



## Draft storyline

After six meetings of the IDFB dialogue between September 2021 and March 2022, we have brought together the insights gathered across all sessions to create a storyline for the IDFB. For the upcoming IDFB 7 which will be held in Geneva on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, there will be a discussion and reflection on the importance of aligning financial flows from all sources, followed by a discussion on next steps for capacity building, M&E, the matchmaking platform, and National Biodiversity Finance Plans (NBFP). The main focus of the IDFB 7 will be the discussion and finalisation of the IDFB storyline, which is summarised below:

1. We underline the importance of alignment of all financial sources with the objectives of the global biodiversity framework (GBF). The alignment of financial flows should have a prominent place in the GBF.
2. We strongly believe that the GBF should include an explicit expectation for financial institutions and businesses to align financial flows to global biodiversity goals, supported by appropriate regulatory measures and financial incentives. We think that involvement of public banks, central banks, regulators, and ministries of finance is key to shaping this alignment, and that representatives of other governmental ministries need to be a part of this process.
3. We believe that National Biodiversity Finance Plans are important instruments in operationalizing alignment. Equally important, capacity building is needed of relevant government departments, financial regulators and financial institutions to create an enabling environment for the private financial sector to align its flows to the GBF.

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