

**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**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Draft guidance for updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans in light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD 4**

<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>	Guidance for updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans in light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, contained in the document CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.4 which includes a draft version of Annex A to CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5.
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<b>Comments</b>	
Please provide any general comments on the national biodiversity strategy and action plan guidance.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Paragraph 2 of the annex (modifications in red)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is to reflect the key roles that Indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth play in implementing the framework as well as emphasize the need to facilitate their full and effective participation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>2. NBSAPs should be seen as an umbrella process under which all national objectives and actions relevant to biodiversity can be planned, implemented, monitored, reviewed and adapted. They should involve all government sectors, <b>indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth</b> and all stakeholders across society to ensure that objectives, actions and expected outcomes are coordinated, that the concerns of different actors are addressed, and that their ownership and commitment towards implementation is attained. Additionally, the NBSAP process should garner high-level political support, ensure interministerial coordination and vertical integration, and facilitate implementation throughout the decade.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Paragraph 5 of the annex (modifications in red)</b></li> </ul>	

- This edit is to clarify that it is not rightsholders and stakeholders themselves that should be assessed but rather the actions taken to involve them. In line with this suggestion, we propose an additional question to the template below under section 4.

5. Upon the adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, Parties should review their NBSAPs and their existing national targets to determine the extent to which they are aligned with the new framework. This review should be completed within 12 months of the adoption of the new framework and should include implementation gaps, existing goals, targets and indicators, monitoring systems (including existing data, knowledge and knowledge systems), sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, finance and other means of implementation, and an assessment of **the how** stakeholders and rightsholders **were** involved in revision and implementation. This exercise will allow Parties to determine the extent to which the NBSAP is already aligned with the new framework and to identify those aspects of components that may need to be revised. In this way, the time and effort required to update the NBSAP can be minimized.

- **General comments on the template**

- We agree that the question under section 4 is helpful to avoid double counting. However, it is insufficient in assessing stakeholder and rightsholder involvement as this involvement does not necessarily come in the form of voluntary commitments by other actors beyond national governments. Actions taken by governments to involve these actors, especially Indigenous peoples and local communities, women and youth, should be assessed independently of whether these were submitted as a voluntary commitment or not, such as through the actions outlined in paragraph 9 of the Guidance.

We therefore propose an additional question outside of the existing section to submit national targets, to be in line with paragraph 9 of the guidance. This would read as follows:

**Please describe the process undertaken for the updating or revising of the NBSAP and other biodiversity-relevant instruments, including efforts to employ a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach in the process.**

Please further describe progress towards developing, enhancing and/or maintaining a national coordination mechanism, including representatives of key government ministries and authorities (including at the subnational and local levels), national focal points for the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols, national focal points of the biodiversity-related conventions and Rio conventions and for the Sustainable Development Goals, representatives of national statistical institutes and other data holders, indigenous peoples and local communities, non-governmental organizations, women’s groups, youth groups, the business and finance community, the scientific community, academia, faith-based organizations, representatives of sectors related to or dependent on biodiversity, citizens at large, subnational authorities and other stakeholders, to oversee the revision, implementation, monitoring and review of the NBSAP and other biodiversity-relevant instruments.

Please use the table below to provide any specific comments on the template:

Section	Comment
1	Please provide comments on section 1 which includes the elaboration of national targets towards <u>each of the global targets</u> of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

2	Please provide comments on section 2 on who is responsible for coordinating implementation and reporting on this target.
3	Please provide comments on section 3 on the linkages with other national initiatives and targets.
4	Please provide comments on section 4 on involvement of sub-national or other actors beyond national governments.  We propose the addition of the word “ <b>voluntary</b> ” before “commitment.”