

**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**

<b>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</b>	
<b>Scope of this template for comments</b>	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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<b>Comments</b>	
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.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>An additional section should be added to the reporting template to report on the sections of the framework outside of the goals and targets (i.e. sections Bbis and sections H-K of the 1st draft).</b> These sections are essential to providing an enabling environment for the goals and targets to be achieved, and assessing general country-level progress towards them could provide further insights into context and challenges in achieving the specific targets. This would mean adding questions regarding the following:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Assessment of adherence to the principles outlined in the section “Principles and Approaches [Guidance] for the implementation of the framework” (what is referred to as section “B.bis” as of the time of the submission of this report)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

- b. Assessment of the status of implementation support mechanisms for the implementation of the framework (Currently Section H of the first draft)
- c. Assessment of the status of enabling conditions for the implementation of the framework (Currently Section I of the first draft)
- d. Assessment of the status of responsibility and transparency (Currently Section J of the first draft)
- e. Assessment of country-level progress made on Outreach, awareness and uptake of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (Currently Section K of the first draft)

● **Paragraph 5 of the Annex (Additions in red):**

5. Further to decision 14/27, in which the Conference of the Parties decided that the submission of the next reports under the Convention and its Protocols would be synchronized, Parties should involve the respective national focal points for the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols (if different from the primary national focal point for the Convention) in the preparation of the seventh and eighth national reports. In addition, Parties are encouraged to involve relevant **rightsholders and** stakeholders in the preparation of their seventh and eighth national reports. This includes representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, **women, youth**, subnational governments, representatives of relevant sectors, national statistical offices, business, academia, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations. Parties are also encouraged to involve the national focal points of the biodiversity-related conventions and the Rio conventions, in addition to the national focal points for the Sustainable Development Goals and other relevant international and regional conventions. Parties are further encouraged to use national reports, reviews or communications submitted under these conventions and in connection with the Sustainable Development Goals as an important basis for assessing progress in the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

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.
II	<p>Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section II. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ongoing discussions on SBI Item 9 emphasize the need for the full and effective participation and engagement of women, indigenous peoples and local communities, youth, civil society organizations, academia, among others in the preparation of national reports. In line with this, reporting on consultation processes undertaken should not be optional.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please briefly describe the process undertaken for the preparation of this report (responses <b>may should</b> include the following, suggested word count: 100-300 words):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coordination mechanisms employed (if applicable);</li> <li>○ Consultations undertaken at various levels for preparing this report;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Focal points for related conventions, Sustainable Development Goals and relevant agreements/processes;</li> <li>○ Indigenous peoples and local communities engaged and involved;</li> <li>○ Women’s groups engaged and involved;</li> <li>○ <b>Youth groups/organization engaged and involved</b></li> <li>○ Subnational and local governments engaged and involved;</li> <li>○ Economic and other sectors engaged and involved;</li> <li>○ Other partners and stakeholders engaged and involved;</li> <li>○ Plan for using the report for communication and outreach activities as well as national planning process.</li> </ul>
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)
IV	Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section IV. Assessment of progress towards the 2050 goals of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
V	<p>Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section V. Progress towards the 2030 action targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The contributions of relevant rightsholders and stakeholders towards the targets could and should be reported on even when they have not been submitted through the mechanism to report voluntary commitments of non-state actors. In line with this, we propose the following changes to the introductory paragraph:</li> </ul> <p>Please use the following template to report on progress in the implementation of national ambitions/targets and the extent to which the implementation of these national targets has contributed or is contributing to the achievement of each action target for 2030 included in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. If needed, templates can be replicated for all national targets developed in line with the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It should be noted that assessment of national progress and contributions could draw on information related to implementation of the Convention, NBSAPs or similar strategies and plans, as well as actions taken by relevant sectors and stakeholders and indigenous peoples and local communities to <b>contribute to the implementation of the targets, including through implementing their</b> voluntary commitments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Following principles outlined in the GBF Theory of change and other sections, the GBF must follow a participatory and whole-of-society approach. To ensure that the engagement and contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, and youth are documented and also to encourage active involvement of these actors by Parties, we propose the following additional question under section V to reflect this:</li> </ul> <p><b>“Please describe how your country has facilitated the engagement of indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth and relevant stakeholders in the implementation of this national target”</b></p>