**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** | | |
| IUCN welcomes the efforts towards facilitating the aggregation of information from the national reports, by encouraging Parties to use headline indicators, and the use of templates to collect similar type of information. | | |
| Please use the table below to provide any specific comments on the template: | | |
| **Section** | **Comment** | |
| I | Recalling previous analysis[[1]](#footnote-1) showing the value of including gender in national reporting guidance, IUCN recommends that reports embed gender considerations and use and discuss gender data in summary sections, also noting Gender Plan of Action implementation where possible.  One of the challenges encountered by Parties in previous reports was analyzing national contributions to the global biodiversity targets (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.1). It would be useful to clarify whether the summary of progress towards the 2050 goals and 2030 action targets requires Parties to present their contribution to the global goals and targets or to national goals and targets. | |
| II | IUCN welcomes the mention of women’s organizations and Indigenous peoples and local communities in this section and suggests including, “describe specifically the process undertaken for the preparation of this report, **noting the number and type of consultations held with the following groups**.” | |
| III | IUCN recommends that Parties be invited to submit information on efforts and steps taken to develop/revise/enhance gender-responsive NBSAPs implementation and related implementation of the post-2020 Gender Plan of Action in their national reporting, including an explicit question related to aligning the NBSAP or action plan to the new Gender Plan of Action.  If there is a global stocktake after the 7th national report, Parties may wish to increase the ambition of their national targets or update their NBSAPs, in which case this section could remain relevant for the 8th national report. | |
| IV |  | |
| V | IUCN also recommends including in this section a request that reports indicate how a country has implemented or taken into consideration the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action within the country. For example, text can read “Please describe how the implementation of this national target has contributed to or is contributing to achieving the associated component in the Gender Plan of Action”  IUCN notes that further clarity is needed regarding the involvement of relevant stakeholders and non-state actors in the preparation of the reports (section II) and their contribution to the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (paragraph 6 of the Annex, and currently missing in the template). For accountability and transparency, a suggestion would be to include an additional question in Section V, to ascertain to what extent or how the national report is taking into account the contribution of non-state actors. | |

1. ​​<https://portals.iucn.org/union/sites/union/files/doc/egi_fs_cbd5thnr_web.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)