

Thank you Mr. Co-Facilitator, and indeed thanks to the organisers, the Co-facilitators and the UNFCCC Secretariat, for the opportunity to address the dialogue today.

Delegates, I would like to draw your attention to two areas of work currently being undertaken under the Convention on Biological Diversity that are particularly relevant to the dialogue and this discussion on the ocean-climate-biodiversity nexus.

Firstly, the global review of collective progress in implementing the KMGBF, to be conducted at CBD COP 17 in October this year, will be an important opportunity to assess progress on target 8 on climate change and also considers ocean acidification, as well as other ocean-climate relevant targets, including on spatial planning, the restoration, protection and sustainable management of ecosystem and species, financial flows, and the recognition of the roles of indigenous peoples, local communities, women and youth, in their national targets, and identify implementation gaps, which can further inform this work under the UNFCCC. The draft global report, which will be one of the main inputs to the global review, is currently available for peer review until 29 June by Parties to the CBD, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations, and provides a key opportunity to further strengthen the knowledge base for the global review, including on ocean-climate issues.

And secondly, with regard to the ocean-climate-biodiversity nexus in areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ), several opportunities for cooperation and further work under the CBD to contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in ABNJ were identified through an expert workshop convened by the CBD Secretariat in Bergen, Norway, in December 2025. Some of these directly address the ocean-biodiversity-climate nexus, and highlight the need to strengthen scientific and technical knowledge (e.g., on climate change impacts on open ocean and deep-sea ecosystems), and enhance cooperation across organizations to identify key knowledge gaps in ABNJ related to the mesopelagic zone, benthic ecosystems, and climate change impacts. The link to the report of the workshop is included in our written contribution to this dialogue.

The CBD Secretariat stands ready to support the taking forward of the outcomes of the ocean & climate change dialogue, as appropriate, and looks forward to strengthening the collaboration with the UNFCCC Secretariat and relevant partners in this regard to support Parties to the CBD to act effectively on the ocean-climate-biodiversity nexus.

Thank you.