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**Conference of the Parties to the Convention on
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Benefits Arising from Their Utilization
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Monitoring and reporting**

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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. Under Article 29 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization, each Party is required to monitor the implementation of its obligations under the Protocol and, at intervals to be determined by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, is to report on measures that it has taken to implement the Protocol.
2. In decision [NP-3/4](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol accepted the invitation of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, contained in decision [14/27](#), and agreed to have a synchronized national reporting cycle commencing in 2023. In decision [15/6](#), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention requested Parties to submit their seventh national report under the Convention by 28 February 2026. In decision [NP-4/3](#), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted the guidelines and format for submission of the first national report on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and requested Parties to submit their first national report at the same time as the seventh national reports under the Convention were due. Consequently, the first national reports under the Protocol were also due by 28 February 2026.
3. The reporting format was made available on the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House in July 2024. Subsequently, in notification No. [2024-074](#) of 19 July 2024, the Executive Secretary invited Parties and non-Parties to submit their first national report on the implementation of the Protocol. A reminder notification was issued on 7 January 2026.¹
4. At its seventh meeting, in August 2026, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation considered the analysis and information provided by the Executive Secretary for the second assessment and review of the Nagoya Protocol, including information contained in the first national reports. An extensive analysis of the information supplied by Parties in their responses to each question of the first national report was provided for that meeting in document [CBD/SBI/7/INF/2](#).

* [CBD/NP/MOP/6/1](#).

¹ Notification No. [2026-003](#).

5. The present document contains an update on the submission of first national reports submitted by Parties and non-Parties (sect. II), information on preparation for the second national reports (sect. III) and a draft decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (sect. IV).

II. Information on the submission of first national reports

6. A total of 142 Parties to the Convention were Parties to the Nagoya Protocol by the reporting deadline of 28 February 2026 and therefore had the obligation to submit a first national report. As at the reporting deadline, a total of 85 Parties (60 per cent) had submitted their first national report. Of those Parties, 82 had submitted their first national report through the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House and an additional 3 had submitted their first national report offline. (Those reports submitted offline were subsequently published on the Clearing-House.) One non-Party submitted a national report.

7. Additional first national reports were submitted after the reporting deadline, and, as at 16 July 2026, 107 Parties (75 per cent) had submitted their first national report through the Clearing-House.

8. The regional breakdown of the reports submitted is presented in the table below.

Regional breakdown of first national reports submitted by Parties to the Nagoya Protocol

<i>Regional groups</i>	<i>Parties that submitted their report by 28 February 2026</i>		<i>Parties that submitted their report by 16 July 2026</i>	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
African States	31	63	40	82
Asia-Pacific States	19	45	26	70
Latin American and Caribbean States	13	65	15	75
Eastern European States	8	32	11	85
Western Europe and other States	14	82	15	88
Total	85	60	107	75

A. Support for the submission of the reports

9. The Secretariat developed materials to facilitate the preparation and submission of the first national reports, including instructional videos and an article on frequently asked questions, and held a webinar in September 2025 to allow for questions and answers regarding the first national report. Those materials, including a recording of the webinar, were made available through the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House.²

10. In its decision [16/33](#), the Conference of the Parties requested the Global Environment Facility to facilitate in a timely manner the relevant processes to ensure that support for the preparation of the first national reports was provided to Parties that submitted their letters of endorsement.

11. In notification No. [2024-074](#), the Executive Secretary informed Parties that the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was preparing a project for funding by the Global Environment Facility to assist eligible Parties in the preparation of their first national report and encouraged eligible Parties to submit a letter of endorsement to UNEP expressing their support for the project and signed by their Facility operational focal point.

12. Project 11908 entitled “Support to preparation of the first national report on implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of

² See <https://absch.cbd.int/en/kb/tags/nr1>.

Benefits Arising from Their Utilization” was approved on 5 April 2025 with 96 eligible Parties participating.

13. The project included, inter alia, the convening of a global inception workshop held online in August 2025, as well as a series of in-person regional workshops to provide Parties with technical support in drafting their national reports. UNEP, the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity collaborated on organizing and delivering the regional workshops, which were held between November 2025 and January 2026. A Secretariat staff member familiar with the Nagoya Protocol and the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House participated in each workshop. This was the first time that workshops were included as part of the activities in a project to support national reporting.

14. The project was supported by a consultant who provided help desk services to Parties to assist in responding to questions and followed up with Parties to remind and encourage them to submit their report.

B. Compliance with the obligation to submit a report as considered by the Compliance Committee

15. At its fifth meeting, held from 27 to 29 May 2026 in Montreal, Canada, the Compliance Committee under the Nagoya Protocol reviewed compliance by Parties with the obligation to submit national reports.³

16. The Committee welcomed the high rate of submission of first national reports on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and expressed its appreciation for the capacity-building materials and activities to support Parties’ understanding of the reporting requirements and facilitate the submission of the reports provided by the Secretariat, including through its collaboration with the UNEP and Global Environment Facility project on support for the preparation and submission of the first national reports.

17. At the request of the Committee, follow-up communications are being undertaken with Parties that, by time of the fifth meeting, had not yet submitted their first national report to remind them of their obligation to do so and urge them to submit their report as soon as possible.

18. The Committee also agreed on several recommendations regarding monitoring and reporting for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. The recommendations have been included in the draft decision in section IV below.

III. Preparation for the second national reports

19. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention requested Parties to submit their eighth national report under the Convention by 30 June 2029 (decision [15/6](#), para. 11). Consequently, the second national reports under the Protocol will also be due by that date. Accordingly, the draft format for the second national reports should be considered by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its seventh meeting (in 2028).

20. The draft decision in section IV below includes a request to the Executive Secretary to prepare the format for the second national reports. In question 68 of the first national report, Parties were invited to comment on the reporting format. In the preparation of the format for the second national reports, the comments provided in response to that question, as well as the need for continuity in the format to measure progress over time, can be taken into account.

³ The report of the Compliance Committee has been issued as document [CBD/NP/MOP/6/3](#) and will be considered under agenda item 5.

IV. Draft decision

21. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines, the first five paragraphs of which are recommendations from the Compliance Committee:

The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol

1. *Welcomes* the first national reports on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization⁴ that have been submitted;
2. *Urges* Parties that have not yet submitted their first national reports to do so as soon as possible;
3. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Global Environment Facility and the United Nations Environment Programme for the support provided to eligible Parties in the preparation and submission of their first national reports, and acknowledges the administrative challenges associated with the project development process and the resulting significant delay in the distribution of funds;
4. *Commends* the efforts made by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity⁵ to assist Parties in submitting their first national reports;
5. *Urges* Parties to monitor the implementation of their obligations under the Nagoya Protocol, in compliance with its Article 29, with respect to facilitating the preparation and timely submission of their second national reports, and explore opportunities for mobilizing resources in support of those activities;
6. *Notes* that the second national reports will be due by 30 June 2029;
7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare the format for the second national report, taking into account the comments provided by Parties in the first national reports, while maintaining continuity in the questions in order to facilitate the measurement of progress against the reference points in the framework of indicators set out in annex II to decision [NP-3/1 A](#) of 25 November 2018, and to submit the format for consideration by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its seventh meeting.

⁴ Ibid., vol. 3008, No. 30619.

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.