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Bonn, Germany, 8-11 December 2026
Agenda Item 4

DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2028-2032

(*Prepared by the Secretariat*)

Mandate:

- WP #122: *In time for the process foreseen in #123, develop a draft Work Programme to implement the CMP.*
- WP #123: *Provide comments on the draft Work Programme (see #122) through a sub-regional process approximately six months in advance of each MOS, which will then be considered by the AC in its preparations of the final draft.*

Summary:

- Outline of the anticipated process and timelines for development of the next work programme

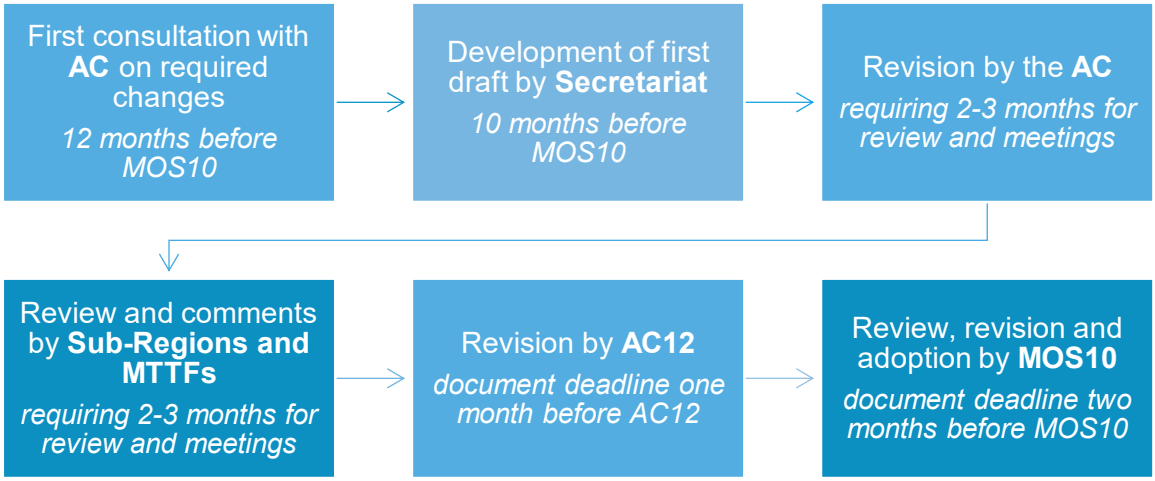
Action requested:

- Take note of the anticipated timelines
- Comment

DEVELOPMENT OF THE DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2028-2032

1. The responsibility for developing draft Work Programmes for the MOU has been entrusted to the Advisory Committee (AC), which submits its drafts to the Meeting of Signatories (MOS) for consideration. At the 9th Meeting of Signatory States (MOS9, Tanzania, 24-27 June 2024), discussions were held on how Signatory States could best contribute to the development of the draft Work Programme 2028-2032 (WP), in advance of MOS10. It was agreed that consultations on the draft WP should take place within sub-regional groups prior to MOS10, with the participation of the relevant Task Forces.

2. This process must be completed in time for the 12th Meeting of the Advisory Committee (AC12), which will take place three to four months before MOS10. At AC12, and in the period immediately following it, the Advisory Committee will finalize all documents under its responsibility, including the draft Work Programme, for submission to MOS10. Working backwards from this timeline, the Secretariat should aim to begin initial consultations with the Advisory Committee on the proposed revisions approximately one year before MOS10.



3. The proposed process will require the active engagement of all Signatory States to ensure that comments submitted by each sub-regional group are developed through an inclusive consultation process involving all Signatories within the sub-region. The AC will ensure transparency by indicating which comments have been incorporated into the revised draft and which have not, and the reasons for those decisions.

4. At this point, dates for MOS10 have not yet been set, although it is anticipated that the meeting will take place in 2028. The Secretariat will inform the AC and Signatories as soon as the timeline becomes clearer.

5. The AC is invited to take note of the anticipated timeline for the development of the draft Work Programme 2028-2032 and to provide comments on the proposed consultation process.