

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

# Working Groups Scope of Work

*Multi-stakeholder Platform for Protecting Biodiversity: Inception Meeting*

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# Background

A Regional Platform for protecting biodiversity in the Arab region is established to:

- ✓ Exchange knowledge and lessons learned,
- ✓ Build consensus on regional priorities,
- ✓ Identify pathways to address common priorities.

This platform launched by ESCWA with the support of the Government of Sweden fosters regional engagement for the preparation of projects for mobilizing finance for biodiversity conservation efforts within the context of strengthening climate resilience in the Arab region.

# Working Groups Objectives

## Themes

- Nature based solutions for climate resilience
- Land degradation in arid agricultural ecosystems
- Renewable energy and biodiversity

## Objective

- Facilitate collaboration and coordination on selected issues related to biodiversity conservation and climate change in the Arab region,
- Enhance understanding, exchange and action on regional challenges affecting biodiversity in the Arab region,
- Foster the development of bankable projects to mobilize finance for the implementation of priority actions in biodiversity conservation and enhancing climate resilience.

# Working Groups Membership

## Modality

- Expression of interest by individuals/ entities
- Working Group not to exceed 20 individuals
- Entity could be part of several WGs but not individuals
- Balanced (50%) representation between governmental and non-governmental entities
- At least a third (33%) of participants women or youth under the age of 25 years

## Profile

- Biodiversity experts and conservation professionals with knowledge and experience in the Arab region.
- Representatives from relevant government agencies responsible for environmental management and conservation.
- Representatives from international and regional financial institutions with expertise in funding biodiversity projects.
- Civil Society /NGO representatives actively involved in biodiversity conservation efforts.
- Local community representatives with a strong connection to the region and its biodiversity.
- Other experts or individuals with relevant knowledge and expertise

# Roles and responsibilities

## Convenor

- Expressing interest (by entities) for convenor role
- Organizing WG meetings (at least 4 virtual / 2 in person)
- Preparing and reviewing with WG members proposed concept notes
- Presenting key achievements in annual stocktaking meetings
- Formulating bankable projects (2-3 per working group) that align with selected priorities
- Ensuring quality of proposals
- Presenting the project proposals in regional meeting

## Members

- Expressing interest for membership
- Identifying and prioritizing selected issues to be developed into a concept note
- Preparing concept notes and presenting it to members of WG for selection
- Attending meetings to discuss project proposals and related issues
- Reviewing project proposals and providing comments if needed
- Attending regional meeting and backstopping convenor in presenting projects

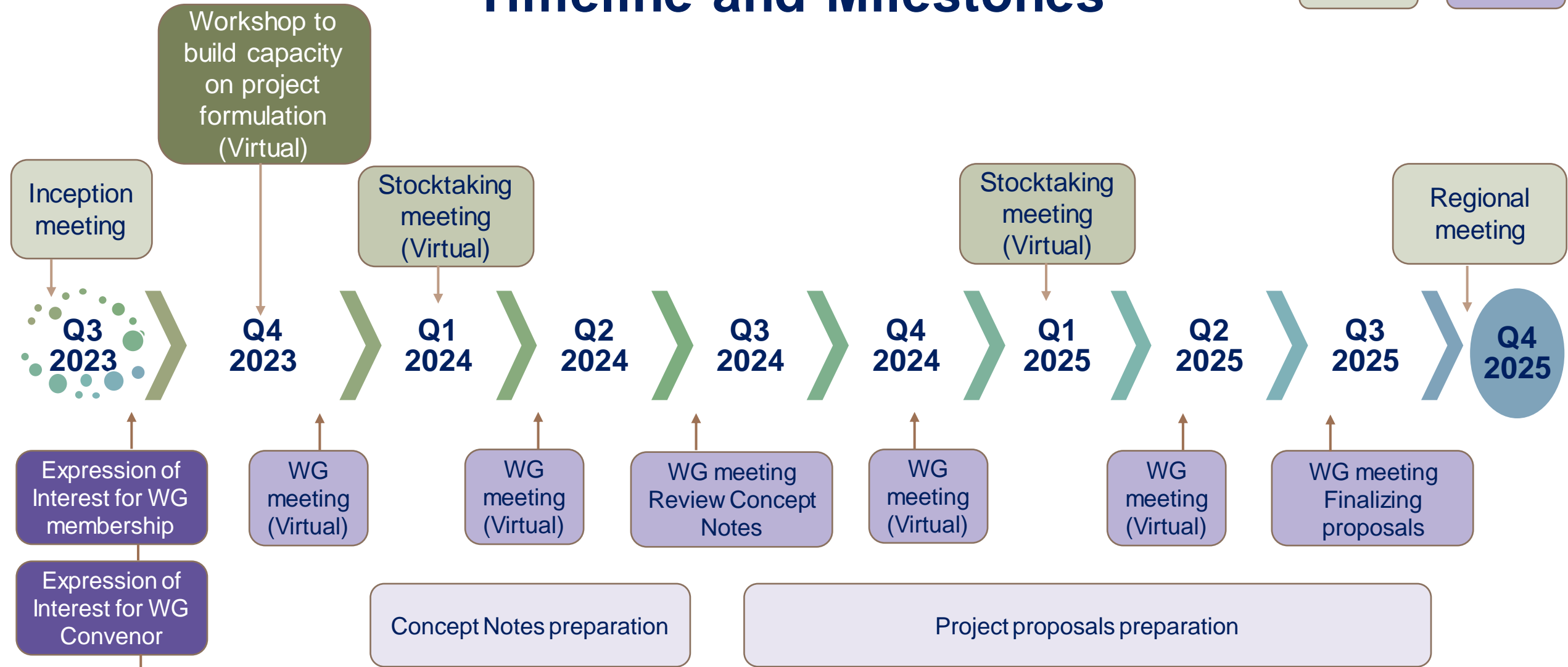
# Expected Deliverables

- Biannual progress reports (Convenors)
- Meeting reports with list of participants (virtual/In person) (Convenors)
- Concept notes (Members/Convenors)
- Presentations for Concept notes (Members/Convenors)
- Presentations for Stocktaking meetings (Convenors /Members)
- 2-3 Bankable projects per WG (Convenor)
- Presentation for project proposals (Convenors/Members)
- Final report (Convenor)

# Timeline and Milestones

Platform Activities

WGs Activities







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