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**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Draft guidance for updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans in light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD 4**

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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** | 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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| **Comments** | |
| Please provide any general comments on the national biodiversity strategy and action plan guidance.  Paragraph 2:   * Proposed text to be included (new text in red):   “﻿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. NBSAPs are the main instrument through which Parties establish and communicate their national ambition to contribute to the achievement of global biodiversity goals and targets. NBSAPs reflect the highest possible level of ambition for each Party. They should involve all government sectors 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 generate high-level political support, ensure inter-ministerial coordination and vertical integration, and facilitate implementation throughout the decade.”.  Paragraph 3:  Given that the GBF goals are set for 2050, the process for planning, updating and implementing the NBSAP must be projected for a much longer term horizon than a decade. Therefore we propose the following text:  “Countries are encouraged to adopt the NBSAP output documents as policy and/or legal instruments and to integrate them into broader strategies and plans, such as national sustainable development plans, national development plans, and poverty reduction strategies. The NBSAP documents should be considered living documents which can be revised or adapted as needed throughout the decade and subsequent implementation periods without interrupting implementation. NBSAP update processes should be undertaken with a progressive nature, meaning that ambition will never be lower than in previous NBSAPs.”  Paragraph 6(a):  we propose the following text in order to highlight the progression principle for NBSAPs:  ﻿“National targets aligned with the post-2020 framework: In the post-2020 period, Parties will be requested to set (or adjust) national targets as a contribution to the post-2020 global goals and targets. National targets should address each one of the targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and their alignment should be explicit. National targets may leverage commitments made under other intergovernmental processes, such as the other multilateral environmental agreements, and the Rio conventions. Parties should be ready to adapt or enhance their national targets as needed in the light of the results of the global stocktakes (both on ambition and on implementation) but never reduce the level of ambition initially defined, following a non-regression approach;”  Paragraph 6(c): a reordering of the wording on indicators is proposed as follows:  “﻿Monitoring and review mechanism using national and headline indicators: The implementation of the NBSAP, including concrete actions taken and their impacts, progress towards national targets, and contributions towards global targets, should be regularly monitored and reviewed ~~using national indicators and~~ theheadline indicators for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, as well as the component and complementary indicators and national indicators where relevant. This review should feed into the seventh and eighth national reports (and national reports under the Protocols, where relevant), and country-by-country review, and should inform the adaptation/enhancement of national targets and possible revision of the NBSAP based on lessons learned.”  Paragraph 7:  “﻿Updated National targets in a standardized format should be communicated to the Secretariat within one year of the adoption of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, using the template included at the end of this annex, through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention. As mentioned above, in the case where existing national targets are already aligned with the new framework, it will be sufficient to enter them into the template, link them to the new global targets, and explain their alignment. New national targets will also need to be linked to the global targets and their contribution explained. This information could be submitted ahead of submitting a revised NBSAP. However, Parties that decide to update or revise their NBSAP within one year of adoption of the new framework could submit an updated or revised NBSAP and the national targets simultaneously.” | |
| Please use the table below to provide any specific comments on the template: | |

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| **Section** | **Comment** |
| 1 | Please provide comments on section 1 which includes the elaboration of national targets towards each of the global targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.  This scheme should clearly reflect the relationship of the national goals with the indicators of the Global Framework (headline, component, complementary, national). There should be a baseline column for each goal. Otherwise it will not be possible to reflect the progress achieved. |
| 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. |