strengthening knowledge exchange under Articles 17 and 18 of the Convention.

With respect to the draft recommendations, we wish to draw attention to three targeted amendments.

First, in paragraph 5, we propose inserting "**INCLUDING INFORMATION, AS APPROPRIATE, ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT**" after the words "in their eighth national reports,". This amendment will ensure that national reporting appropriately reflects the contributions of IPLCs to knowledge management and implementation of the Convention.

Second, in paragraph 7, we propose adding "**AND TO ENGAGE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN KNOWLEDGE-SHARING ACTIVITIES**" after the words "at the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties,". This will strengthen the full and effective participation of IPLCs in knowledge generation, exchange and capacity-building.

We respectfully invite Parties to support these targeted amendments to strengthen the knowledge management strategy as an inclusive, rights-based and effective mechanism for implementing the Convention and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

Thank you, Chair.

The IIFB suggested text is in **GREEN CAPITALS**.

IV. Recommendations

1. The Subsidiary Body may wish to recommend that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of Parties adopt a decision¹ along the following lines:

The Conference of Parties,

Recalling its decisions [16/9 A and B](#) of 1 November 2024,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2024–2030² and the knowledge management strategy to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,^{3,4}
2. *Reiterates* the need for continued implementation by Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, relevant organizations and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity⁵ to achieve the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy;
3. *Notes* the need for additional resources for further implementing the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy;
4. *Invites* the regional and subregional technical and scientific cooperation support centres and the Global Coordination Entity of the
technical and scientific cooperation mechanism to include work to facilitate the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy in their programmes of work;
5. *Encourages* Parties to share information on progress made in the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy in their eighth national reports, **INCLUDING INFORMATION, AS APPROPRIATE, ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO**

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT, with a view to facilitating the review of that area of work at the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

6. *Recalls* that progress towards the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy will be reviewed at the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in conjunction with the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Framework;

7. *Invites* the cooperation support centres and relevant organizations to collaborate and to share information with the Secretariat in order to facilitate the review of that area of work at the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, **AND TO ENGAGE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN KNOWLEDGE-SHARING ACTIVITIES**;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, under the guidance of the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation and subject to availability of the resources:

(a) To strengthen and accelerate the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy by making information submitted by Parties more accessible, searchable and reusable in support of planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting under the Framework,

(b) To prepare an analysis of the implementation of the programme of work for the clearing-house mechanism and the knowledge management strategy to inform their review at the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.