ITEM I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The Fifth Meeting (SFC-5) of the Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (the Funding Committee or Committee) was opened by the Co-Chairs, Ms. Katlyn Scholl (USA) and Mr. Eric Bentsil Quaye (Ghana). Mr. Quaye was invited by the Funding Committee to sit in the position of Co-Chair for SFC-5 pending further consultations between developing countries to finalise a longer-term Co-Chair arrangement.

2. In his welcoming remarks, the Secretary of the Treaty, Mr Kent Nnadozie, provided an update to the Committee on the arrangements for the Ninth Session of the Governing Body (GB-9), informing it that, due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic, the Bureau of GB-9 agreed with the Host Government to postpone the dates for the in-person GB-9 meeting from May 2022 to 19-24 September 2022, and that matters related to the Funding Strategy would be addressed at that meeting.

3. The Co-Chairs welcomed the Members of the Committee, and active and silent observers. The List of Participants is provided in Appendix 4 to these Proceedings.

ITEM II. AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

4. The Committee adopted its Agenda, as given in Appendix 3 of this document, and the Provisional Timetable set out in Appendix 1 of the document SFC-5/22/2.

ITEM III. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Implementation, Monitoring and Review Plan of the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy

5. The Committee discussed the document, SFC-5/22/3, Further updated Draft of the Implementation, Monitoring and Review plan of the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy, which had been further developed based upon the discussions of the Committee at SFC-4.

6. The Committee finalised the Implementation, Monitoring and Review plan of the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy (Inception Phase), as contained in Appendix 1 of these Proceedings and requested the Secretariat to organise an informal online briefing session for the Committee to receive updates and provide feedback on the inception phase activities, including the establishing of a Food Processing Industry Sounding Board. This event will be held in the second quarter of 2022.

Update on resource mobilization initiatives of the Global Crop Diversity Trust

7. The Committee thanked the Global Crop Diversity Trust for the comprehensive update it provided to the Committee on its resource mobilization initiatives, and welcomed the development of its long term financing strategy and financial instruments, as well as the private sector engagement activities it is undertaking, including in collaboration with the Treaty Secretariat.
ITEM IV. BENEFIT-SHARING FUND OPERATIONS

8. The Secretariat introduced the document, SFC-5/22/4, *The Fifth Cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund*. The Committee discussed the information and proposals contained in the document, and provided further guidance to the Secretariat for the finalisation and launch BSF-5.

Indicative budget

9. In its discussion, the Committee sought clarifications on the indicative BSF-5 budget provided through Table 1 of paragraph 10 of the document, and took note of the budget as proposed.

10. The Committee noted the significant increase in funds available for BSF-5 compared to the preceding BSF cycle, and acknowledged in particular the important, predictable income stream provided by Italy, and the substantial pledge made by the European Commission, which constitutes approximately half of the total funds currently available for BSF-5.

11. The Committee requested to receive updates on the BSF-5 budget at its future meetings.

Options, scenarios, funding ceilings and other considerations

12. The Committee discussed the options for the allocation of the funds under BSF-5, presented in Section 4.4 of the document. The Committee considered it important that BSF-5 funds a project portfolio that is inclusive of all targeted Regions, and multi-country and single-country projects. It considered giving priority to funding projects in countries that have never been funded while ensuring technical merit and quality. The Committee noted that the single and multi-country ceilings proposed in paragraph 13 appeared to be balanced.

13. The Committee agreed that a general Call for Proposals (Option A) for BSF-5 would be used as the single procedure for all applications. As part of the Call for Proposals, those shortlisted projects that received Certificates of Excellence in BSF-4 (as described in Option B1) and those high performing projects of BSF-3 that may be considered for a second phase of the project (as described in Option B2), would be invited to apply.

14. The Committee agreed that while there would be no separate procedure for second phase BSF-3 projects, different selection criteria may be applied in their assessment.

15. The Committee discussed the funding allocation Scenarios presented in Section 4.5 of the document and agreed to use a new and simplified “Scenario 4” for BSF-5.

16. Under this scenario, 70% of the available funding would be reserved for the general Call for Proposals projects, including those projects issued with a Certificate of Excellence, and a maximum of 30% of funding would be available for second phase BSF-3 projects, as shown below:

   **Scenario 4**
   - Option A (Call for Proposals) including Option B1 (Certificates of Excellence) - 70%
   - Option B (second phase BSF-3 projects) – maximum 30%

17. Any unallocated funding within the 30% cap could be reassigned to the general Call for Proposals.

Process and timeline

18. The Committee expressed support for the process and indicative timeline presented in Section V of the document and agreed to launch the Fifth Cycle of the Benefit-sharing Fund on the International Day for Biological Diversity, which falls on 22 May 2022.

19. Given the prevailing pandemic, the Committee proposed that, with the exception of the agreed BSF-5 launch date, sufficient flexibility was applied to the proposed dates set out in the indicative timeline to accommodate any unforeseen disruptions or delays.

20. The Committee noted that Secretariat would present the BSF-5 package of documents to the Committee for review and comment via an electronic checkpoint prior to the BSF-5 launch date, and that a teleconference with the Committee would be arranged once the Panel of Experts had finalized the screening of received eligible pre-proposals.
ITEM V. FUTURE WORK OF THE FUNDING COMMITTEE

21. The Committee thanked the Secretariat for the detailed update on a number of activities that are in progress under the Operational Plan for the 2021/2022 period, including in relation to the development of tools and best practices for better integrating PGRFA into national development plans.

22. It noted that some activities were ongoing due to the change of the dates of GB-9, and requested the Secretariat to work with the Co-Chairs to make relevant minor updates to the Operational Plan accordingly, including to harmonize language related to the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy. The updated Operational Plan is provided through Appendix 2 of this document.

23. The Committee discussed a proposal for arrangements in the year ahead to enable its work to continue, and agreed to the following arrangements for 2022:

   BSF-5
   • Electronic checkpoint (prior to BSF-5 launch – 22 May 2022)
   • Teleconference with SFC (after Panel of Experts have finalized screening)

   Food Processing Industry Plan
   • Online event: inception phase and sounding board - Q2 2022

   Resource Mobilisation and Monitoring and Review
   • Online event: briefing and feedback – Q2 2022

   Meeting of the Committee
   • SFC-6 – Q4 2022 (includes a stock-take after GB-9, review and updating of the Operational Plan)

ITEM VI. REPORT OF THE FUNDING COMMITTEE TO THE NINTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY

24. The Committee discussed the document, IT/GB-9/ SFC-5/22/5 Draft Report of the Funding Committee to the Ninth Session of the Governing Body including elements for a draft Resolution.

25. The Committee provided some comments on the draft Report and agreed to a number of text revisions to the draft Resolution.

26. It agreed that the final Report and draft Resolution would be adopted by the Committee electronically following SFC-5, as has been the practice used by other bodies including the Treaty’s Bureau, and requested the Secretariat to circulate the updated document for the consideration and adoption of the Committee.

ITEM VII. OTHER BUSINESS

27. No other business was discussed by the Committee.

ITEM VIII. PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

28. The Co-Chairs expressed their appreciation for the constructive contributions of the members at its fifth meeting and thanked the Observers for their participation, and the Secretariat for the efforts made in preparing for the meeting.

29. The Secretary thanked Mr. Quaye for his availability and willingness to support the Committee in conducting their fifth meeting in the position of interim Co-Chair and reminded the Committee that further consultations would be needed among developing countries, following the meeting, to nominate a candidate for the position of SFC Co-Chair, for the longer term.

30. These Meeting Proceedings contain the summary of the Committee’s discussions at its fifth meeting. The final version incorporates any comments which members may have subsequently provided electronically.
1. In developing the draft strategy to mobilize voluntary funds from food processing industries (the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy), the Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (the Funding Committee or Committee) noted that it should include an implementation, monitoring and review plan, which should be provided as a separate information document to the Governing Body at its Ninth Session, and that a link to it would be included in the Draft Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy. This document sets out such a plan.

2. The Funding Committee agreed that it should be a living document and continue to be updated.

3. In order to streamline and integrate the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy with the broader work of the Treaty’s Funding Strategy, the Committee will consider incorporating this Implementation, Monitoring and Review Plan: Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy (Inception Phase) into its existing Operational Plan for the Funding Strategy 2020-2025.

4. The structure of the plan set out in this document follows that of the Operational Plan to allow for it to be easily incorporated in the Focus Area on resource mobilization of the Operational Plan of the Funding Strategy 2020-2025, should the Committee decide it is relevant to do so.

**FOCUS AREA: FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

5. The Governing Body, through Resolution 3/2019, called on the Funding Committee to develop a strategy to mobilize funds from food processing industries, as called for in Article 13.6 of the Treaty.

6. An iterative or “step-wise” approach is envisaged for the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy through two key phases: an inception phase, followed by an implementation phase. This allows the development, testing and refining of concepts, approaches and tools to inform a targeted and effective set of actions for the Treaty’s engagement with the food processing industry, as relevant and appropriate.

7. Given this approach, this Implementation, Monitoring and Review Plan: Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy (Inception Phase) considers only the major milestones and outputs for the inception phase, which is anticipated would take one year.

   The key actions of the inception phase fall into four main thematic areas:
   i. Defining the Treaty’s value proposition, communication tools and relevant entry points for engagement;
   ii. Testing and refining tools to establish areas of common interest;
   iii. Identifying models of engagement to pilot;

8. The Funding Committee will consider an implementation phase following a review of the inception phase. Major milestones and outputs for the implementation phase will be informed by the analysis and learnings arising from the inception phase, as appropriate.
Major milestones and outputs by work-stream (inception phase)

i. Defining the Treaty’s value proposition, communication tools and relevant entry points for engagement

Milestone: by 2022, the Treaty’s value proposition, communication tools and relevant entry points for engagement with the food processing industry are defined by the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Committee, in consultation with the food processing industry.

- By 2022, a food processing industry sounding board has been identified by the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Committee, in consultation with the food processing industry.
- By 2022, an approach paper is developed by the Secretariat that defines the Treaty’s value proposition, talking points, discussion hooks and entry points for engagement with the food processing industry.

ii. Testing and refining tools to establish areas of common interest

Milestone: By 2022, tools and approaches to establish areas of common interest are developed, tested and refined by the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Committee, in consultation with the food processing industry.

- By 2022, the food processing industry sounding board has been consulted on tools and approaches developed.
- By 2022, tools and approaches are refined based on the consultations by the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Committee, with the food processing industry.

iii. Identifying potential models of engagement to pilot

Milestone: By 2022, potential models of engagement with the food processing industry have been identified by the Committee.

- By 2022, potential models of engagement are identified taking into account experiences of other international instruments and organizations through interviews with relevant actors.
- By 2022, with guidance from the Funding Committee, a dialogue has been organized with the food processing industry sounding board on models of engagement
- By 2022, a selection has been made of models of engagement to test after a review of the inception phase.

iv. Reviewing the inception phase and updating of the Implementation, Monitoring and Review Plan: Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy, in order to develop the implementation phase

Milestone: By 2023, a review of the inception phase is undertaken and the implementation, monitoring and review plan is updated by the Committee.

- By 2023, a review of activities undertaken during the inception phase is carried out and the implementation, monitoring and review plan is updated by the Committee based upon the learnings and information arising from the inception phase and the decisions made by the Ninth Session of the Governing Body in relation to the Food Processing Industry Engagement Strategy.

Table 1: Summary of major milestones and outputs by work-stream and biennium

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Operational Plan for the Funding Strategy 2020-2025

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I. OVERVIEW

1. The Operational Plan is a multi-year plan designed to guide the Standing Committee on the Funding Strategy and Resource Mobilization (the Funding Committee or Committee) on the implementation of the Funding Strategy over the period 2020-2025 and will be reviewed and updated by the Committee at two-year intervals so that it remains relevant and responsive to the operational environment and needs.

2. As was agreed by the Committee at its first meeting, the Operational Plan identifies the following three areas to focus efforts on and sets out major milestones, outputs and timelines within these:

   Focus Area 1: Resource Mobilization
   Focus Area 2: Benefit-sharing Fund Operations
   Focus Area 3: Monitoring and Review

3. Given the substantive work required and the multitude of stakeholders involved in the implementation of the Treaty’s Funding Strategy, the Operational Plan is set at a high level, marking the major milestones and outputs required in order to achieve the Funding Strategy’s Vision and Targets. The related activities required to implement the Funding Strategy, detailed through Resolution 3/2019 and its Annexes, will be further discussed, operationalized and monitored through the continuous work of the Committee and the enabling partners of the Treaty over the 2020-2025 period.

II. FOCUS AREA 1: RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

4. The requests made by the Governing Body, through Resolution 3/2019 and its Annexes, related to Resource Mobilization fall into seven main work-streams:

   i. National budgets and priorities
   ii. Bilateral programs
   iii. Multilateral mechanisms
   iv. Food processing industry engagement strategy
   v. Innovative Funding
   vi. Provision of criteria as called for in Article 13.4 of the Treaty
   vii. Visibility, outreach and communication
5. The Operational Plan identifies the major milestones and outputs within each of the above work-streams for the 2020-2025 period. These are listed below with references provided to the relevant paragraphs of Resolution 3/2019. A summary table is provided at the end of this section showing the major milestones and outputs by work-stream and biennium.

6. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has occurred since the adoption of the Funding Strategy, has significantly affected and will continue to affect the global policy, fiscal and operational environment. It would, therefore, be necessary for the Committee to consider the impacts, challenges and opportunities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic in taking forward its work on Resource Mobilization and in updating the Operational Plan.

Major milestones and outputs by work-stream

i. National budgets and priorities:

Milestone: By 2025 Contracting Parties have better integrated PGRFA into national development plans, national budgets and priorities for increased financing, including external funding.

- Tools and best practices compiled by the Secretariat for better integrating PGRFA into national development plans (e.g. SDG plans, climate change, etc) and shared with the Committee by 2022
- By 2023, Contracting Parties submit the results of integration of PGRFA into national budgets and priorities, and progress report submitted by Secretariat to the Committee for guidance.
- Further update provided by the Secretariat to the Committee for guidance by 2024

Related Funding Strategy provisions: Funding Strategy 2020-2025, paragraph 29, a & b

ii. Bilateral programs:

Milestone: By 2025, bilateral programs have promoted the implementation of the Funding Strategy and further integrated implementation of the Treaty.

- By 2022, progress report provided by the Secretariat to the Committee for guidance, on the integration of Treaty implementation in bilateral programs.
- By 2024, further update provided by the Secretariat to the Committee for guidance, on the integration of Treaty implementation in bilateral programs.

Related Funding Strategy provisions: Funding Strategy 2020-2025, paragraph 29, c & d

iii. Multilateral mechanisms:

Milestone: By 2025 relevant international mechanisms, funds and bodies have increased the priority and attention given to the Treaty.

- Secretariat / FAO provides regular updates to the Committee on priorities and opportunities of relevant international funding mechanisms for advice and action.

Related Funding Strategy provisions: Funding Strategy 2020-2025, paragraph 29, c-g

iv. Food processing industry engagement strategy

Milestone: By 2025, an engagement strategy with the food processing industry has been developed and is operational.

- By 2021, draft strategy developed by the Secretariat and submitted to the Committee for consideration
- The draft strategy developed by the Committee and submitted to GB-9 for consideration
- Committee oversees strategy implementation 2023-2025+

Related Funding Strategy provisions: Funding Strategy 2020-2025, paragraph 29 h

v. Innovative Funding

Milestone: By 2025, a range of initiatives to mobilize funds from innovative sources and mechanisms, including from philanthropic organizations, has been developed.
By 2022 the Secretariat maps potential initiatives to be considered by the Committee for further guidance.

**Related Funding Strategy provisions:** Funding Strategy 2020-2025, paragraph 29, i

vi. **Provision of criteria as called for in Article 13.4 of the Treaty**

**Milestone:** By 2025, relevant policy criteria for specific assistance under the Funding Strategy, as called for in Art.13.4 of the Treaty, have been developed and utilized.

- By 2022, draft policy criteria have been developed by the Secretariat and submitted to the Committee for consideration
- By 2023, policy criteria have been developed by the Committee and put forward for consideration of GB-10

**Related Funding Strategy provisions:** Funding Strategy 2020-2025, paragraph 29, k

vii. **Visibility, outreach and communication**

**Milestone:** By 2025, the visibility and recognition of Contracting Parties, donors, users of the Multilateral System, and other stakeholders that have contributed to the Funding Strategy is increased as well as outreach to new potential donors.

- Over the 2022 – 2025 period, communication tools, products and platforms are developed by the Secretariat and Committee, and used to help resource mobilization efforts and to increase outreach with users of the Multilateral System, new donors and stakeholders and the visibility and recognition of donors.


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III. **FOCUS AREA 2: BENEFIT-SHARING FUND OPERATIONS**

7. The requests made of the Governing Body, through Resolution 3/2019 and its Annexes, in relation to the Benefit-sharing Fund (BSF) operations encompass activities regarding the individual BSF cycles that either fall, or are anticipated to fall, within the 2020-25 period, as well as the broader BSF program and operations for the 2020-2025 period, as indicated below:
   i. BSF-3-6
   ii. BSF program and operations 2020-25

8. These are presented visually against a timeline in the diagram shown in Figure 1 below. The major milestones and outputs are also listed below. A summary table is provided at the end of this section showing the major milestones and outputs by work-stream and biennium. Responsibilities related to the Benefit-sharing Fund project cycles are detailed in Section III, Operational Procedures for the Use of Resources Under the Benefit-sharing Fund, of the Operations Manual: Benefit-sharing Fund.1

9. It may be necessary for the Committee to consider the impacts, challenges and opportunities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic in taking forward its work on the Benefit-sharing Fund Operations.

**Major milestones and outputs of the BSF work-stream:**

i. **BSF 3:**

**Milestone:** By 2021 BSF 3 operations have concluded

- By 2020 BSF 3 implementation has concluded
- By 2021 BSF 3 Independent Evaluation has concluded

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1 Annex 2 of Annex 1 to Resolution 3/2019
ii. **BSF-4**

**Milestone:** By 2025 BSF 4 operations have concluded

- By 2025 BSF 4 implementation has concluded
- By 2025 Independent Evaluation of BSF 4 has concluded

iii. **BSF-5**

**Milestone:** By 2021 the BSF 5 is initiated

- By 2022 BSF 5 is designed and launched
- By [XX] BSF 5 implementation concluded
- By [XX] Independent Evaluation of BSF 5 has concluded

iv. **BSF-6**

**Milestone:** By [2024] the BSF 6 is initiated

- By [2024] BSF 6 is designed
- By [2025] BSF 6 raised initial funds and launched

v. **BSF Program and operations 2020-25**

**Milestone:** By 2025 the Benefit-sharing Fund is strengthened and integrates learning arising from the implementation of the Funding Strategy over the 2020-2025 period

- By 2021 MEL framework is agreed by the Committee
- GB-9 considers BSF target (2022)
- BSF progress reports submitted to GB-9 and GB-10
- By 2025 the BSF Operational Manual is reviewed by the Committee
- Independent review of BSF is carried out 2024-5
Figure 1: The cycles of the Benefit-sharing Fund over the Funding Strategy implementation period 2020-25
Table 2: Summary of major milestones and outputs by work-stream and biennium – Focus Area 2: Benefit-sharing Fund Operations

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IV. FOCUS AREA 3: MONITORING AND REVIEW

10. The requests made of the Governing Body, through Resolution 3/2019 and its Annexes, in relation the monitoring and review of the Funding Strategy and its components fall into the following three work-streams:

   i. Monitoring

   ii. Review and learning

   iii. Reporting

11. The major milestones and outputs within each work-stream for the 2020-2025 period are listed below, with references provided to the relevant paragraphs of Resolution 3/2019.

   i. Monitoring

   **Milestone:** By 2025, a process is facilitated for integrating monitoring, evaluating and learning, and for structuring new funding opportunities, and identifying and filling in gaps.

   - The Committee provides advice on the further development of the provisionally populated Matrix (2022) and the Matrix is further developed and utilized (2023-2025)
   - The Committee provides advice on the further development of the BSF Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework (2021)
   - The Committee agrees on the methodology for measuring Non-Monetary Benefit-sharing (NMBS) (2023) and NMBS measures are monitored (2024-2025)
   - The Committee monitors and reviews progress of the Funding Strategy’s implementation and makes recommendations for adjustments including through collaboration with the Compliance Committee, as appropriate (ongoing)

   ii. Review and learning

   **Milestone:** By 2025 the Funding Strategy will be regularly reviewed, and recommendations made for adjustments so that it can be continuously improved, and remain dynamic, responsive and relevant.

   - Operational Plan of the Funding Strategy is reviewed and updated (2022, 2024)
   - Periodic reviews of the Target for the Funding Strategy and the target for the Benefit-sharing Fund (2022, 2025)
   - Periodic reviews of financial flows (2022, 2024)
   - Biennial reviews of the Funding Strategy implementation (2022)
   - BSF program and operations 5-year independent review (2024-2025)
   - Funding Strategy 5-year review (2024-25)

   iii. Reporting

   **Milestone:** By 2025, information and reports will be provided related to the implementation, monitoring and review of the overall Funding Strategy.

   - Biennial report of the Committee to the Governing Body on implementation of the Funding Strategy, including elements on the BSF and FAP (2022, 2023, 2025)
   - 5-year report on implementation of the Funding Strategy and new Funding Strategy post 2025 put before GB-11 (2025)
   - Information and reports provided by Contracting Parties and other relevant organizations related to the implementation, monitoring and review of the Funding Strategy and integrated in existing reporting formats [XX – to align with compliance reporting].
Figure 2: Monitoring and Review of the Funding Strategy over the period 2020-25

Funding Strategy 2020-2025
- Biennial SFC reports to GB 9 & 10
- 5-year SFC report to GB-11

> BSF MEL developed (2021)

> Matrix further developed (2022)

Operational Plan 2020-2025
- Biennial review & update

> NMBS measures methodology agreed (2023)

Monitoring and review
- Ongoing monitoring, review, learning & reporting over 2020-2025

> BSF biennial review
- Review: Financial flows
- Review: FS targets
- Stocktaking of lessons learnt

> FS & BSF 5-yr reviews (2025)
- Review: Financial flows
- Review: FS targets
- Stocktaking of lessons learnt

> FS biennial review
- Review: Financial flows
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\(^2\) Funding Strategy 2020-2025, Annex 1 to Resolution 3/2019, paragraph 29 a  
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\(^5\) Funding Strategy 2020-2025, Annex 1 to Resolution 3/2019, paragraph 29 d  
\(^6\) Funding Strategy 2020-2025, Annex 1 to Resolution 3/2019, paragraph 29 e  
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\(^10\) Funding Strategy 2020-2025, Annex 1 to Resolution 3/2019, paragraph 29 i  
\(^12\) Funding Strategy 2020-2025, Annex 1 to Resolution 3/2019, paragraph 29 k
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| Providing to the Governing Body draft guidance for the implementation of the Funding Strategy, taking into account the reports on the Funding Strategy and other reports, as well as submissions from Contracting Parties and minimizing extra reporting burdens to Contracting Parties.  
| 13 Terms of Reference of the Funding Committee, Annex 2 to Resolution 3/2019, paragraph b  |
| Developing cooperation for the implementation of the Funding Strategy, and in doing so, Members are encouraged to promote the implementation of the Funding Strategy in their capacity as Funding Committee Members.  
| 14 Terms of Reference of the Funding Committee, Annex 2 to Resolution 3/2019, paragraph c  |
| Strengthening cooperation with the Global Crop Diversity Trust, in its role as an essential element of the Funding Strategy of the Treaty in relation to ex situ conservation.  
| 15 Terms of Reference of the Funding Committee, Annex 2 to Resolution 3/2019, paragraph h  |
| Providing a forum for communication and continued exchange of information among bodies and entities dealing with finance for agrobiodiversity and climate change in order to promote linkages and coherence, as appropriate.  
| 16 Terms of Reference of the Funding Committee, Annex 2 to Resolution 3/2019, paragraph i  |
| The Funding Committee will regularly provide advice on new prospects for voluntary contributions, donor partnerships for the Benefit-sharing Fund and donor recognition activities. In providing such advice, the Committee may draw upon the elements of the former Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Benefit-sharing Fund of the previous Funding Strategy.  
| Achieving the Benefit-sharing Fund target will require the Treaty to maximise all funding opportunities. This section provides an overview of the various constituencies that are considered viable prospects for the Benefit-sharing Fund in the 2020-2025 period.  
| Prospects for voluntary contributions to the Benefit-sharing Fund include: Contracting Parties and their respective ministries of agriculture, foreign affairs, development assistance and other relevant institutions.  
| Other contributors may include: States which are not yet Contracting Parties of the Treaty; philanthropic organizations; the private-sector, including the food processing industry and relevant international mechanisms.  

**Focus Area 2: Benefit-sharing Fund Operations**

| The Committee, during the biennium, may establish and launch a new round of the project cycle, as needed.  
| The Committee, during the biennium, may decide whether to provide funding to projects that previously received a Certificate of Excellence from the Panel of Experts or to a second phase of projects previously funded by the Benefit-sharing Fund.  
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The Committee, during the biennium, may decide whether to contribute to larger development programmes to support the implementation of interventions that are aligned with the programmatic approach of the Benefit-sharing Fund.

The Committee, during the biennium, may decide whether to provide project preparation funding for larger project proposal development contributing to the programmatic approach of the Fund.

Opening a call for proposals:

i. issued by the Committee, in the official languages of the Treaty, and containing relevant information on the thematic focus, expected outcomes, steps and procedures of the Call;

ii. advertisement on the Treaty website and through the national focal points and relevant regional bodies;

iii. responsibility: prepared by the Secretariat, under the guidance of the Committee.

The Panel of Experts will conduct a final review of the project proposals to ensure that the recommendations made during the screening have been taken into account in the development of project proposals and make suggestions for further improvement of project proposals, if needed. The Secretary will provide regular updates to the Committee on the finalization of project proposals.

The MEL framework will be further developed under the guidance of the Funding Committee and will link outcomes and outputs within the storyline and Theory of Change of the Benefit-sharing Fund with clear targets and indicators established to enable the monitoring and evaluation of projects and programmes. The MEL framework will include but not be limited to the following targets:

- a. PGRFA re-introduced, conserved, disseminated or bred with farmers’ participation;
- b. Farmers supported to sustainably use and conserve PGRFA;
- c. Young scientists and researchers supported;
- d. Co-funding mobilized to support Treaty implementation through BSF interventions;
- e. Plans and policies strengthened or developed to support national Treaty implementation;
- f. Gender mainstreaming and inclusion of vulnerable groups.

The evaluation team is led by independent experts not otherwise involved with projects of the Benefit-sharing Fund. An Approach Paper and Terms of Reference for evaluation are prepared by the Secretary and the FAO Evaluation Office, in consultation with the Standing Funding Committee. The evaluation team is solely responsible for the independent evaluation report. The evaluation report shall contain findings and recommendations and will be made public through the website. The response to the evaluation report will also be made available through the website.

Learning

i. enabled within and between projects and programmes and the external environment;

ii. lessons learned and continuous learning are regularly provided to all Regions so to increase commitment to the Fund;

iii. should occur on a continuous basis so that knowledge and lessons can be applied and facilitated through a community of practice of enabling partners.

iv. responsibility: the executing entities and the Secretariat, and the wider dissemination of synthesis of lessons learned by National Focal Points, donors, the Funding Committee and others enabling partners;

v. should inform the regular review of the Funding Strategy.

Focus Area 3: Monitoring and Review

Recognizing its critical role to the Treaty, the Funding Strategy has been designed to be regularly reviewed. It now integrates a process for monitoring, evaluating and learning and for structuring new funding opportunities and identifying and filling in gaps. The Standing Committee on the Funding...
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Strategy and Resource Mobilization (the Funding Committee) established by the Governing Body will facilitate such processes.

(The Governing Body) Calls on the Funding Committee to strengthen the monitoring and reporting of the Funding Strategy, including by undertaking periodic overviews of finance flows to areas of Treaty implementation by combining existing tools, as well as those of Governing Body and other institutions such as the OECD and FAO, as well as expert input.

The Funding Committee established by the Governing Body will regularly monitor and review progress of the Funding Strategy’s implementation and make recommendations for adjustments, as reflected in its Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference may be revised according the cycles of Funding Strategy. The Committee will keep the Governing Body updated on a regular basis on the progress in the implementation of the Funding Strategy. It will provide a comprehensive review of the Funding Strategy after a 5-year period for the consideration of the Governing Body at its subsequent session.

Information related to the implementation, monitoring and review of the overall Funding Strategy will be provided by Contracting Parties and other relevant organizations at reporting intervals agreed to by the Committee. The Funding Committee will work in collaboration with the Compliance Committee so as to agree the best way to integrate information in existing reporting formats.

The Funding Committee will assist the Governing Body in exercising its functions with respect to the Funding Strategy of the International Treaty through activities such as:

a. Making recommendations on how to improve the coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of the Funding Strategy.

b. Providing to the Governing Body draft guidance for the implementation of the Funding Strategy, taking into account the reports on the Funding Strategy and other reports, as well as submissions from Contracting Parties and minimizing extra reporting burdens to Contracting Parties.

c. Monitoring and reviewing the implementation of non-monetary benefit-sharing measures, with a view to recommending any additional measures as appropriate, using a methodology agreed by the Committee.

f. Providing expert input, including through independent reviews and assessments on the implementation of the Funding Strategy.

g. Preparing periodic overviews of finance flows to areas of Treaty implementation, including information on the sources and thematic balance of such flows, and use of the different funding tools, inter alia by continuing to develop the provisionally populated Matrix as contained in the Appendix to these Terms of Reference.

k. Considering options on how to address data gaps in order to revise assumptions and refine estimates, as necessary, to obtain an achievable target for the overall Funding Strategy.

The targets of the Funding Strategy and Benefit-sharing Fund will be reviewed periodically. This will include monitoring progress towards targets, reviewing the targets themselves and identifying gaps, including by undertaking overviews of finance flows to areas of Treaty implementation by combining existing tools of the Governing Body and other institutions such as the OECD and FAO, as well as expert input.

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