

**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL VIEWS ON THE PROPOSALS FOR A  
COMPREHENSIVE AND PARTICIPATORY PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE  
POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK**

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| Comments on the draft proposals    |  |  |
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| 0                                  | 0  | It is clear that the period leading up to the adoption of the post-2020 framework will be intense. New Zealand agrees that the process should be iterative (as has already been agreed by the Parties). We are pleased that the proposed process places a strong emphasis on engagement with civil society, indigenous peoples and local communities, scientific experts and other stakeholders throughout the process. We note and agree with comments made by others that this needs to be accompanied by such engagement at a national level.   |
| 0                                  | 0  | We welcome a discussion on innovative ways of driving change. We note discussions are emerging on how this could be achieved. Options that have been referenced in discussions include the climate change model of Nationally Determined Contributions or forms of voluntary national commitments, separate from the existing NBSAPs. In our view all options require careful further consideration, including ensuring that we are not establishing duplicative processes. It is also important to take into account the different context for the climate change NDC process. When considering the time frame for the post-2020 framework, it will be important to ensure that decisions that need to be taken by Parties are not pre-empted. In this context, we note that decisions have not been taken on whether or not voluntary national commitments will form part of the post-2020 process or, if so, what form they would take. |
| 0                                  | 0  | As has already been determined by the Parties, it will be important that the post-2020 framework is science/evidence based. It is unfortunate that the timeframe for the fifth Global Biodiversity Outlook means that this will be finalised only shortly before the timetabled adoption of the post-2020 framework. Nonetheless, there will be a significant body of material available and the overall trends and drivers of biodiversity loss are arguably clear. Those overall trends and drivers should be the focus of our attention when we come to the substantive part of the process. It may be that we can achieve more impact through a more streamlined set of targets.   |
| 6                                  | 22   | We agree that there may be useful lessons from the UNFCCC experience in developing mechanisms for enhanced multilateral review and transparency, and in securing high-level political engagement.  |

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| 13 | August-October 2018 | This entry says “Parties and observers submit initial views on the post 2020 global biodiversity framework, including possible voluntary commitments”. It is not clear whether this means Parties are to submit views on whether there should be voluntary commitments, or to submit possible voluntary commitments. As Parties will not by then have taken a decision as to whether there should be voluntary commitments, in our view it should be made clearer that the entry is referring to parties and observers submitting initial views on whether voluntary commitments should form part of the post 2020 global biodiversity framework. |
| 13 | February – May 2019 | In order to provide Parties with sufficient time to consider and submit comments, we would suggest that in this entry and for the subsequent similar entries, the Secretariat should commit to issuing the revised discussion paper in February, July and October respectively.   |
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