

Briefing Webinar - 13 January 2022 (SBI item 9) Introduction

- Notification 2022-001, dated 7 January 2022, advised Parties and observers that the Secretariat would be organizing a series of webinars in the lead-up to the resumed sessions of SBSTTA-24, SBI-3 and WG2020-3, now scheduled for 13-29 March 2022, in Geneva, to update Parties and observers on new documents, the organization of work and other aspects of the meetings, as necessary.
- **The first webinar in this series, being held today, will focus on SBI agenda item 9 on options to enhance planning, reporting and review mechanisms.**
- Updated details on this webinar series will be made available at:
<https://www.cbd.int/article/pre-geneva-2022-webinars>



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Preliminary list of other webinars to be delivered in the series

- Tuesday, 18 January, SBI Chair, Gender (SBI item 5)
- Wednesday, 19 January, SBSTTA Chair, Monitoring marine and coastal biodiversity in the draft post-2020 global biodiversity framework (SBSTTA items 3 and 6)
- Tuesday, 25 January, GEO-BON & BioDiscovery, SBSTTA Chair/WG2020 Co-Chairs, Scientific Webinar – Update from the Scientific Community on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (linked to WG2020 and SBSTTA item 3)
- Thursday, 27 January, SBSTTA Chair, Updated Monitoring Framework and associated information documents (SBSTTA item 3)
- Tuesday, 1 February, WG2020 Co-Chairs, Introduction to the Co-Chairs' reflections document (WG2020 item 4)
- Thursday, 3 February, WG2020 Co-Chairs, Introduction to the documents on digital sequence information on genetic resources (WG2020 item 5)
- TBC, SBI Chair, Financial Mechanism (SBI item 6)
- TBC, WG2020, SBI & SBSTTA Chairs, Overview of preparations for the resumed meetings



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**National Reporting under the Convention-Revised
Guidance and Template for the 7NR/8NR**
contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/Add1/AMEND 1 (to be
included as annex C to CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5)



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Basis for revising draft guidance and template for 7NR/8NR

- Related discussions or views from virtual sessions of SBSTTA 24, SBI 3 and OEWG 3;
- Views from earlier related meetings (SBSTTA 23, OEWG 1 & 2, regional and thematic consultations concerning the post-2020 GBF in particular Thematic Consultation on Monitoring, Reporting and Reviewing of the Post-2020 GBF held in Feb 2020);
- Views or suggestions submitted by Parties and organizations concerning development of the post-2020 GBF;
- Experiences and lessons learned from the sixth and previous rounds of national reporting under the CBD;
- Related virtual workshops organized by partners (e.g. UNEP-WCMC).



Lessons and Experiences from 6NR

Challenges for Using 6NR Template:

- Template could be shortened and focus more on info essential for assessment of progress towards ABTs.
- Overlaps in sections (sections II, III and IV), making both preparation and aggregations challenging.
- Guidance not clear on analysis of national contributions to progress towards ABTs.
- Tools and capacities needed for assessment of effectiveness of policy measures.
- Use of indicators still challenging despite increased use.
- Use of online reporting tool still challenging (survey conducted in November 2019 and results contained in CBD/SBI/3/INF.3).



Main Considerations for Revising 7NR/8NR Template

- Focusing on information essential for global review or stock-taking of progress towards goals and targets of the post-2020 GBF;
- Countries to report mainly on implementation of national targets and NBSAPs, focusing on actions, outcomes, effectiveness of actions and challenges;
- Also report on implementation of associated strategies and plans adopted as part of the post-2020 GBF (capacity development, mainstreaming, resource mobilization, gender etc.);
- Use of headline indicators suggested, while allowing use of other indicators;
- Stakeholders and IPLCs contribution and synergies with the Protocols and other related conventions encouraged;
- Format simple and easy to use and suggesting word counts, keeping reports focused and easy for review.



Structure of the 7NR/8NR template

Five sections:

- Section I Executive summary of the report;
- Section II Brief overview of the process of preparation of the report;
- Section III Status of the updated or revised national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP) in the light of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework (for 7NR only);
- Section IV Assessment of progress towards the 2050 goals;
- Section V Assessment of progress towards the 2030 action targets;
- Annex Responses to requests related to the seventh national report contained in respective decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.



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Example (Section V)

Info requested related to 2030 global target:

- National target (could be pre-filled from submission of national ambition)
- Main actions taken to achieve national target;
- Effectiveness of actions;
- Challenges encountered;
- Value of headline indicator(s) related to target (could be pre-populated from relevant global/regional databases).
- Level of progress towards global target based on indicator.
- Other indicators.



Related Elements of CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5

1. [Adopts an enhanced multidimensional approach to planning, monitoring, reporting and review with a view to enhancing implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, comprising:]
 - (d) [Standardized] national reporting as per Article 26 of the Convention [on all national targets identified in NBSAPs] using, [subject to the provision of adequate financial resources provided by developed Parties in line with Article 20], the adopted set of headline indicators and complemented, as appropriate, by optional component and complementary indicators in the monitoring framework of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and other national indicators and aligned, where appropriate, with other reporting processes, including the Sustainable Development Goals and [biodiversity related] multilateral environment agreement reporting by using a modular data reporting tool [such as DART];
8. *Adopts* the guidelines for the seventh [and eighth] national report[s] contained in annex C, including the reporting template;
9. *Decides* that the headline indicators [should][will] be used by [all] Parties in their national reports for reporting on their implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, where technically feasible and as [appropriate][applicable][and in accordance with Article 20][and *encourages* the establishment of mechanisms to build capacity in developing countries to support filling monitoring and reporting gaps];
10. *Invites* Parties to [adapt and] use the list of component and complementary indicators in their national planning processes [as appropriate and according to their national priorities and circumstances] and in their national reports for reporting on their progress in implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework in line with Article 26 of the Convention, [as appropriate and according to their national priorities and circumstances];
11. *Requests* Parties to submit their seventh national report by [30 June 2024] and their eighth report by [June 2029], including information on national progress towards national targets and using the agreed set of headline indicators set out in the monitoring framework for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework adopted in decision 15/--, and using the template provided in annex C;⁴

Paragraphs 13, 15, 16 and 17 are also relevant.



Template for submitting advanced comments

Template available at: <https://www.cbd.int/sbi/review.shtml>

Requesting Parties and observers to submit:

- General comments on draft guidance and template for 7NR/8NR
- Comments and specific suggestions on individual sections



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Resumed Sessions of SBI 3 and UN Biodiversity Conference in 2022 (COP15 Part II)



2020 UN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE

COP 15 - CP/MOP10-NP/MOP4

Ecological Civilization-Building a Shared Future for All Life on Earth

KUNMING · CHINA

To adopt CRP.5 in Geneva in
March 2022.

To adopt a COP 15 decision
including 7NR/8NR guidelines
and template at COP 15 Part II.



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CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.4

DRAFT GUIDANCE FOR UPDATING OR REVISING NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS IN THE LIGHT OF THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK



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Background

CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.4

- Referred in footnote of draft recommendation from SBI part 1, and in list of intersessional work annexed to report of SBI part 1
- Prepared in the light of the discussions at SBI3 part 1
- **Provides:**
 - Guidance on updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)
 - Template for submission of national targets - *Replaces the template provided in document CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.3/Rev.1 presented to SBI 3 part 1*



CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.4 - Overview

- **Introduction**
- **Minimum common elements of post-2020 NBSAPs**
- **Process and timeline for aligning NBSAPs with the GBF**
- **Template for submission of national targets toward the GBF**



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Introduction

General ideas about NBSAPs

- Main vehicle for national implementation
- Article 6 of the Convention
- Key component of enhanced planning, monitoring, reporting, and review mechanism of the Convention for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
- Umbrella process for all national biodiversity objectives and actions (including those relating to biosafety and access and benefit sharing)



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Introduction

General ideas about NBSAPs

- Involve all government sectors, all stakeholders and rightsholders
- High level political support, inter-ministerial coordination, vertical integration
- Adopt as policy/legal instruments and integrate in national strategies
- Living documents to be revised and adapted as needed without interrupting implementation
- National implementation activities should continue even while GBF is adopted and NBSAP aligned.



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Minimum Common Elements of Post 2020 NBSAPs

- a) National Targets aligned with the post 2020 framework
 - Address each one of global targets
 - Alignment should be explicit
 - To be adapted in light of global stocktakes (ambition and implementation)
- b) Concrete action plans detailed spatially, temporally and financially
 - When and where actions will be taken
 - National biodiversity finance plan
 - Actors responsible for implementation identified and agreed
- c) Monitoring and review mechanism using national and headline indicators
 - How actions and their impacts will be monitored



Minimum Common Elements of Post 2020 NBSAPs

Existing guidance regarding NBSAPs adopted by previous COPs is still valid.

- Decision IX/8
- Other COP decisions on thematic and cross-cutting areas:
<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/guidance.shtml>



Process and Timeline for Aligning NBSAPs with GBF

Parties should review current NBSAP and national targets in order to determine extent of revisions necessary for alignment

- existing goals, targets and indicators,
- implementation gaps,
- monitoring systems (existing data, knowledge and knowledge systems),
- sectoral and cross-sectoral policies,
- finance and other means of implementation,
- the stakeholders and rightsholders involved to date
- ...



Process and Timeline for Aligning NBSAPs with GBF

- National targets to be submitted within one year of adoption of the framework using template provided in annex
- Existing targets deemed relevant can also be submitted and alignment explained
- Can be submitted ahead of revised/updated NBSAP
- Concrete actions to achieve targets may be submitted simultaneously or as a second step
- May include commitments from actors beyond national Governments, as appropriate



Process and Timeline for Aligning NBSAPs with GBF

- Whole of society approach & national coordination mechanism including all actors to oversee policy cycle
- Mainstreaming with national sustainable development plan, national development plan, poverty reduction strategy and others...
- Synergies with biodiversity related Conventions, Rio Conventions and coherence with SDGs



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Template for National Targets toward Global Biodiversity Framework

Global Target 1	<i>repeats for each global target</i>
- National Target	
- How will this national target contribute to global target 1?	
- Other global targets to which this national target contributes (optional)	<i>Drop down menu with all global targets</i>
- Name of national government authority responsible for coordinating implementation and reporting on this target.	



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Template for National Targets toward Global Biodiversity Framework

- Is this target related to a national target already made by your national government in the context of Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development or other process?	<i>Name/number/reference of existing commitments.</i>
- Is this national target <u>also part of a</u> commitment submitted separately by subnational governments or other actors beyond national governments?	<i>Only for joint targets/activities Full text of commitment Actor(s) that submitted Context</i>



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New Document

Modus operandi of the open-ended forum of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for country-by- country review of implementation

contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/Add5
(to be included as annex D to CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5)



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I. Background and linkages to CRP.5

CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.5

- Prepared as per CRP.5
- Based on experiences from the trial phase of the SBI open-ended forum conducted in September 2020, including a post-forum survey

Annex D

- Referred to in CRP.5 (paragraphs 12 and 16, and footnote 5)
- Reflected in the list of intersessional work from SBI3 (part 1) (CBD/SBI/3/20).





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II. Objectives of the open-ended forum of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation for country-by-country review of implementation

- Contribute to the review of implementation
- Peer learning and knowledge/experience sharing
- Identification of strategic actions/solutions to overcome challenges in national implementation;
- Support planning related to information/knowledge, expertise, capacity, resources, technologies or other means of implementation;
- Increase transparency



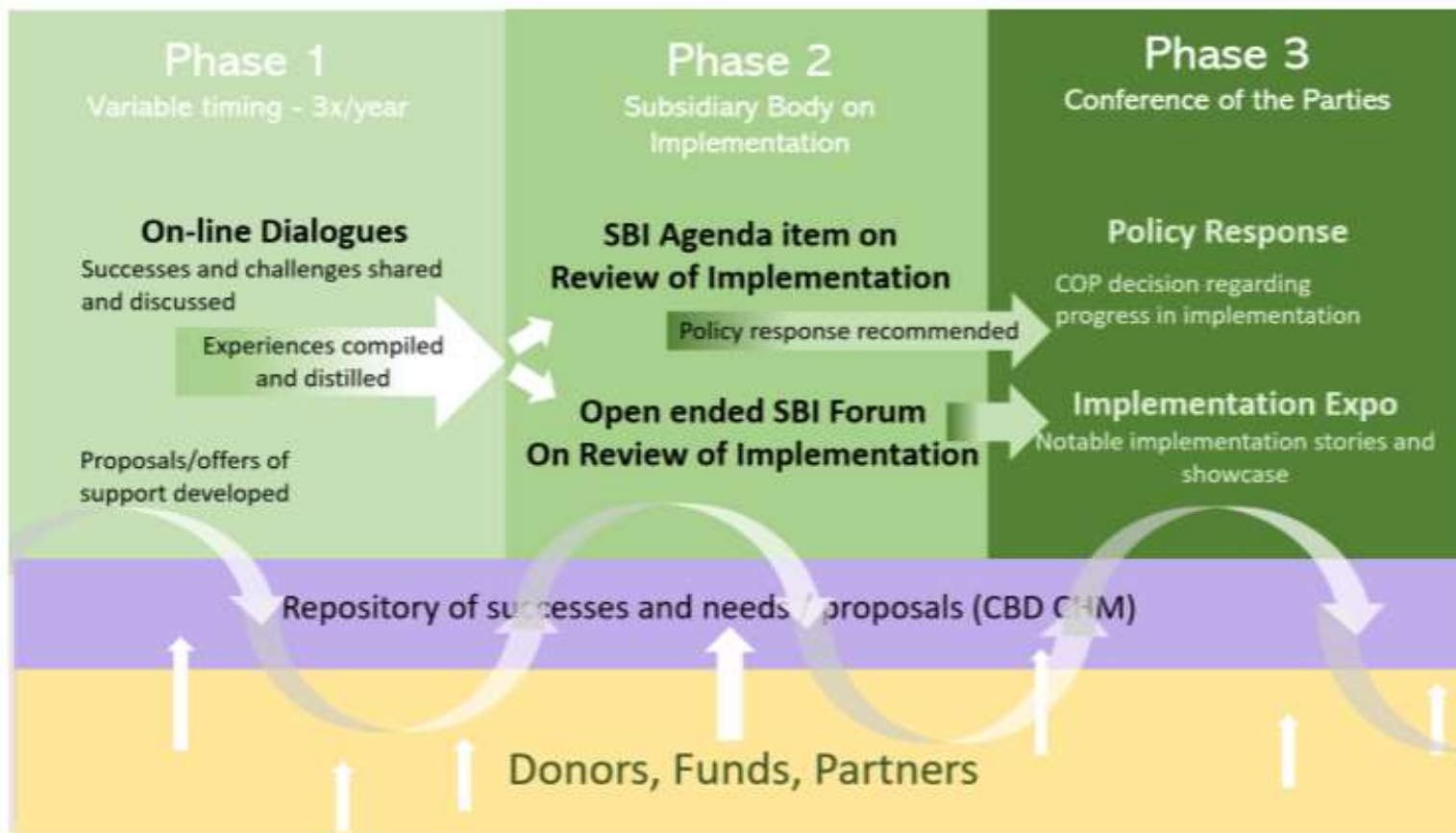
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III. Schematic of the proposed modus operandi



IV. Template for submitting advanced comments

Template available at: <https://www.cbd.int/sbi/review.shtml>

Requesting Parties and observers to submit:

- Comments on proposed modus operandi included in Annex D

Further information:

- <https://www.cbd.int/convention/mechanisms/trial-phase.shtml>



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New Document

Commitments from actors other than national Governments in the context of an enhanced planning, monitoring, review and reporting mechanism

contained in CBD/SBI/3/11/Add6
(to be included as annex B to CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5)



I. Background and linkages to CRP.5

CBD/SBI/3/11/Add.6

- Prepared in response to discussions at SBI3 (part 1)
- Provides context and guidance for commitments from actors other than national Governments
- Presents template for submission of such commitments (Annex)

Annex

- Referred to in CRP.5 as “Annex B”(paragraphs 5, 14, 16, and footnote 3)
- Reflected in the list of intersessional work from SBI3 (part 1) (CBD/SBI/3/20).



II. Context for draft guidance & annex on reporting elements

- Reinforces engagement of actors other than national Governments through the development of biodiversity commitments, as contribution to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.
- Presents items to consider for a commitment template, as per paragraphs 5 and 14 of CBD/SBI/3/CRP.5.
- Present a reporting template to invite commitments from actors other than national Governments towards 2030.
- Annex B is to be prepared in light of discussions at OWEG3 on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, before COP15.



II. Context for draft guidance & annex (cont.): Rationale (Link to INF Doc 20)

Engage actors other than national Governments to:

- catalyze upward cycles of ambition, lifting the urgency of action,
- facilitate mobilization of coalitions among stakeholders, and different sources of finance,
- leverage partnerships and collaboration for nature and people,
- design and test new tools and interventions, and offer new knowledge,
- show how biodiversity is in everyone's interest and influence sectors impacting biodiversity loss to also take on commitments.

Manage risks to lower cases of greenwashing and/or of negatively influencing the intergovernmental process.

Enhance accountability and transparency, by inviting commitments by actors other than national Governments and demonstrate how their ambition and actions contribute to the outcomes sought in the post 2020 framework.





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III. Principles for including commitments from actors other than national Governments - Linked to an enhanced planning, monitoring, review and reporting framework (para. 9)

- Builds on experiences of the Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People to collate standardized commitments, and from other data gatherers and providers using similar criteria.
- Uses standardized guidelines & templates for reporting and verifying commitments.
- Uses metrics to measure ambition and impact for different non-state actors.
- Encourages a process to inform and support alignment with cycles of national commitments, and prior to the proposed global gap report, to facilitate analyses.
- Refine and enhance the software interoperability among different commitment processes, to expand visibility, improve efficiencies and avoid double counting.
- Enhance cross-thematic and cross-sectoral stock-takes and dialogues.



IV. Annex in ADD6: Elements to analyze commitments

The fields of information presented in the Annex of ADD6 represent a **minimum set of elements to analyse commitments** from actors other than national Governments.

To be **undertaken in a standardized way** in the context of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including for global aggregation in the CBD's review mechanism.

Format simple and easy to use, to keep information focused and relevant to the review mechanism.

Structure:

1. General information (about the non state actor entity)
2. Commitment (description of the commitment in relation to the post 2020 framework)
3. Progress Tracking (description of the commitment's time frame; indicators of success; and how the commitment will be monitored and reported on (qualitatively and quantitatively)).



V. Template for submitting advanced comments

Template available at: <https://www.cbd.int/sbi/review.shtml>

Requesting Parties and observers to submit:

- General comments on **proposed principles** for capturing commitments from actors other than national governments.
- **Comments and specific suggestions** on core elements of the Annex in ADD6

Further information:

- CBD/SBI/INF/20 (*to be posted*)
- Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People
<https://www.cbd.int/portals/action-agenda/>





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