



REVISION AND UPDATING OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN: SYNTHESIS/ANALYSIS OF VIEWS

SYNTHESIS/ANALYSIS OF INPUTS FROM THE NINTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES, PARTIES AND OTHERS ON THE REVISION AND UPDATING OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND POST-2010 TARGET¹

A. Scope of the new Plan and general points

The revised and updated Strategic Plan will be important both in providing a framework for future action under the Convention itself, and in reaching out to a broader community.

The Strategic Plan should cover the three objectives of the Convention in a balanced manner and enhance their implementation.

The Strategic Plan for the Convention and the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety should be complementary and mutually consistent.

The Plan should promote and enable effective use of the ecosystem approach in planning and implementation processes.

The Plan should highlight the links between biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well-being, and emphasize the social and economic value of biodiversity and ecosystem services

The Plan should highlight the importance of biodiversity for poverty eradication and the achievement of the *Sustainable* Development Goals, taking into account that conservation and the sustainable use of biodiversity should contribute to poverty eradication at local level and not harm the livelihoods of the poor and respect international human rights norms.

The Plan should address the direct and indirect drivers of biodiversity loss and integrate biodiversity and ecosystem services considerations into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, programmes and strategies and planning processes.

The new Plan should take into account and respond to the current context of global change and related challenges and opportunities.

The new Plan should include a clear rationale for the targets and actions it proposes, based on scientific evidence.

The new Plan should have a greater focus on the practical implementation of the Convention and include mechanisms to support implementation and the monitoring of implementation.

The Plan, and the post-2020 target(s) in particular, should be developed on the basis of robust scientific evidence and experiences.

¹ References to Millennium Development Goals replaced 2010 and 2020 targets replaced by 2020 and 2030 respectively.

The new Plan should address the gaps identified in previous reviews of implementation to avoid repeating mistakes.

To allow for continuity, the new Plan should build upon the existing Strategic Plan and associated framework of goals, targets and indicators, with appropriate adjustments to improve clarity and focus.

The new Strategic Plan should also build upon the experience of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.

Like the existing Strategic Plan, the new Plan should be a short, focused document.

For the Strategic Plan to be broadly endorsed, active engagement of all Parties and stakeholders is essential.

B. The vision and mission/post 2010 targets, and strategic objectives

The updated and revised Strategic Plan should include a target for 2050 (long-term vision) and a target for 2030 (mission).

The 2050 vision and 2030 biodiversity target(s) should be inspiring and relevant to stimulate action across a wide range of institutions, organizations and elements of society.

The biodiversity target should be ambitious but realistic, and measurable, developed on the basis of robust scientific evidence.

The current target of reducing biodiversity loss appears unlikely to be achieved by 2020. Nevertheless, more ambitious targets, for example, to halt and/or reverse loss are being proposed for 2030.

A broad overall 2030 biodiversity target could be complemented by a small set of quantifiable sub-targets or goals and a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) plan.

Sub-targets for economic sectors could also be developed.

The Plan should include milestones or time-bound measures of progress.

The Strategic Plan should provide a framework for the establishment of national, and, where possible, quantitative, targets, that Parties can implement according to their own priorities.

The strategic goals could be reformulated to also include the guidelines of the current framework for evaluation, distinguishing between outcomes (“ends”) and strategic processes (“means”).

The new Plan could be structured to provide a more coherent framework than the existing one.

The list of obstacles could be improved.

Consideration should be given to developing a section on “Guiding Principles”.

Further work may be needed to refine or develop indicators.

The Strategic Plan should encourage universal membership of the Convention and facilitate greater coherence among relevant MEAs and other agreements.

C. Including means of implementation in the Strategic Plan

The revised Strategic Plan should focus on implementation and relevant enabling mechanisms.

The new Plan should allow for a more systematic evidence-based review of implementation of the Convention and elucidate better lessons learned and thereby improve overall performance in implementation.

The Plan must address the need for new and additional financial resources in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention, including through the Resource Mobilization Strategy.

The revised and updated Strategic Plan should provide a useful framework for the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and for their linking to broader national development strategies (such as Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers, national strategies for the achievement of the *Sustainable* Development Goals, sustainable development strategies, and related strategies on human rights and gender equality and strategies to respond to climate change and combat desertification, as well as to sectoral strategies).

The Strategic Plan should provide a framework that is relevant at all levels of governance.

The Plan should feature a broader range of partnerships, including stronger links with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and biodiversity-related conventions.

Regional organizations should be engaged to support implementation of the new Strategic Plan.

There is a need to expand collaboration and partnerships, with international institutions, sectors, disciplines and organizations that make the decisions that affect biodiversity and human well-being.

Communication needs to have a higher profile in the Strategic Plan.

The new Plan should provide for effective participatory national monitoring and reporting.

D. The multi-year programme of work (MYPOW) of the Conference of the Parties

The multi-year programme of work should operationalize the new Strategic Plan and the Conference of the Parties should devote more attention to reviewing and supporting implementation in its future programme.

The multi-year programme of work should include a process and mechanisms for the establishment of national targets and objectives in the framework of the new Plan and for reporting against these targets, as well as the global framework itself.

The multi-year programme of work should reflect the focus and priorities of the updated and revised Strategic Plan even though more attention should be given to implementation and relatively less to developing new guidance.

The existing thematic programmes of work continue to be relevant for the period of the new Strategic Plan (2020-2030).