**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.  Introduction to the template  Paragraphs 2 and 3:   * The 7th  and 8th national reports should provide assessments of progress made towards the national ambition established in the updated NBSAPs or targets and their contribution to meeting the GBF. Therefore the scope of these reports should not be primarily the overall progress towards the GBF since this would be the task of the Global Stocktake. * The 7th  and 8th national reports should include also information on the actions taken to implement other related conventions in order to report under a synergistic approach. Therefore, actions under the Ramsar, Desertification, CITES, and Climate Change conventions and the SDGs cold be reported, as contributions to meeting the GBF. * We fully support the use of headline indicators, and others, to enable the Global Stocktake. However, it’s important to take into account that headline indicators for national reports should be ready to use by Parties taking into account that the responsibility to report is for national governments according to Art. 26 of the Convention.   Paragraph 4:   * It’s important that the 7th  and 8th national reports include financial reporting, but a specific reference needs to be added referring to undertaking the financial reporting considering the mobilization of resources from all sources, as well as in accordance with Art. 20 of the Convention. Developed country Parties should report on progress towards meeting obligations derived from Art. 20.2, and developing country Parties should also report on the efficient use of resources and remaining gaps to be filled with resources from all sources.   Paragraph 5:   * We fully support the integration of the synchronization of the reports of the Convention and its Protocols, the multistakeholder involvement in the preparation of national reports, as well as the report on actions undertaken by non-state actors to contribute to the implementation of NBSAPs.   Paragraph 7:   * The structure of the 7th  and 8th national reports should include a section on national circumstances referring to, among others, critical information to understand national biodiversity status and potential to deliver global environmental benefits though the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Even if Section I (Executive Summary) includes a section on changes observed in the status and trends of biodiversity of actions taken or progress made, only 300 to 500 words are suggested for this description, therefore a longer section could be dedicated for a more comprehensive, in-depth description, especially in the light of the post 2020 GBF, in particular for the 7th national report which would be the first report of progress for the GBF. * An additional Section should be dedicated to reporting on the implementation of sections B.bis, and H to K included in the GBF. * The Annex should include reporting on the different plans of action which will be adopted at COP15 as complementary to the GBF, such as: the Gender Post 2020 Plan of Action, the Subnational Governments Plan of Action, the Mainstreaming Plan of Action, and the Health Plan of Action. The Annex should also be open for the inclusion of other information relevant for National Parties to complement the previous sections.   Paragraph 10:   * Paragraphs 10(a) and 10(b) seem to duplicate. The difference between a mid-term and final review of the GBF implementation and the Global Stocktake is not clear. Both paragraphs seem to refer to the same analysis. * Paragraph 10(e) could refer not only to strategic plans of other MEA’s but also to commitments or goals sin not all of MEAs may have strategic plans as such.   Paragraph 12:   * We fully support the utilization of DaRT as a tool to promote synergies in reporting. | | |
| 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 | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section II. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report  Taking into account that the 7th National Report will be the first report to use headline indicators, this section should also provide Parties with an opportunity to explain obstacles and challenges in the preparation of the report, as well as gaps in capacities and opportunities for improvement for future national reports. | |
| 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)  The wording “national ambition or targets” is not clear, taking into account that targets may well reflect the level of ambition of Parties. A better wording could be “Has submitted updated NBSAPs or Targets”.  This section should also include the possibilities for Parties which have not been able to update NBSAPs or Biodiversity Action Plans to describe the challenges which have impeded the update process. | |
| IV | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section IV. Assessment of progress towards the 2050 goals of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework  It is necessary to include an additional column with the baseline that allows to see the progression of the indicator and a column to provide further information for a more in depth explanation of progress towards the goals if needed if needed. | |
| V | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section V. Progress towards the 2030 action targets | |