**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**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Draft guidance for updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans in light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD 4**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. *Comments relating to cross-mapping of targets** *The mapping of national targets to the action targets of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and the ones of other biodiversity conventions is a fundamental step towards implementation and monitoring of the progress towards the 2030 milestones included in document CBD/WG2020/3/3.*
* *The mapping can be facilitated by the one-pagers on the goals and targets in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (document CBD/WG2020/3/INF/3) and by the mapping among the strategies of other biodiversity conventions and the SDGs.*
* *The cross-mapping to goals and targets of other MEAs and the SDGs could be facilitated by use of the Data Reporting Tool for MEAs – DaRT (see:* [*https://dart.informea.org/strategy*](https://dart.informea.org/strategy)*).*
* *UNEP is working to make DaRT national working spaces available for all Parties. These national working spaces will already include wherever possible mappings among national targets and the Aichi targets as well as the contents of national reports (also mapped to targets). Both mappings are imported from the CHM. The post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be included in DaRT as soon as adopted. Parties who submitted their 6th National Report using the CBD online reporting tool will therewith benefit within their national DaRT working space from an initial mapping and knowledge base strongly supporting the assessment of the extent to which the NBSAP is already aligned with the new framework and to identify those aspects of components that may need to be revised.*

*Comments relating to inclusion of text on gender perspectives:** *There is a need to integrate a gender perspective into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) to ensure their implementation is gender-responsive. It will be important that guidance and gender expertise is made available to support the update and implementation of NBSAPs. National gender and biodiversity focal points should be involved in the NBSAP process (from design to implementation) and support with coordination efforts - this is aligned with the elements of a draft recommendation from document CBD/SBI/3/4/Add.2/Rev.2 which “encourages Parties to appoint and provide support for a national gender and biodiversity focal point, for biodiversity negotiations, implementation and monitoring”*.

*Comments on specific paragraphs of the document:** ***Paragraph 6c:*** *notes the need for NBSAPS to use national and headline indicators, alongside additional component and complementary indicators where appropriate, for monitoring and review. The concept of headline, component and complementary indicators is still under negotiation, so it may be helpful to retain this text in brackets until the monitoring framework is agreed, or to add some rationale to note that the use of the different categories of indicators in NBSAPs is subject to agreement of the monitoring framework.*
* ***Paragraph 11****: We recommend adding to paragraph 11 as follows: “Synergies among the NBSAP and the planning and implementation mechanisms of the other biodiversity-related conventions, Rio conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements, and the Sustainable Development Goals should be identified and utilized to maximize efficiency and coherence. To this purpose, Parties are encouraged to make use of the Data Reporting Tool – DaRT and the mapping among targets displayed in the tool, in support of this process and to make effective use of synergies.”*
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| 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.* *We recommend making the mapping of national targets to other global targets mandatory rather than optional. The rationale for this is as follows.*
* *The governing bodies of several conventions requested their Parties to mainstream reflections on the implementation of the respective convention into their NBSAPs (e.g., CMS COP Resolution 8.18 (Rev COP 12), Ramsar Resolution XIII.5, etc.)*
* *The governing bodies of several conventions adopted mappings among their strategic plans and the Aichi Targets (and are expected to do the same for the goals and targets in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework), including:*
* *Aichi Targets to SDGs: Technical Note on Biodiversity and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*
* *CMS SPMS to Aichi Targets: The Strategic Plan for Migratory Species 2015-2023, Annex A (CMS Resolution 11.02)*
* *4th Ramsar Strategic Plan to Aichi Targets: The Fourth Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024, Annex 2 (Ramsar COP Resolution XII.2)*
* *4th Ramsar Strategic Plan to SDGs: Scaling up wetland conservation, wise use and restoration to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (2018)*
* *Strategic Plan for the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to SDGs (CGRFA-16/17/22)*
* *AEWA Strategic Plan to Aichi Targets, SDGs, CMS SPMS (UNEP/AEWA/MOP7/Res. 7.1)*
* *By making the mapping of national targets to other global targets mandatory, the report becomes relevant for all biodiversity-related conventions and will reflect that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is a framework for all and not limited to the CBD. Further, a mandatory mapping is conducive for consistency of reporting across the biodiversity conventions and reduces duplication of work at the national level. It is also facilitated when using DaRT as a reporting tool.*
* *Further, a second dropbox could be included to allow a mapping of NBSAPs to action plans adopted by the CBD, such as the gender plan for action*
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| 2 | Please provide comments on section 2 on who is responsible for coordinating implementation and reporting on this target.* *No specific comments*
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| 3 | Please provide comments on section 3 on the linkages with other national initiatives and targets.* *No specific comments*
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| 4 | Please provide comments on section 4 on involvement of sub-national or other actors beyond national governments. * *No specific comments*
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