



Early submission version - February 9, 2026

Subsidiary Body on Implementation

Sixth meeting

Rome, 16–19 February 2026

Agenda Item 6. Capacity-building and development and technical and scientific cooperation.

Thank you, Chair

I am speaking on behalf of the CBD Women's Caucus.

Capacity-building, knowledge management, technology transfer and technical and scientific cooperation are the primary vehicles through which Parties will implement the KM-GBF. If these mechanisms are not designed and operationalised in a gender-responsive manner, the Framework itself cannot be implemented in a gender-responsive or gender-equal way.

For this reason, references to “gender” and “equality” in the Long-Term Strategic Framework for Capacity-Building and Development and in the technical and scientific cooperation mechanism must go beyond declarative language. They must be reflected in how gaps are identified, how priorities are set, how resources are allocated, how progress is measured, and how accountability is ensured, supported by gender analysis, disaggregated data and clear responsibilities in alignment with the Gender Plan of Action.

It is therefore essential that gap analyses and implementation frameworks adopt a target-by-target approach and are disaggregated by region or subregion. Monitoring and assessment require gender-disaggregated data as part of a cross-cutting methodology that allows for the visibility of how capacity-building efforts contribute to women's rights, leadership, and the achievement of Target 23 across all reporting processes.

Finally, attention must be given to the systemic barriers that shape who benefits from capacity development. Beyond participation, structural institutional, financial, territorial, cultural and temporal constraints determine whether women can access, remain and lead within these processes. Addressing these barriers is central to ensuring that capacity-building and technical cooperation contribute effectively to a gender-responsive implementation of the KM-GBF.

In this regard, we propose the following textual adjustments to document [CBD/SBI/6/6](#):

In the Recommendations section:

1. ~~Takes note of~~ **Welcomes** the report of the Informal Advisory Group on Technical and Scientific Cooperation on its fifth meeting;

3. *Encourages* Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, **including Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth**, to collaborate with the technical and scientific cooperation support centres and relevant partners in the assessment and analysis of capacity needs and gaps at the **subnational**, national and subregional levels ~~and to organize multi-stakeholder consultations to validate the assessment results~~;
4. *Urges* Parties to provide in their national reports and their responses to the assessments by the technical and scientific cooperation support centres and relevant partners detailed information **including sex- disaggregated data and a specific analysis of the capacity needs of women, Indigenous peoples and local communities and youth** on specific technological, technical and institutional capacity needs and gaps related to the implementation of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and of the Framework;
5. *Requests* the global coordination entity, in collaboration with the Secretariat and the Informal Advisory Group, to provide guidelines and support to strengthen the capacity of the technical and scientific cooperation support centres to design and conduct future capacity needs assessments in a harmonized manner; **that systematically integrate a human rights-based approach and align with the KMGBF.**
6. *Requests* the Informal Advisory Group, in collaboration with the Secretariat, and on the basis of the global analysis referred to in paragraph 2 above, to identify suitable options to **better understand and** further address the technical, technological and institutional capacity gaps identified by Parties, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation at its eighth meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;
8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources:
 - (a) To develop, with the support of the Informal Advisory Group, guidance to assist Parties, the technical and scientific cooperation support centres, **Indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth** and partners with the undertaking of capacity-needs assessments, including by developing an assessment framework and methodology, a typology of capacity gaps and a readiness sequencing framework to structure the analysis and reporting on needs, gaps and solutions;

In the Annex “Terms of reference for the independent evaluations..”

3. The evaluation will consist of an examination of how Parties, **subnational governments** and non-governmental actors have used the long-term strategic framework, whether it has supported the institutionalization of capacity-building and development within the **design and implementation, funding and monitoring**, of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and the extent to which it has promoted capacity-building and development efforts that are more coherent, efficient, effective, impactful and sustainable.
4. Subject to the availability of resources, the Secretariat will commission an independent evaluation in 2029, in conjunction with the second global review of the Framework. Three main data collection methods will be used: (a) a review of relevant documentation, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans, national reports, **reviews of relevant instruments such as the Gender Plan of Action**, and existing case studies and project reports; (b) an online survey; and (c) interviews with Parties and relevant stakeholders, **including Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth**, engaged in work on capacity-building and development, including both capacity providers and recipients.
5. The following non-exhaustive set of elements is intended to guide the design of the evaluation:

(a) Extent of the awareness among Parties and stakeholders of the role of the long-term strategic framework in guiding capacity-building and development efforts **and the degree to which it is perceived as aligned with the goals and targets of the KMGBF;**

(d) Main challenges or obstacles in applying the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework **particularly those that have prevented Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women, and youth from fully participating in and benefiting from capacity-building initiatives**

(e) Extent to which the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework has encouraged and helped Parties and stakeholders with respect to institutionalizing capacity-building and development as part of the **development and implementation, funding, and monitoring** of national biodiversity strategies and action plans **as well as national targets;**

(f) Extent to which the guidance provided in the long-term strategic framework has led to desired changes and improvements, including the **implementation** of Target 20 of the Framework, **other relevant instruments such as the Gender Plan of Action**, and the indicative medium-term capacity outcomes set forth in the strategic framework;

(p) Extent to which the long-term strategic framework has contributed to gender-responsive outcomes and the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action

(q) Extent to which the long-term strategic framework has enabled collaboration of National and thematic Focal Points from the CBD and across the three Rio Conventions.

6. bis Disaggregation of all relevant indicators, particularly those related to participation and funding, by sex, gender, ethnicity, and age should be applied as a cross-cutting methodological principle.

7. Information for the review will be drawn from various sources, including:

(h) Reports and information related to relevant instruments such as the Gender Plan of Action.

10. The following non-exhaustive set of elements is intended to guide the design of the evaluation:

(j) Extent to which the technical and scientific cooperation support centres have been able to coordinate effectively with one another and other relevant initiatives, platforms, centres or networks, **including Indigenous Peoples and local communities, women and youth groups**, in their respective region or subregions;

11. In addition to the elements listed above, the evaluation will be conducted, as appropriate, using the criteria for evaluating the performance of the technical and scientific cooperation support centres and the global coordination entity to be developed jointly by the Secretariat and the Informal Advisory Group. Subject to the availability of data, the evaluation may, alongside relevant indicators under the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, draw on the following indicators proposed by the Group during its third meeting:

(j) Number of Indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth participating in capacity building programs and how these programs were useful

We would like to ask Parties for support.

Thank you.

The CBD Women's Caucus (CBD WC) is the women's constituency within the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). It stands as a self-organised global platform, supporting women and girls worldwide to advocate for their rights within biodiversity related decision-making processes across all levels. For more information: coordination@cbdwomenscaucus.org