

## Annex 6

### Terms of Reference of the KBA Community

#### 1. Purpose

The KBA Community is a body created to grant a voice and proper recognition to, and foster engagement with, individuals and organisations that are not KBA Partners but actively support the development and implementation of the KBA Programme at the national and local level through providing data, and/or conducting or participating in the process of identification of KBAs. This includes but is not restricted to National (or subnational) KBA Coordination Groups and external Proposers (see *Annex 2*). KBA Community members will have a voice in governance of the KBA Programme through the inclusion of KBA Community representatives on the KBA Committee.

#### 2. Roles and Responsibilities

Members of the KBA Community will contribute to at least one of:

- fostering the gathering of data to support identification, delineation, documentation, and update of KBAs
- supporting the expansion of taxonomic, ecological, and geographic coverage of KBAs

In addition, all members of the KBA Community have the responsibility for:

- increasing the legitimacy of the KBA Programme
- fostering links between the KBA Programme and relevant local structures and initiatives (e.g., National Coordination Groups)
- supporting and facilitating capacity building for national and local stakeholders.
- sharing a commitment to the integrity of the KBA Programme
- contributing to the KBA vision by working collaboratively and proactively, according to capacity
- acting in accordance with *A Global Standard for the Identification of Key Biodiversity Areas*, procedures and processes for the identification of KBAs as defined by the KBA Committee, and branding guidelines.

#### 3. Membership

Membership is open to:

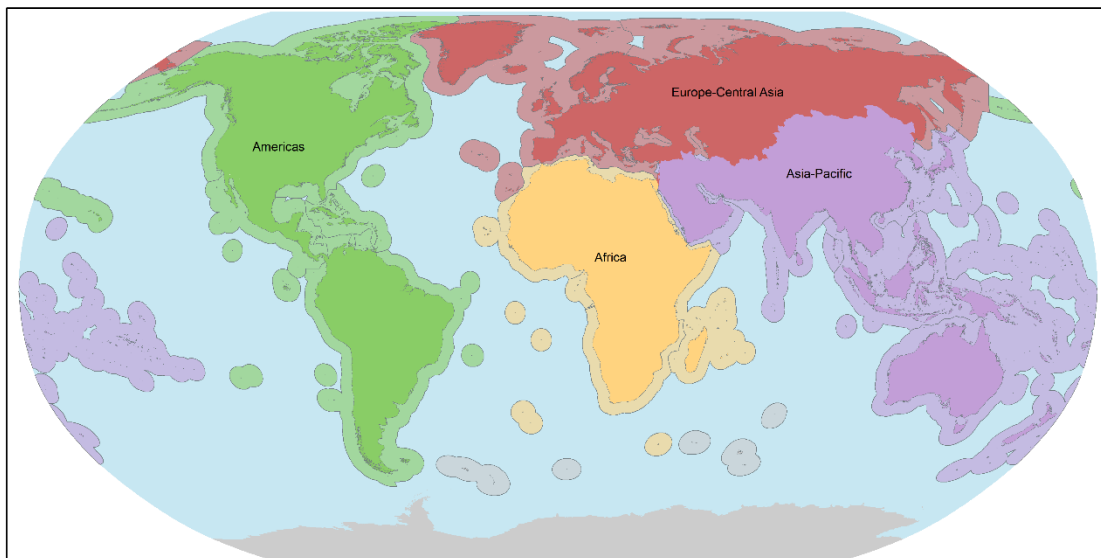
- individuals or institutions, especially those working at local and national level
- both non-governmental organisations and governmental agencies
- organisational alliances that are not legal entities themselves

- all members of National KBA Coordination Groups and external Proposers
- organisations that meet only one of the KBA partner criteria or that meet lower thresholds of involvement.

The KBA Community will build from and strengthen structures at regional, national and subnational levels. Major gaps in the KBA Community could be proactively identified and filled. The KBA Committee will provide suggestions for possible models for consideration.

For representation on the KBA Committee, the KBA Community is divided into four regions, following the IPBES regions:

- Americas
- Africa
- Europe and Central Asia
- Asia-Pacific.



Any KBA Community member can be elected as a Regional Representative, one of whom shall be elected as the Chair of the KBA Community.

Initially, the KBA Partnership will co-opt one interim Regional Representative from each of the four regions (with the expectation that at least some of these representatives will be from developing countries or countries with economies in transition) and one of these as an interim Chair of the KBA Community. The KBA Committee will then be responsible for developing a system for election of KBA Community Chair and Regional Representatives within two years.

#### **4. Rights of KBA Community members**

- All members can be elected as a Regional Representative for their respective regions (Americas, Africa, Europe and Central Asia, Asia-Pacific).

- Regional Representatives of the KBA Community have the right to be elected as Chair of the KBA Community.
- The Chair of the KBA Community shall participate in all KBA Committee meetings and hold one (1) voting position on behalf of the KBA Community.
- The remain three (3) Regional Representatives not elected as Chair of the KBA Community shall participate as non-voting members of the KBA Committee.