

1. Basic Concept

- (1) In light of the adoption of the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework (GBF) in 2022, KNCF will renew its grant policy starting from FY2023 so that KNCF grants directly contribute to the goals of the GBF (Fund contributing to the realization of the GBF)

In 2021, Ministry of the Environment of Japan established the Japan conference for 2030 Global Biodiversity Framework (J-GBF), which aims to contribute to achieving the goals of the GPF, as the successor organization to the Japan committee for the UN Decade of Biodiversity (UNDB-J), with Keidanren Tokura as its chairman. KNCF's new grant policy contributing to the GBF demonstrates that Keidanren and the Keidanren Committee for Nature Conservation are collaborating with Government of Japan to achieve the GBF.

- (2) In addition to being the year of the adoption of the GBF, 2022 is also the year of the 30th anniversary of the Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund and its Committee for Nature Conservation, Rio+30, and Stockholm+50, and is the middle of the UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration. It is expected that this new grant policy would also contribute to raising awareness of environmental issues globally.

2. Specific Initiatives

- (1) Soliciting donations with a contribution to GBF.
- (2) When calling for grant applications, we ask that applicants clearly indicate which of the 21 goals of the GBF (or more than one) the project will contribute to.
- (3) In order to contribute to the GBF, it is essential for much wider stakeholders to engage with conservation activities, and therefore, in addition to the existing grant programme, the following new initiatives will be launched.

(New Initiatives to Expand the Potential Grant Applicants)

- ① Establishing a new procedure for small amounts and low administrative burdens to support small projects.
- ② Establishing a small, low administrative burden procedure to provide support to NGOs in least developed countries.
- ③ Based on the positive outcomes of multi-year, multi-organization collaborative projects in the KNCF 25th anniversary commemorative projects, establishing a new procedure for large-scale (approximately 20 million yen), multi-year, multi-organization projects. Collaborative projects with government, local communities, and businesses are even more desirable.

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