**Template for the Advanced Comments on Draft Documents on Planning, Reporting and Review Mechanisms for the Resumed Session of the Third Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation**

**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Revised guidance and template for the seventh and eighth reports contained in annex to CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD1/AMEND1**

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| **Advanced comments on the draft documents on Planning, Reporting and Review Mechanisms for the Resumed Session of the Third Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation** |
| **Scope of this template for comments**  | Revised guidance and template for the seventh and eighth national reports, contained in annex to the document CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD1/AMEND1 which includes a draft of Annex C to CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5. This template aims to collect feedback on that Annex.  |
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| **Comments** |
| Please provide any general comments on the structure of the draft template for the seventh and eighth national reports, as well as the introduction to the template.* ***EWHC supports the structure of the draft template for the 7th and 8th national reports, which is not complicated and facilitates national reporting of outcome and relevant information for increased knowledge.***
* ***The template***
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| Please use the table below to provide any specific comments on the template:  |
| **Section** | **Comment** |
| I | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section I. Executive summary of the seventh and eighth national reports.* ***The template provides a suitable working document for easy navigation, as well as effective information generation and knowledge sharing platform.***
* ***EWHC welcomes the decisions adopted in the online session of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting, which encouraged Parties to include relevant information or analyses in their seventh and eight national reports.***
* ***This will encourage peer learning and increase synergy among Parties in assessing progress in implementing their NBSAP towards achieving the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and other relevant targets.***
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| II | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section II. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report* ***Data Reporting Tools (DaRT) remains a viable instrument to enhance the process of preparation of reports.***
* ***EWHC welcomes CBD/SBI/3/CRP5, paragraph 16, which requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the use of relevant tools, including the DaRT, to facilitate national reporting.***
* ***We recognize this as a relevant tool to encourage information sharing and encourage parties with limited capacities to update their National Reports.***
* ***To reference DaRT, as indicated in document CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.1/Amend.1, Annex, paragraph 12-13 is required to maintain consistent and streamlined reporting, especially for the Parties that are yet published their national report.***
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| III | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section III. Status of the updated or revised NBSAP in the light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (This section is for the seventh national report only) * ***As a strategy towards mainstreaming biodiversity as the basic instrument to drive the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Parties should be encouraged to review decision IX/8 and decision X/2 which are the main COP decision that provide direct guidance for National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plan (NBSAP). It will also build credibility and transparency in biodiversity systems, to promote public awareness, education and motivate public discussions on biodiversity and its significance to ecology, economy, life and services.***
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| IV | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section IV. Assessment of progress towards the 2050 goals of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.* ***There is urgent need to develop and establish biodiversity systems and institutions, to promote and coordinate biodiversity actions, required to mainstream and integrate biodiversity in all relevant economic sectors and national policies.***
* ***This approach should involve multiple transformative transitions and effective inclusiveness of non-state actors.to ensure progress towards the 2050 goals of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.***
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| V | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section V. Progress towards the 2030 action targets* ***There is urgent need to develop and establish biodiversity systems and institutions to facilitate*** ***Progress towards the 2030 action targets, as well as integrate a complex set of objectives for newly identified knowledge gaps and project the need to build evidence and design trajectories.***

* ***It is quite remarkable that the Long-Term implementation approach of the GBF is significantly prioritized in COP 13 / 14 meeting. This has strategically increased the visibility of mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors and other strategic actions, to enhance implementation as a key element to facilitate the implementation of post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.***
* *There is also a need to incorporate guidelines on integrating a gender perspective in accordance with paragraph 9.*
* ***With focus on the CBD/SBI/3/13, there is urgent need to mobilize strategic plans and actions to galvanize urgent and transformative actions by governments and all of societies; and engage more non-state actors in the Implementation Plan of the framework.***
* ***In furtherance of biodiversity and biosafety commitment, EWHC requests that there should be adequate motivation to disseminate proper information on implementation strategies, to mainstream biodiversity for the to achieve the 2030action target.***
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