

AGENDA ITEM: 9 Engagement with subnational governments, cities and other local authorities to enhance the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

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Statement on behalf of the **International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB)**.

The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB), believes that while the implementation of KMGBF is primarily a responsibility of the Parties' national governments, the success, to a great extent, depends on the effective localization of global and national targets.

The implementation of the KMGBF requires profound action at the local level and cooperation between local authorities and Indigenous Peoples and local communities' organizations for the effective spatial planning, ecosystem restoration and monitoring. There are numerous examples of Indigenous Peoples and local communities' institutions working on their biodiversity priorities in collaboration with the subnational and local authorities. Moreover, Indigenous Peoples and local communities' institutions themselves demonstrate local governance and in some cases are formally recognized as and perform the role of local authorities. Our traditional governance systems, including public policies and decision-making process grounded in our knowledge systems, that effectively contributed to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity represent forms of governance that should be taken into account. As example in Colombia through the national legislation recognize the Indigenous Territories Entities (Entidades Territoriales Indigenas) are local authorities with their own governance systems, including competencies in environmental matters.

Having these considerations in mind, we propose the following edits to the draft recommendation in document CBD/SBI/7/9:

We recommend that paragraph 2 of the draft recommendation be strengthened to read:

Encourages continued efforts to strengthen coordination, cooperation and engagement across all levels of government, **WITH THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES**, including in the context of the implementation of the plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity (2023–2030),¹ in support of the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and the Framework.

We further propose that the following paragraph be added to the recommendation:

3. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE ROLE OF SUBNATIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES INCLUDE SPECIFIC ANALYSIS AND CASE STUDIES ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS

¹ Decision [15/12](#), annex.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE KUNMING-MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK.

3. BIS ENCOURAGES PARTIES TO PROMOTE THE RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PROMOTE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK AS APPROPRIATE

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

ANNEX

III. Recommendation

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

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision [15/12](#) of 19 December 2022,

1. *Takes note* of the executive summary of the report of the review of the role of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities in the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework;

2. *Encourages* continued efforts to strengthen coordination, cooperation and engagement across all levels of government **WITH THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES**, including in the context of the implementation of the plan of action on subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity (2023–2030), in support of the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and the Framework.

3. **REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE ROLE OF SUBNATIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES INCLUDE SPECIFIC ANALYSIS AND CASE STUDIES ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE KUNMING-MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK.**

3. BIS ENCOURAGES PARTIES TO PROMOTE THE RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PROMOTE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK.