**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. * The structure of the report should include National Circumstances that include the following:
	+ The population structure (size, density, distribution patterns and growth rate)
	+ Land (size, tenure system, planning system, productivity etc)
	+ Biodiversity situational analysis (drivers, pressure, impacts, state/status, policy responses and the corresponding key achievements, opportunities and challenges)
	+ Legal and institutional frameworks for biodiversity conservation
* Existing synergies or linkages between the post 2020 GBF and other related international agreements such as the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, SDGs, Regional Treaties/blocs, and the other Rio Conventions
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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.* In addition to what has been proposed by Parties, this section should include briefs on:
	+ Related achievements by other players and interventions other than the post 2020 GBF.
	+ Progress on synergies among the goals, and targets.
	+ Progress on means of implementation (financing, capacity building, technology transfer, governance, and partnerships (scientific and technical co-operation)
	+ Opportunities utilized to attain the goals and the targets.
	+ Strategic recommendations/proposed strategies for future improvement.
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| II | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section II. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report* The process should not only focus on the engagements of stakeholders but analysis of stakeholders that should include their interests, influence and impacts on biodiversity conservation or implementation the GBF
* Involvement of the academia and research organizations
* Inclusion of the private sector especially the entities whose business thrive on biodiversity
* Use of participatory review and reporting mechanisms that include but not limited to internal (inter-sectoral and local governments benchmarking and peer learning mechanisms or approaches)
* Triangulation (validation, verification and enhancement) of information from other relevant sources and players.
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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)  |
| IV | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section IV. Assessment of progress towards the 2050 goals of the post-2020 global biodiversity frameworkAdditionally, the assessment of the goal should include:* Scale of performance e.g not satisfactory, moderately satisfactory, and satisfactory qualified by verifiable and monitorable data.
* Synergies and linkages within the goals
* Synergies and contributions to other initiatives by other partners.
* Opportunities
* Challenges and strategic recommendations for future improvement
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| V | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section V. Progress towards the 2030 action targets* The progress on targets and actions should indicate the level of significance of the contribution of the GBF to SDGs and vice versa (synergies and linkages between GBF and SDGs; GBF and the Rio Conventions ), and among the Rio Conventions (significant/not significant)
* The progress on targets should also show the logical model or relationships among headline, component and complimentary indicators (Yes/No)
* Integration and mainstreaming of the NBSAP targets into national development frameworks (policies, national development plans, sector strategies, and local government development plans and budgets (Yes/No)
* Level of achievement of the means of implementation (financing, capacity, technology transfer, partnership.....): (High/Low- qualified by data)
* Level of involvement of the all the key stakeholders in implementation (High/Low)
* Voluntary peer review mechanism/methodology could be used to assess both the progress on the goals and targets through expert review and peer learning among parties.
* Another performance assessment tool could be a matrix of result chain that includes baseline, headline, component and complimentary indicators logically linked and premised to the goals and the targets.
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