

Why are National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) on the SBI 4 agenda?

The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, or the Biodiversity Plan, provides a roadmap for countries to develop national policies for achieving the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

SBI 4 will review progress in the preparation of NBSAPs and the establishment of national targets. As of 22 April 2024, only eight Parties have submitted NBSAPs. SBI 4 will review progress in developing NBSAPs, including challenges and opportunities in the revision process. Prior to SBI 4, five regional and sub-regional dialogues have been held with different groups of Parties to discuss challenges and opportunities, and the remaining subregions/regions will be covered in the upcoming months. These discussions on the NBSAP updating process and on successes and challenges will be discussed in detail at SBI 5. SBI 4 will pave the way for those discussions.

At the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15), Parties to the CBD committed to update / revise their NBSAPs and national targets to align with the level of ambition within the text of the Biodiversity Plan by the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 16) in Cali, Colombia.

What is a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)?

National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) are the vehicle that countries use to drive these objectives forward, moving the global community closer to the shared vision of living in harmony in nature. NBSAPs:

- are national strategies, plans or programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity,
- should be aligned with the Biodiversity Plan and provide a framework for elaborating how existing strategies, plans or programmes reflect all the targets,
- provide a whole-of-government/whole-of-society roadmap for biodiversity action,
- build upon existing successes and lessons learned in order to galvanize action, and
- be coupled with finance and implementation including through maximizing synergies with NDCs and the implementation of other MEAs.

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Important links:

<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap>

Submitted revised NBSAPs can be viewed at <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/post-cop15.shtml>