



CARICOM Secretariat actions on national reporting and NBSAP preparation for the CBD, and CBD-related activities in Phase 2 of the ACP-MEAs project

Regional Workshop for Caribbean countries on preparation of the 5th National Report to the CBD

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Outline

- Intro to the ACP-MEAs project and CBD-related activities in Phase 1
- Harmonized reporting template
- Mainstreaming biodiversity
- CBD-related activities in Phase 2



ACP-MEAs Project

- Aims to enhance capacity of Caribbean countries to implement and comply with multilateral environmental agreements



CBD-related activities in Phase 1

- Negotiations training
 - Development of mainstreaming guidelines and delivery of national and regional mainstreaming workshops
 - National consultations on environmental statistics related to biodiversity MEAs
 - Development of a template for harmonized reporting to biodiversity MEAs
 - Regional workshop on drafting legislation for the Nagoya Protocol
 - CBD COP-11 regional preparatory meeting
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Caribbean Harmonized Reporting Template (CHaRT)

- Strength:
 - structured format with clear instructions for each section and/or questions
- Weakness:
 - lack of recognition by MEA Secretariats
- Opportunity:
 - sharing knowledge and data between MEA focal points and other stakeholders
- Threats:
 - lack of recognition by MEA Secretariats
 - resistance to change and lack of support for adoption



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• Way forward

- gain acceptance at the national level
- pilot test the CHaRT to determine ease of use and need for further refinement
- raise awareness of the CHaRT
- lobby for recognition of the CHaRT and in support of the move towards harmonized reporting



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- Countries encouraged to
 - Use/pilot test the CHaRT format in the preparation of the 5th National Report
 - Provide feedback and comments to the CARICOM Secretariat
 - Mention use of the CHaRT in Appendix 1 of the report



Mainstreaming Biodiversity

- Mainstreaming guidelines developed in collaboration with UNEP-ROLAC, UNEP-CEP and IISD
- National and regional mainstreaming workshops held, with a specific focus on mainstreaming biodiversity



Planned CBD-related activities in Phase 2

- Additional national mainstreaming workshops and preparation of policy briefs
- Pre-COP meetings for CBD COPs 12 and 13
- Regional assessment of implementation status of the biodiversity cluster of MEAs
- Development of a CARICOM “road-map” for implementation of the biodiversity cluster of MEAs