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EXPERTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND BIODIVERSITY**

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## **THE MANDATE OF THE RESTRICTED GROUP OF EXPERTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY**

The mandate of the Restricted Group of Experts is to streamline action by Parties in the field of biodiversity conservation in the face of climate change by facilitating the practical implementation of the Bern Convention Programme of Work. For this purpose, the Restricted Group will:

- a. review the current standards (recommendations and guidance) of the Convention;
- b. review the existing reporting and monitoring tools of the Convention to assess progress by Parties, as well as ways to simplify and streamline reporting activities;
- c. assess the feasibility and plan the ways and timeframe for implementing the three main priorities of the Programme of Work;
- d. propose new procedures and tools which could support Parties' action and facilitate the exchange of good practices and initiatives, including guidance on the collection and analysis of information and data; and
- e. propose eventual partnerships to be established for implementing the Programme of Work and guide their implementation.

The first meeting of the Restricted Group of Experts will thus serve as a platform for brainstorming and planning the next steps in the Convention work in the field.