

GBF-EAS Project Webinar Series 9: Checklist of key policies related to elements of the Kunming- Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

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Countries will identify actions for policy alignment and coherence in nature-related sectors. Relevant COP15 decisions include the GBF (Decision 15/4), and the Long-term strategic approach to mainstreaming biodiversity within and across sectors (Decision 15/17)

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Checklist of key policies related to elements of GBF, and options for policy coherence.

- Technical Guidance document

Webinar #9 National approaches to policy alignment and coherence for effective implementation of the GBF.

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COP Decision 15/4

“The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework is built around a theory of change which recognizes that urgent policy action is required globally, regionally and nationally to achieve sustainable development so that the drivers of undesirable change that have exacerbated biodiversity loss will be reduced and/or reversed to allow for the recovery of all ecosystems and to achieve the Convention’s Vision of living in harmony with nature by 2050.”

- Further, “The Framework promotes coherence, complementarity and cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, other biodiversity related conventions, and other relevant multilateral agreements and international institutions, respecting their mandates, and creates opportunities for cooperation and partnerships among diverse actors to enhance implementation of the Framework.”

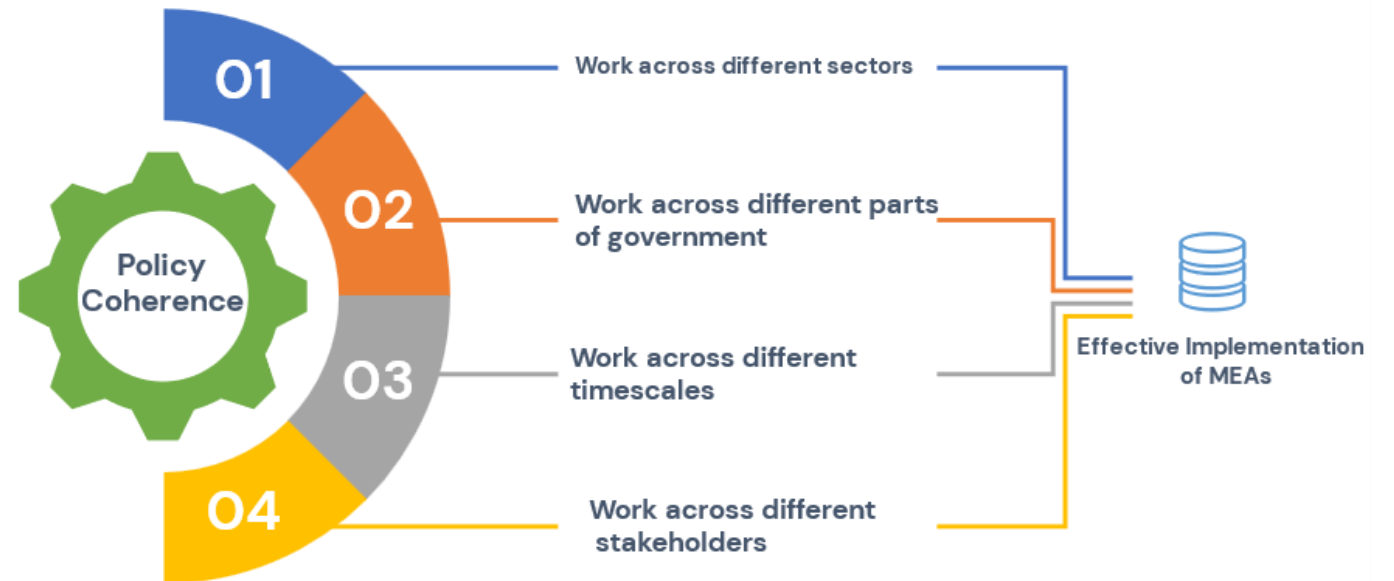
What is policy coherence?

- An approach to integrate the dimensions of sustainable development throughout domestic and international policy-making. ...by: (i) fostering synergies and maximizing benefits across economic, social, and environmental policy areas, (ii) balancing domestic policy objectives with internationally recognized sustainable development goals, and (iii) addressing the transboundary and long-term impacts of policies, including those likely to affect developing countries.” OECD.



Policy Coherence and MEAs

Taking the focus beyond SDGs



Structure of the Technical Guidance Document

Decision 15/4 speaks to the elements for the successful implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework requires responsibility and transparency, which will be supported by effective mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review:

Building Blocks

- e.g. Revised and updated NBSAPs
- e.g. Non-State actor commitments

Elements of the GBF

- e.g. Political will
- e.g. Integrated approaches

Checklist

- e.g. Is there political will & recognition at the highest level of government for the GBF in your country?

Checklist of key policies: Example 1.

Relevant Building Block	Elements of the GBF	Checklist
Political will	Revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans	<p>Is there political will and recognition at the highest level of government for the GBF in your country?</p> <p>Have focal points of the Rio conventions, biodiversity-related conventions and the Sustainable Development Goals, and representatives of line ministries and sectors in your country adopted a road map for alignment and coordinated action?</p>
	National reports, including the headline and, as appropriate, other indicators in the monitoring framework of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.	Is your country improving monitoring and enforcement of existing laws and policies through better documentation and information-sharing and regular, informed and adaptive readjustments to ensure transparent and enhanced results as appropriate?

Checklist of key policies: Example 2.

Relevant Building Block	Elements of the GBF	Checklist
Integrated approaches	Revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans	Is your country taking policy measures to encourage integrated planning and management for sustainability at the landscape and seascape levels?
	Information on non-state actor commitments towards the Framework, as applicable.	Is there implementation of cross-sectoral approaches that consider linkages and interconnections between sectoral policies and actions in your country?
		What legal, administrative or policy measures are in place in your country to encourage businesses to provide information to consumers to promote sustainable consumption patterns? How effective have these been? How could their effectiveness be improved?

Options for policy coherence

Decision 15/4 states that “The Framework promotes coherence, complementarity and cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, other biodiversity related conventions, and other relevant multilateral agreements and international institutions, respecting their mandates, and creates opportunities for cooperation and partnerships among diverse actors to enhance implementation of the Framework.”

Level of action	Example of action
Updating NBSAPs	Coherence in focal areas (climate change, SDGs, food systems, sustainable harvesting and use, trade, and investments).
Setting new national targets	Target setting based on integrated approaches using existing policies (e.g. agriculture, financing, etc.).
Developing implementation plans	Making whole of government approach work.
Dealing with financing	New approaches to financing plans, using climate, nature and blue economy finance policies, where available and develop new ones where needed.
Whole of government approach	Policy coherence a key driver for the approach.

Key recommendations



Enhanced international cooperation



Addressing cross-sectoral and cross-border issues



Allocating resources effectively



Strengthening compliance and enforcement



Enhancing stakeholder engagement



Promoting policy innovation

Key takeaway

- Component 3 will support policy coherence review which Parties can use to evaluate the alignment of existing policies, identify gaps, and examine the functionality of existing institutional frameworks for a successful implementation of the GBF at the national level.



How Policy Coherence helps? Case of CBD/GBF

