

AGENDA ITEM 08: Synthetic biology: thematic action plan to support capacity-building and development, access to and transfer of technology and knowledge-sharing

Statement on behalf of the **International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)** delivered by **Kamal Kumar Rai**

I am speaking on the behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB).

The IIFB supports the ATHEG's outcome and continuation, with the thematic action plan on capacity building. The thematic action plan should promote the full and effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities from seven eco-regions in the implementation considering the needs of Indigenous Peoples and local communities and for culturally appropriate capacity building and development on synthetic biology.

Thank you, Chair.

The IIFB suggested text is in **GREEN CAPITALS**, the text we suggest deleted is ~~struck though in red~~ and the text **highlighted in green** is text we suggest kept.

III. Recommendation

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. *Notes* the review of the draft thematic action plan to support capacity-building and development, access to and transfer of technology and knowledge-sharing in the context of synthetic biology for the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity¹ and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework² conducted by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-eighth meeting;³

2. *Recommends* that, at its seventeenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopt elements of a decision⁴ along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions [15/8](#) of 19 December 2022 and [16/21](#) of 1 November 2024,

1. *Invites* Parties, other Governments, **indigenous peoples and local communities**, women and youth organizations and other relevant stakeholders to use, on a voluntary basis and in

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² Decision [15/4](#), annex.

³ See recommendation 28/-- of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

⁴ The estimated extrabudgetary resource requirements for the activities outlined in the draft decision are shown in the annex to the present document.

line with their identified needs and priorities, the thematic action plan to support **CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE** capacity-building and development, access to and transfer of technology, and knowledge-sharing in the context of synthetic biology for the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity⁵ and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;^{6,7}

2. *Invites* Parties to the respective Protocols to use the thematic action plan in complement to the capacity-building action plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety^{8,9} and the capacity-building and development action plan for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources, **TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE ASSOCIATED WITH GENETIC RESOURCES** and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization;^{10,11}

3. *Invites* Parties to consider the actions contained in the thematic action plan in the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans; **ENSURING THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH FROM THE SAME COMMUNITIES**

4. *Encourages* Parties to share their needs and priorities with regard to the implementation of the thematic action plan with the regional and subregional support centres of the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism;¹² **TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES THAT INCLUDES CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE CAPACITY BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT ON SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY.**

5. *Urges* Parties, and invites other Governments and relevant organizations, to make resources available to support **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH** the implementation of the thematic action plan;

6. *Invites* Parties, **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES** and other stakeholders to share information related to the implementation of the thematic action plan through the clearing-house mechanisms;

7. *Encourages* Parties, international organizations and other relevant stakeholders to facilitate scientific and technical cooperation on synthetic biology to support **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH FROM THE SAME COMMUNITIES** the implementation of the thematic action plan;

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

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

⁶ Decision [15/4](#), annex.

⁷ The thematic action plan will be included in annex I to the decision (see the annex to document CBD/SBI/7/8/Add.1 for the draft plan).

⁸ Decision [CP-10/4](#), annex.

⁹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

¹⁰ Decision [NP-5/3](#), annex.

¹¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

¹² See decision [16/3](#), annex I.

(a) To enhance the dedicated sections in the clearing-house mechanisms with the information referred to in paragraph 6 above, with a view to promoting the thematic action plan and facilitating knowledge-sharing in the context of synthetic biology;

(b) To **PROVIDE** support **TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR** capacity-building and development and knowledge-sharing activities in order to facilitate the implementation of the thematic action plan.