

Ministerial Consultation on the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

A letter from the COP17 President to the Ministers and Heads of delegations at HLS, COP17

1. With reference to the information session on the ministerial consultations held on 26th of October 2026, and the follow-up information note circulated on the COP17 website, I would like to present the following information regarding the first informal ministerial consultation on the **Global Review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**.
2. It is the first time that we are taking stock of the implementation of the Framework. We now know where we are in the implementation of the Framework, the progress, gaps, challenge and barriers. Through the ***Yerevan pathway for accelerating the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework***, as referred to in the draft global review decision, it presents an ambitious and feasible path for achieving the 2030 targets of the Framework.
3. The draft decision provides for concrete actions for accelerating implementation, enhancing the scope and coverage of actions to implement the Framework, strengthening means of implementation, engaging the whole of government and the whole of society, and enhancing monitoring and knowledge.
4. Building on the preparatory work at the intersessions period and the first week of conference we have been able to make good progress in the negotiations here at COP-17. Throughout the negotiations, I have been impressed with the dedication, spirit of compromise and willingness to collaborate. As a result, there are only a few outstanding issues on which I am seeking your political guidance and support.
5. It is my intention to conclude the negotiations within the next two days so that the decision on the global review can be adopted on Wednesday, 28 October 2026. To this end, I am pleased to invite you to informal consultations on **Tuesday 27 October from 16:30 to 18:00 at the Plenary Hall Sevan (WG2 room)**.
6. To support our discussions, the Presidency in consultation with the Working Group I chair Mr. Gaute Hanssen of Norway has been working with the contact group co-chairs Ms Sanne Kruid of the Netherlands and Dr. Sivendra Michael of Fiji to present the outstanding issues in the draft decision for the informal ministerial consultation and seek Ministers/HoDs guidance on the way forward.

With that in mind, during the informal Ministerial Consultation, I would like you to reflect on the following questions to help us collectively address the outstanding issues in the draft decision:

- The main open issues relate to addressing current biodiversity challenges such as the drivers of biodiversity loss and incentives, including subsidies, harmful to biodiversity and scaling up positive incentives. **How should these important elements be reflected in the decision?**
- As the Yerevan Pathway provides for specific actions for accelerating the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, **how could we reflect the follow-up process of the mentioned actions in the decision including through regional and subregional dialogues?**