

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

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	
<p>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.</p> <p>We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the annex through the peer review process. As a general comments it is essential that the annex is revised in light of the current outcome of the SBI-discussion as well as comments provided through the peer review process and made available for consideration by parties. The timelines of submission of NRs will need to be aligned with the decision text as appropriate, eg national reports should be submitted in time to feed into the global biodiversity stocktake.</p> <p>Comments on the annex:</p> <p>On para 2: We will have new templates for NR 7 and 8, and they will look the same. We do understand that parties may have more information to offer in NR8, but the way the para is worded now one could get the impression that NR7 and NR8 have a different aim. Secondly, NR will be the basis for reviews, such as the global stocktake, therefore we do not think it would be appropriate to talk about the review as an input to the NR. We have the following text suggestion:</p>	

2. ~~The seventh and eighth national reports should provide an initial assessment of progress made towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, while the eighth national report will provide a comprehensive review of progress in implementation, using the most up-to-date data and information from as many sources as possible, including the headline indicators and the component and complementary indicators and other national indicators, where relevant, as well as the most recent reviews of national implementation and other national assessments, in particular the review of the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) that. The national reports will inform the global biodiversity stocktake to provide a basis for developing national ambition or targets and/or updating or revising NBSAPs to implement the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the Convention.~~

On para 3: There seems to be a lot of overlap with the elements under para 2. We suggest to merge.

On para 10: 10a (*mid-term and final review of the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework*) and 10b (*Global stocktaking by the Conference of the Parties*) are two ways to describe the same process. We do not need both. We suggest that a and b be merged to:

(a) ~~The global biodiversity stocktakes, as~~ A mid-term and final review of the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework by the Conference of the Parties;

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

Section	Comment
I	<p>Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section I. Executive summary of the seventh and eighth national reports.’</p> <p>Focus should be on key challenges. The national reports are not the primary tool to signal enhanced ambition and actions. This should follow in a process after the global stocktake through the possible update and revision of NBSAPs</p>
II	<p>Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section II. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report</p>
III	<p>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)</p> <p>This sections should also be included in NR8 as we expect that parties will revise and update their NBSAPs following the global stocktake. Some parties may also be late in submitting their NBSAPs and should be allowed to report on possible updates on the 8NR as appropriate and necessary.</p> <p>On the question: <i>Has your country updated or revised its NBSAP or biodiversity action plan in the light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework?</i> The second option should be changed to : <i>Has submitted national ambition or targets as an annex to the NBSAP.</i> We need to be clear that the NBSAPs are the main tool to plan national efforts towards the GBF, and that submission of targets etc needs to be seen in connection with the NBSAP.</p> <p>On the 2nd and 3rd question there is a duplication. NBSAP = National biodiversity action plans. Therefore it does not make sense to talk about action plans as an independent document. Reference to NBSAPs is sufficient. There is no need to also write “action plans”</p>

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> <p>The national reports are instrument that will help us track parties progress towards the global goals and targets. The compilation of national reports should be used to inform the global stocktake to review our collective implementation.</p>