Thank you Chair,

I am speaking on behalf of the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB). We thank the Secretariat for preparing the document UNEP/CBD/SBI/2/9.

We appreciate the work undertaken by the Bio-Bridge Initiative, established with initial support from the Government of the Republic of Korea, as a platform, where Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities also can contribute and share information, knowledge, practices and lessons with other stakeholders and Parties, in keeping with Articles 17 and 18 of the Convention.

IIFB would like to propose the continued cooperation with the other stakeholders, to organize a Second Online Forum to achieve Target 18 and contributing to all Strategic Goals of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

The IIFB notes the Final draft of the post-2020 capacity development strategic framework should include and integrate the Full and Effective participation of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the capacity building, technical and scientific cooperation, multi-stakeholder cooperation and others, towards achieving the SDGs vision of “No one is left behind” and the 2050 vision of “living in harmony with nature”.

The IIFB would like to propose the following recommendations:

**Annex I. DRAFT terms OF reference OF THE INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION**

**3. Membership**

The Informal Advisory Committee shall comprise experts nominated by Parties to the Convention from each of the five regions as well as experts from relevant organizations, including representatives from Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. Members of the Informal Advisory CBD/SBI/2/9 Page 17 Committee are expected to be authorities in their respective fields of expertise and drivers of change. Members shall be selected based on the following criteria as evidenced in their Curriculum Vitae:
Appendix I

B. Methodology and sources of information

8. The study will use the following data collection methods and will draw on a range of data sources:

Add subparagraph 8 (a) (ix and x)

(a) Desk review of relevant documents, including:

(ix) – The Second publication of Local Biodiversity Outlook
(x) - Community-Based Monitoring and Information Systems (CBMIS)

(a) Survey of Parties and key partners, including Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities to identify, among other things, their priority capacity needs and required capacities over the next decade as well as potential offers of assistance and other capacity development opportunities, tools and services;

(b) Interviews with a representative sample of stakeholders, including CBD staff and representatives of Parties, partner organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities and other actors from different regions, including technical and scientific institutions. The interviewees will be invited to share, inter alia, information and views regarding the observed strengths and weaknesses of various capacity development approaches and delivery modalities under difference circumstances, relevant experiences and lessons learned, examples of good practices that could be leveraged as well as views on possible drivers of transformational change for future capacity development.