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Modus Operandi of the open-ended forum of SBI for country-by-country review of implementation (CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.5)

TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS: Modus Operandi of the open-ended forum of SBI for country-by-country review of implementation contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/ADD 5 (ANNEX D)

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	Modus Operandi of the open-ended forum of SBI for country-by-country review of implementation, contained in the document CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.5, which includes a draft of Annex D to CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5. This template aims to collect feedback on that Annex.
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Comments	
<p>Please provide any general comments and specific suggestions on the proposed modus operandi of the open-ended forum of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for country-by-country review of implementation.</p> <p>The review of the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action 2015-2020 , noted that A Gender Plan of Action is an important tool for promoting gender mainstreaming in the implementation of the Convention and notes that mainstreaming gender in national policies, NBSAPs and national reports as considerations for the Post2020 global biodiversity framework (CBD/SBI/3/2/Add.3).</p> <p>Further there needs to be alignment to take the guidance of the decision that will be adopted at CBD COP 15, which includes the adoption of the Post-2020 Gender Plan of Action, which addresses this gap in one of the Objectives set forth in the Draft Post-2020 Gender Plan of Action (CBD/SBI/3/4/ADD2/REV2).</p> <p>This would be crucial to ensure that the country-by-country review of implementation is gender responsive to ensure full, meaningful and effective participation and engagement of women and girls are</p>	

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taken into consideration, and adhering to one of the key principles of the Convention in the development of the Post-2020 GBF that aspired to be gender responsive - taking the whole of society approach.

Recommendation, Annex, Para 1, Subpara 1, **ADD (f) to contribute to ensuring gender responsiveness and identify actions/solutions to overcome challenges in national implementation.**

This may also assist with encouraging Parties to find pathways to identify actions and support initiatives at the local and national levels, including capacity development to ensure that the next reporting has some more advancement and reflection on gender considerations.

As such, we also recommend the due recognition of the roles and contributions of women and suggest include “**participation by and engagement with IPLCS.....women’s group, youth.**” throughout the document where instead of just addressing and grouping women in “relevant stakeholders” “Observers”. Women are rights holders and this will also help in aligning with the Post-2020 Gender Plan of Action.