**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.  NBSAP is the key planning national document in the context of the CBD including the primary documents for organizing any reporting under the Convention. Having clear and straightforward template is very important to facilitate national reporting. It is very important to make both options for reporting template available – online and offline (in word format).  National reports, first of all, need to be built based on national data and information, global data can be used only by the decision of the Party.  Online template needs to allow for more extensive description (more then 100-300 words) as many suggested questions suggest significant amount of information to be provided. So do not limit the space for input while an indication of expected input still can be provided.  Template need to allow for national priorities to be fully presented as some actions and national targets may not directly address a particular GBF target or may contribute to several and template needs to facilitate options to avoid repetition of same actions and descriptions in several targets.  In the chapeau text put references to headline indicators into […] until appropriate decisions made in relation to the nature and role of those indicators.  For cases when a Party did not provide their NBSAP or targets in any other form the template need to allow to include those targets themselves | | |
| 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 the first box on **Summary of progress towards the 2050 goals and 2030 action targets (suggested word count: 300-500 words)**  It is suggested to expand a limit in the online template to 1000 words to properly provide overview for all 4 goals and 21 targets in this box | |
| II | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section II. Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report  **Please briefly describe the process undertaken for the preparation of this report (responses may include the following, suggested word count: 100-300 words** same concern on the space for comments in the online format. Based on a number of Qs included into this section it should be 100-200 words for each Q as even only the list of consulted organisations to be included can be longer.  Suggested to split this section into 4 boxes:  Box 1: Coordination mechanisms employed (if applicable) provide space for 100-200 words;  Box 2: Consultations undertaken at various levels for preparing this report. This includes 6 groups, need to allocate 100-200 words for each group  Box 3: Plan for using the report for national planning process. Allocate 200-300 words  Box 4: Plan for using the report for communication and outreach activities. Allocate 300-400 words as it may include reference to comms strategies and plans | |
| 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)  For all 3 boxes we prefer to have a reference only to NBSAP as reference to action plans separately from NBSAP makes it confusing.  In box 1 add an additional ticking box to supplement answer “YES” with the second option “Yes and submitted” to make clear that NBSAP may be prepared but not provided to the SCBD yet  In box 2 split Q into two separate parts: 1) **a policy instrument or 2) a legal instrument** and accordingly allocate ticking boxes  In box 3 in the language of the Q add “or legal” after policy. In response part after **Integrated into the poverty reduction strategy, sustainable development strategy, national development plan, and other related strategies or plans** add  **“……………. (please specify)”** to allow some specific comments as the list includes very different documents | |
| IV | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section IV. Assessment of progress towards the 2050 goals of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework | |
| V | Please include comments or specific suggestions for Section V. Progress towards the 2030 action targets  **For each of the actions described above, if your country has performed an analysis of their effectiveness or impacts, please indicate which action is effective, which is partially effective and which is not effective (suggested word count: 100-300 words).**  Suggest to find the way to merge this part to the previous box to avoid repetition of the language of each action (can be many). This way can be a colour code introduced into the previous box where each action is described.  **For actions assessed as “not effective” or “effective” please briefly describe how success was achieved and key challenges encountered, using examples and outcomes (suggested word count: 100-200 words).** We assume that 100-200 words for each action under description, make it clear  **Please describe how the implementation of this national target has contributed to or is contributing to achieving the associated global targets (suggested word count: 100- 300 words).**  Same point on the volume for comments apply for each national target. This text needs to recognize that national target can contribute to several global targets  **Based on the value of the headline indicator(s) provided above, please indicate the current level of national progress that has been made towards the associated global target:**  National targets may differ from global and should not be identical. It is probably impossible at national level to identify a particular national contribution to achieving the global target. This is a work for the review by the COP. We suggest to exclude this elements from the template | |