

Evaluation of the Strategic Framework for Capacity-building and Development

Preliminary findings

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A close-up photograph of sea anemone tentacles, showing their thick, fleshy, and slightly curved structure. The tentacles are a mix of light yellow and orange-brown colors, with some showing darker tips. They are densely packed and appear to be in a natural, slightly undulating state.

Background

- Mandate for the evaluation of the Strategic Framework comes from decisions NP-1/8 and NP-3/5
- SBI 3 will consider the evaluation with a view to ensuring an effective approach to capacity-building under the Nagoya Protocol consistent with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- IAC was requested to provide inputs by reviewing the preliminary findings and providing recommendations

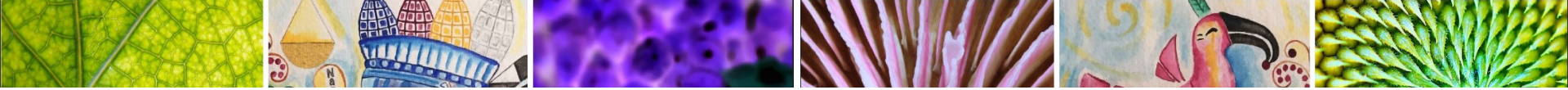
Purpose

Assess the Framework's contribution in helping foster a strategic, coherent and coordinated approach to capacity-building and development for the effective implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

Specific objectives

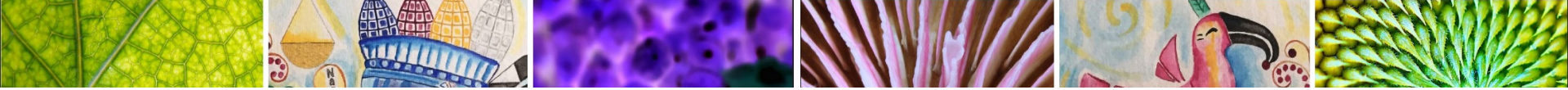
- (a) To take stock and review progress made in the implementation of the Framework
- (b) To review the relevance and effectiveness of the Framework
- (c) To propose options and recommendations for further improvement of capacity-building





Methodology

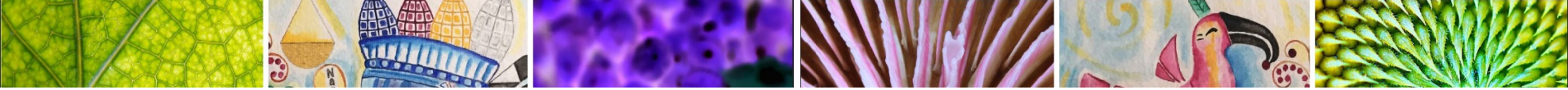
- Documentation review
 - ✓ Assessment and Review, progress reports, interim national reports; ABSCH, project documents, etc. (annex I).
- Interviews
 - ✓ Telephone interviews with 22 individuals working on ABS capacity-building
 - 12 parties
 - 8 organizations
 - 2 IPLCs



Methodology

Limitations of the evaluation

- Was not an external evaluation and interviews were carried out by SCBD staff
- ABS is still a recent area of work and most of the capacity-building initiatives are still ongoing



Methodology

- (a) What progress has been made in the implementation of the framework?
- (b) To what extent has the framework been effective in fostering a systematic, coherent and coordinated approach to capacity-building and development?
- (c) In what way has the framework been effective in guiding and facilitating capacity-building activities?
- (d) Are the elements of the framework (i.e. key areas, objectives, proposed activities) still relevant?
- (e) What are the recommendations for the preparation of the long-term strategic framework for capacity-building and development beyond 2020?

Status of implementation

	Parties	Non-Parties
	123*	75
ABS National Focal Point	120	53
Competent National Authority	63 Parties / 110 CNAs	5
ABS measures (national)	90	24
Checkpoint	25 Parties / 56 CPs	1
IRCCs	18 Parties / 1111 IRCCs	0
Communiques	5 Parties / 15 CPCs	0

Sources: ABS-CH, INR, NBSAPs

* 4 countries have ratified but are not yet Parties

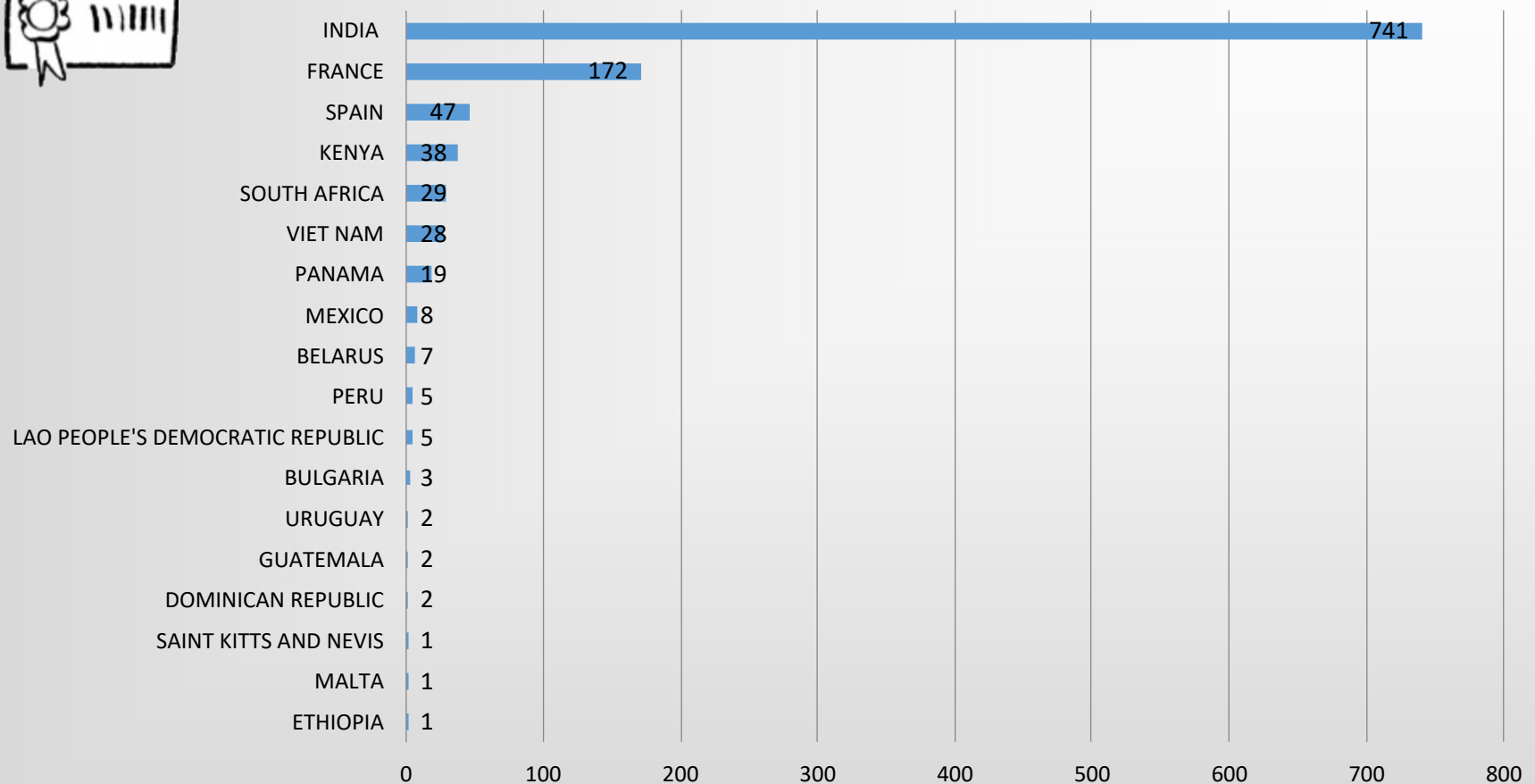
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Internationally Recognized Certificates of Compliance (IRCC)

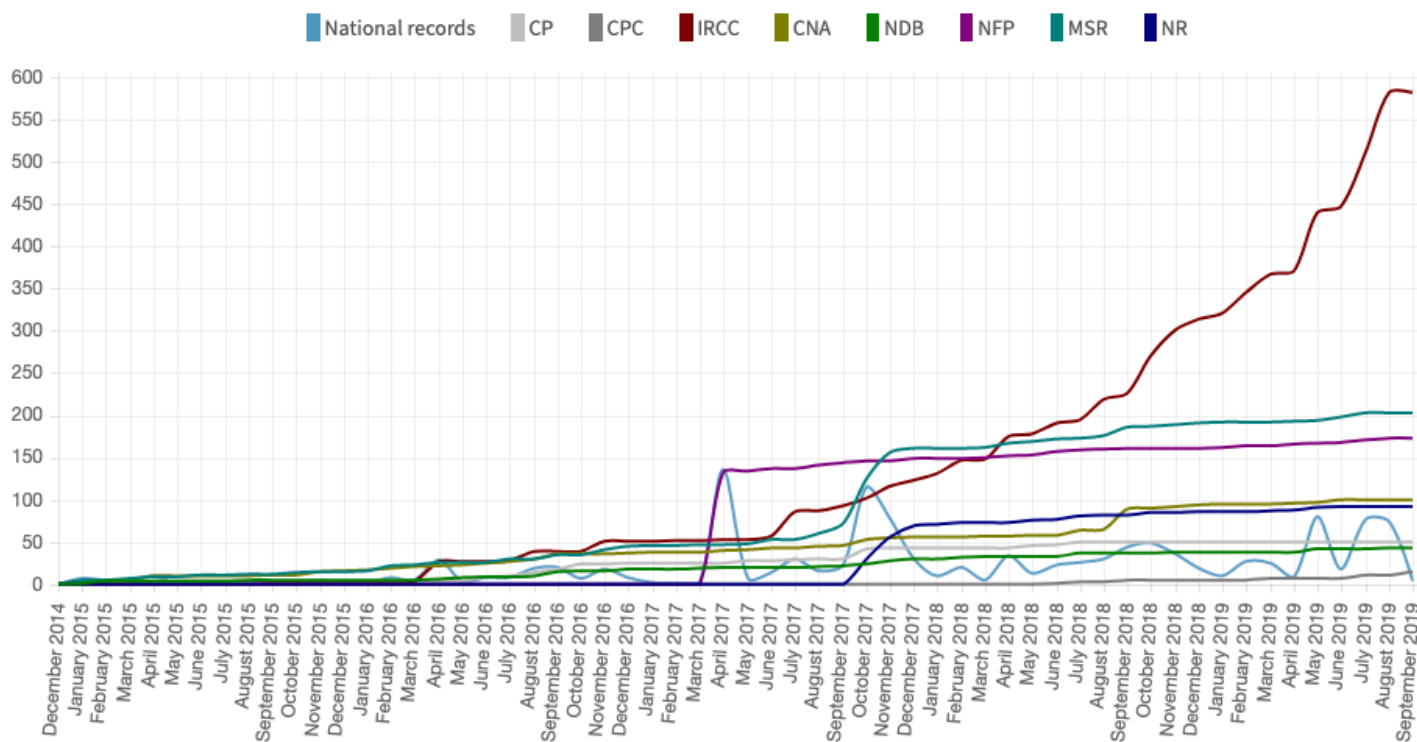


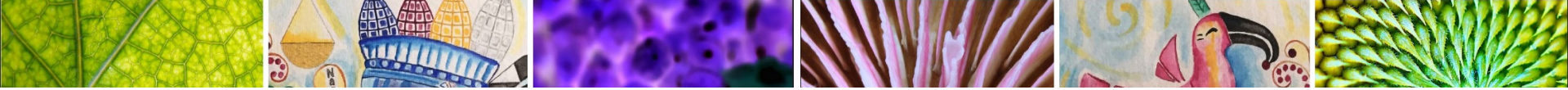
18 PARTIES HAVE SUBMITTED 1111 IRCCS



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National records and reference records published since entry into force of the Protocol

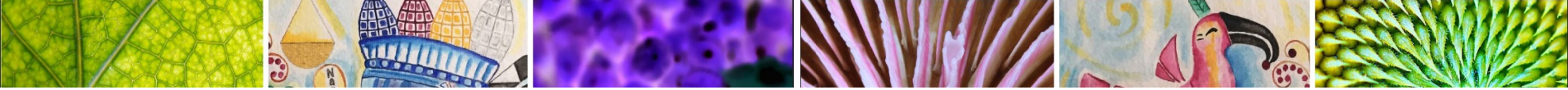




Key Findings

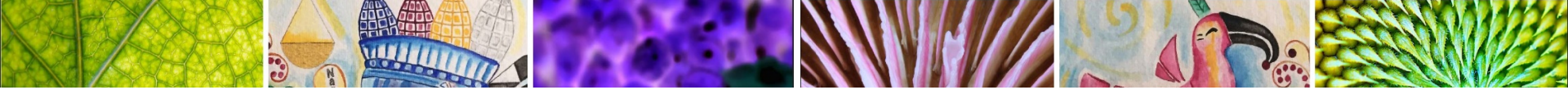
- 99 known capacity-building initiatives
- Much progress has been made but challenges remain
 - More details in presentation on Assessment and Review

Capacity-building and development support continue to be essential to make progress in the implementation of the Protocol



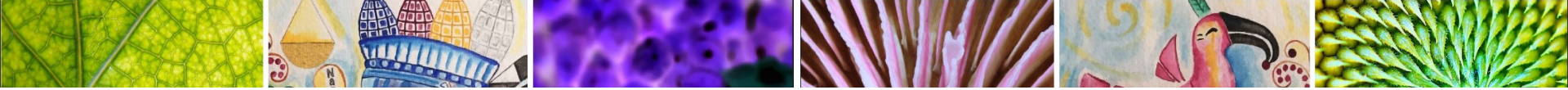
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- Key areas 3 (MAT), 4 (ILPCs + other stakeholders) and 5 (endogenous research) priorities for continued support
- Emerging capacity-building area: DSI and ABS
- Geographical gaps persist
- Strategic Framework has been used as a guidance document
- Most useful aspect appendices on measures and activities

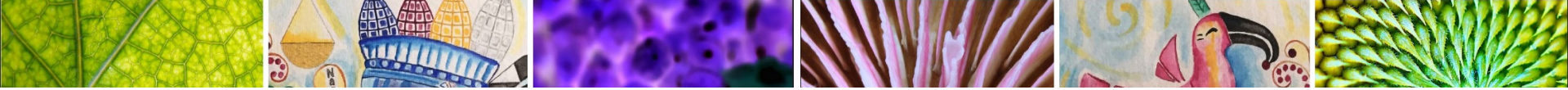


Key Findings

- The SF has partially succeeded in fostering a systematic, coherent and coordinated approach to capacity-building and development on ABS
- The coordinating role of the SCBD could be improved
- The main elements of the SF continue to be relevant
- Suggestion that the SF be revised in line with the post 2020 Biodiversity Strategic Framework, the Long-term Strategic Framework on capacity-building and the evaluation



PRESENTATION ON ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW



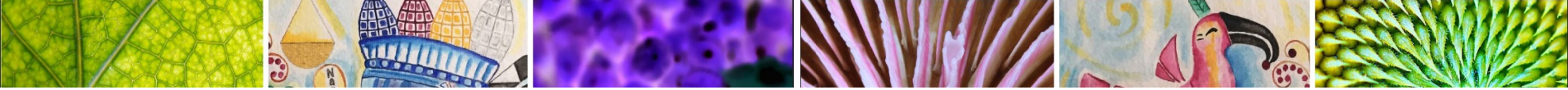
Discussion on findings

In plenary

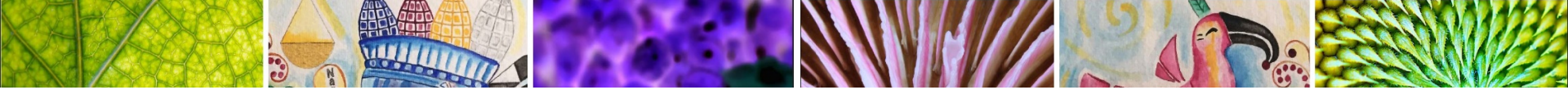
- General round of comments on the findings

Group discussions

- In your experience, what are the main challenges related to capacity-building on ABS?
- Any additional elements that should be included in the findings?
- Are the elements of the framework (i.e. key areas, objectives, proposed activities) still relevant?

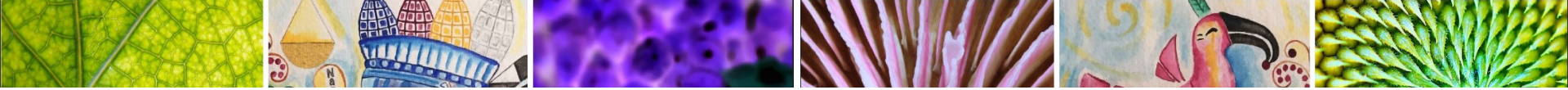


PRESENTATION ON RECOMMENDATIONS 30 October



Overview of challenges

- Summary of challenges presented on Day 1



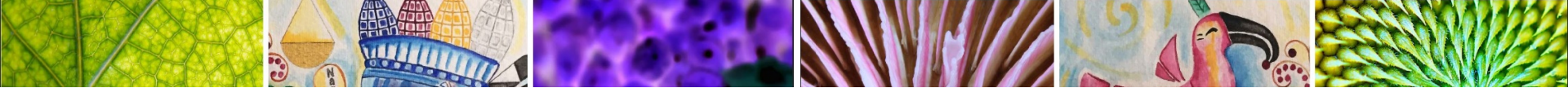
Recommendations

Improving the framework

- *Use simple direct language and avoid redundancies*
- *Take greater advantage of assessment and review exercises to assess the framework*
- *Emphasize the priority areas for capacity-building including emerging issues*
- *Address the need for more in-depth guidance on strategies and approaches*
- *Adopt gender considerations as a cross-cutting theme.*

Improving coordination mechanisms

- *Enhance engagement with the Informal Advisory Committee*
- *Continue to encourage the publication of capacity-building information to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House*
- *Improve the presentation and dissemination of capacity-building content through the ABS Clearing-House*
- *Encourage greater synergies with other relevant international instruments*



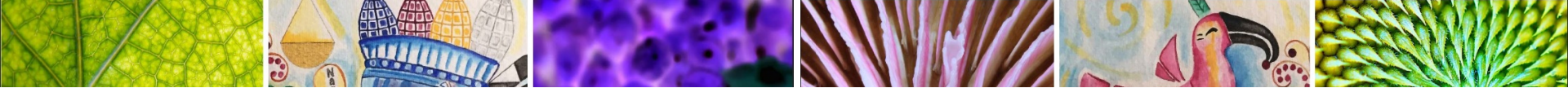
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Improving the role of the SCBD

- *Enhance communication efforts to promote the framework*
- *Play an active role in showcasing ABS experiences and capacity-building lessons*
- *Continue to facilitate the uploading and use of relevant capacity-building information to the ABS Clearing-House*

General recommendations to enhance ABS capacity-building

- *Address practical sustainability questions more directly in project designs*
- *Continue to adopt a tailored country-specific approach*
- *Include explicit reference to the framework in capacity-building projects*
- *Build ABS into broader biodiversity-related capacity-building and development projects*
- *Give due consideration to the establishment of interim measures in less advanced countries.*
- *Enhance South-South cooperation*
- *Assess the most effective capacity-building approaches for inclusion in future interventions*



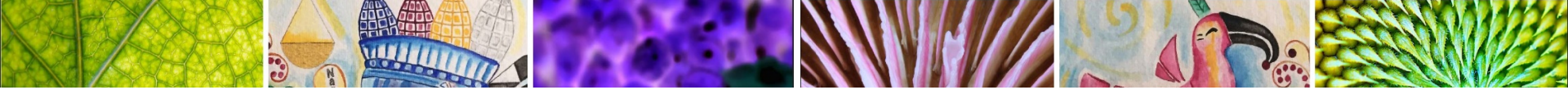
Discussion on recommendations

In plenary (day 2 morning session)

1. General round of comments on recommendations

Group work

1. Recommendations to address the challenges identified yesterday in lieu of the proposed recommendations
2. Any other recommendations to be included in the evaluation?



Discussion on way forward (day 2 afternoon session)

Group work

1. How should the SF relate to the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building?
2. What recommendations does the group have for the development of the long-term strategic framework on capacity-building?



Thank you

For more information on ABS and the Nagoya Protocol:

www.cbd.int/abs

