**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**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Draft guidance for updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans in light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD 4**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.  UNU-IAS suggests the inclusion of the following sentence at the end of paragraph 9:  [When updating and revising their NBSAPs, Parties are encouraged to use the manual on the application of landscape approaches in NBSAPs developed by United Nations University in cooperation with the Secretariat.]  UNU-IAS suggests the inclusion of a new paragraph 13:  [13. Parties are encouraged to use information contained in national reports to inform the voluntary peer review of NBSAP revision and implementation, as indicated in CBD/SBI 3/11/Add.1/Amend.1, to address gaps and opportunities in achieving the targets and goals of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.] | |
| 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. |
| 2 | Please provide comments on section 2 on who is responsible for coordinating implementation and reporting on this target.  UNU-IAS suggests the template should be structured in a way that Parties are able to select if their national target contributes to one or more options from a list of relevant biodiversity-related MEAs. Once selecting an MEA, Parties should be able to indicate the Name(s)/Number(s)/Ref.(s) of existing commitment(s).  Possible benefits of this change may include:  (i) Facilitate the organization of the information for targets that can contribute to multiple MEA commitments;  (ii) Facilitate the retrieval of information of contribution to specific MEAs;  (iii) Remind Parties to evaluate possible contribution to all relevant MEAs.    A list of relevant biodiversity-related MEAs should be agreed with Parties during the negotiation of the annex. The template should also allow Parties to report on other relevant process not listed in the template, e.g. regional or sub-regional environmental cooperation processes. |
| 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. |