

Stakeholder Input to the Annotated Agenda and Annexes for consideration of the Supervisory Body at its 15th Meeting (SBM015)

The Supervisory Body's has made available to the public its annotated agenda and documents to be considered at its 15th meeting (SBM 015), and invited stakeholders to submit input on the topics addressed in these documents via the public call for input.

This submission presents Conservation International's input in relation to "A6.4-SBM015-AA-A01: *Information Note Draft workplan of the Supervisory Body*". It is presented in response to the "Call for input 2025 - Issues included in the annotated agenda and related annexes of the fifteenth meeting of the Article 6.4 Supervisory Body".

Draft Workplan of the Supervisory Body

Over the past years the SBM has mostly opened documents for input, with only 1 or 2 weeks in advance of each meeting. This has resulted in many challenges for stakeholders who are not given enough time to go through many of the technical documents under discussion and to prepare submissions on time on highly complex matters.

The SBM draft workplan currently provides no information on the expected dates when each document, tool or standard will be made available to the public for stakeholder consultation, beyond the usual assumption that all documents are made available a week in advance of each session, which is certainly insufficient time for technical detailed inputs. Furthermore, it provides no clarity on what type of documents will be produced as it only has references to "draft", "final" or similar terms.

At COP29, Parties requested the "*Supervisory Body to engage, in consultation with interested stakeholders, further independent scientific and technical expertise and local communities, and include the knowledge, sciences and practices of Indigenous Peoples, as relevant, to support its work, including through its expert panels, to review proposals as necessary and receive independent scientific and technical advice*", which was applauded by the public and by experts.

We request the SBM to be sure to **include enough stakeholder consultation processes, independent scientific and technical advice, and knowledge, sciences, and practices of Indigenous Peoples, for the different tools, guidance and standards** that are being developed throughout the year. These should be built into the workplan with estimated timelines for the consultation of each one of the documents, to ensure that stakeholders can plan accordingly and provide technical input to ensure the COP mandate to the SBM is abided by.

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