

NOTIFICATION

Preparation and submission of the seventh national report

Dear Sir or Madam,

In [decision 15/6](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the guidance for the submission of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), including national targets, and the draft template for the seventh and eighth national reports. In the same decision, it requested Parties to submit their seventh national report by **28 February 2026**. In [decision 16/32](#), the Conference of the Parties endorsed the revised template for the seventh and eighth national reports. The seventh national reports will be a primary source of information for the global review of the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be undertaken at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

I am pleased to inform Parties that the online reporting tool for the seventh national report is now available for use at: <https://ort.cbd.int/>. As per decisions [15/6](#) and [16/32](#), the online reporting tool is the official tool for the submission of national reports. It should be noted that the reporting in the national report is on the basis of the national targets which have been submitted in the online reporting tool. Parties that have not submitted their national targets, or that have drafted but not submitted their national targets, are requested to finalize the national target submission in the online reporting tool as this is the first part of Section III of the national report (as defined in the template for the seventh national report adopted in Annex I of decision 16/32). Should Parties experience any difficulties in using the tool, they are invited to contact the Secretariat by e-mail to mea-cbd-monitoring-support@un.org.

I am also pleased to inform Parties that a combined document of guidance and revised template for the seventh national report (which is also adopted for the eighth national report) is available in all the United Nations languages on the seventh national reports' portal at: <https://www.cbd.int/reports/nr7>. Other supporting information and guidance will be added to the portal as it becomes available, including information on the metadata for the headline and binary indicators which are included in the national reporting template (this is based on the monitoring framework adopted in [decision 15/5](#), with technical updates agreed in [decision 16/31](#)).

Parties are encouraged to involve relevant stakeholders and collaborate with relevant reporting processes including the preparation of national reports under the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols.

The Secretariat intends to further support countries in preparing their seventh national reports by conducting support activities such as regional and/or subregional dialogues on enhancing monitoring and reporting of the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework during the current biennium. I would also like to remind eligible Parties that support is available for the preparation of the seventh national reports from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Information about this GEF support programme, including the contact persons for the GEF implementing agencies, is available [here](#).

To: CBD national focal points, Cartagena Protocol focal points, ABS national focal points, SBSTTA focal points, CHM focal points

The timely submission of the seventh national report by all Parties by the deadline set in decision 15/6 is crucial for the preparation of the global review of collective progress in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework to be undertaken at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2026. I wish to urge Parties to initiate the preparation of the seventh national reports as soon as possible and submit them **before or by 28 February 2026**, using the online reporting tool. Note that the online reporting tool includes a flexible functionality which allows Parties to draft and publish one or more sections of the report at a time, which would make partial information available for use in the global report in advance of submitting the full report.

Please accept, Sir, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Astrid Schomaker
Executive Secretary