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UMBRELLA PROGRAMME

to Support NBSAP Update and the 7th National Reports

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What is the programme?

National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) are the principal instrument for implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) at the national level. Seventh National Reports to the Convention, due February 2026, will provide a key source of information for reviewing progress in implementation of the NBSAPs, national targets, and the GBF.

The 'Umbrella Programme to support NBSAP update and Seventh National Reports' is a Party-led effort funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to continue the process of updating NBSAPs and undertake reporting on implementation of the GBF. This programme provides financial and technical support to 139 developing countries, small island developing states, and economies in transition in their work to update NBSAPs in alignment with the GBF and prepare and submit Seventh National Reports to the CBD. Joint implementation support is provided by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in partnership with the CBD Secretariat and the GEF Secretariat.

Party experiences from the first two years of action towards achievement of the GBF are being applied globally to shape a nationally responsive, technical and financial support package to meet identified country needs. Additionally, compatible timelines and financial packages from two other GEF enabling activities will help build the programme - the GEF Early Action Support project and the 'GEF 8 Umbrella Programme on support development of Biodiversity Finance Plans.' The support provided through this programme also aims to assist countries in fostering cooperation and coordination among different sectors and stakeholders, including, and not limited to, civil society organizations, private sector, academia, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities, to ensure their effective participation in and contribution to the NBSAP revision and reporting process.

Programme components

Component 1

Development of GBF-aligned NBSAPs, building on the results of the Early Action Support project

The 15th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP15) to the CBD adopted Decision 15/6 on "Mechanisms for Planning, Monitoring, Reporting, and Review" which requests Parties to update their NBSAPs to reflect the goals and targets of the GBF, including those related to means of implementation. Component 1 of the programme aims to support the achievement of this and related COP decisions through addressing the following proposed actions, which countries can select to undertake as appropriate, based on the progress made under the GEF Early Action Support project and in consideration of national circumstances and priorities:

- Implement comprehensive NBSAP stakeholder engagement to promote whole-of-government and whole-of-society approaches
- Enable gender mainstreaming within consultation processes and within the NBSAP
- Identify and prioritize gaps and inconsistencies between the NBSAP and achieving the GBF
- Strengthen policy alignment, coherence, and biodiversity mainstreaming into key sectors
- Strengthen readiness for NBSAP implementation
- Undertake as needed integrated spatial planning for the NBSAP
- Develop, as needed, action plans to support the NBSAP
- Undertake, as needed, planning processes for capacity development, resource mobilization, and monitoring and evaluation

Component 2

Completion of CBD Seventh National Reports

In addition, pursuant to CBD Decision 15/6, countries also committed to submit their Seventh National Report to the CBD by 28 February 2026. Component 2 of this programme supports the development of these National Reports through undertaking the following proposed actions, which countries can select based on national circumstances and priorities:

- Prepare the national reporting processes, including stakeholder engagement
- Analyze the alignment of the NBSAP with the GBF, including the monitoring framework
- Assess progress towards national targets
- Assess progress towards the goals and targets of the GBF
- Identify key messages and conclusions
- Support capacities for using headline and other indicators

Impact in 139 countries

With the support of this programme, governments in 139 countries will continue to be assisted with NBSAPs and National Reports, building on the progress made under the GEF Early Action Support project. Dedicated support will be provided to ensure countries have access to the tools, guidance, expertise, and training they need for planning and reporting on implementation of the GBF.

1. Albania
2. Algeria
3. Angola
4. Antigua & Barbuda
5. Argentina
6. Armenia
7. Azerbaijan
8. Bahamas
9. Bahrain
10. Bangladesh
11. Barbados
12. Belize
13. Benin
14. Bhutan
15. Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
16. Bosnia & Herzegovina
17. Botswana
18. Brazil
19. Burkina Faso
20. Burundi
21. Cabo Verde
22. Cambodia
23. Cameroon
24. Central Africa Republic
25. Chad
26. Chile
27. China
28. Colombia
29. Comoros
30. Congo Republic
31. Cook Islands
32. Costa Rica
33. Côte d'Ivoire
34. Cuba
35. Democratic Republic of the Congo
36. Djibouti
37. Dominica
38. Dominican Republic
39. Ecuador
40. Egypt
41. El Salvador
42. Equatorial Guinea
43. Eritrea
44. Eswatini
45. Ethiopia
46. Fiji
47. Gabon
48. Gambia (Republic of The)
49. Georgia
50. Ghana
51. Grenada
52. Guatemala
53. Guinea
54. Guinea Bissau
55. Guyana
56. Haiti
57. Honduras
58. India
59. Indonesia
60. Iraq
61. Jamaica
62. Jordan
63. Kazakhstan
64. Kenya
65. Kiribati
66. Kyrgyzstan
67. Lao People's Democratic Republic
68. Lebanon
69. Lesotho
70. Liberia
71. Madagascar
72. Malawi
73. Malaysia
74. Maldives
75. Mali
76. Marshall Islands
77. Mauritania
78. Mauritius
79. Mexico
80. Micronesia (Federated States of)
81. Mongolia
82. Montenegro
83. Morocco
84. Mozambique
85. Namibia
86. Nauru
87. Nepal
88. Nicaragua
89. Niger
90. Nigeria
91. Niue
92. North Macedonia
93. Pakistan
94. Palau
95. Panama
96. Papua New Guinea
97. Paraguay
98. Peru
99. Philippines
100. Qatar
101. Republic of Moldova
102. Rwanda
103. Saint Lucia
104. Samoa
105. Sao Tome & Principe
106. Senegal
107. Serbia
108. Seychelles
109. Sierra Leone
110. Solomon Islands
111. Somalia
112. South Africa
113. South Sudan
114. Sri Lanka
115. St. Kitts & Nevis
116. St. Vincent & the Grenadines
117. Sudan
118. Suriname
119. Tajikistan
120. Thailand
121. Timor Leste
122. Togo
123. Tonga
124. Trinidad & Tobago
125. Tunisia
126. Türkiye
127. Turkmenistan
128. Tuvalu
129. Uganda
130. Ukraine
131. United Republic of Tanzania
132. Uruguay
133. Uzbekistan
134. Vanuatu
135. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
136. Viet Nam
137. Yemen
138. Zambia
139. Zimbabwe

Blue = UNDP supported countries
Green = UNEP supported countries

Global Knowledge and Technical Support

This programme aims to provide dedicated support that responds to identified country needs, and as much as possible, to regional needs where relevant. Opportunities to collaborate with regional and national partners and initiatives, including the regional Technical Scientific Cooperation and Support Centres, and the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership's match-making mechanism, will be leveraged to strengthen capacity for NBSAP update and reporting at the national level.

Help desk services

Building on the ongoing NBSAP help desk operating at major CBD meetings, the programme aims to expand support services to strengthen national engagement of experts, and where relevant, regional experts, to address diverse technical needs. Opportunities include working with dedicated national and regional advisors, technical reviews, and applying emerging Artificial Intelligence tools to generate relevant analysis, where suitable. These entry points can convene national stakeholders and support achievement of CBD planning and reporting commitments.

Peer-to-peer exchange

Recognizing the value of peer-to-peer exchange to NBSAP development, reporting, and towards GBF implementation, the programme intends to support countries to connect on relevant issues as needs are identified. Opportunities include regional workshops and virtual exchanges, which can contribute to capacity development and the identification of good practices, knowledge, technologies, innovative solutions, and resources.

Knowledge management

In recognition of the extensive array of guidance materials and supporting documents relevant to and available for GBF implementation, the programme will work with partners to facilitate access to and application of key resources to support national efforts in the process of NBSAP update and national reporting. This approach is intended to strengthen capacity for knowledge management and maximize learning opportunities.

Regional and national capacity development through expert support

Acknowledging the importance of sustaining national and regional capacity to achieve the GBF, the programme will support access to expert services. This will support Parties to overcome national and regional capacity gaps and foster local talent.

Building on the results of the GEF-7 Early Action Support project, this programme will work in coordination with the GEF 8 'Umbrella Programme to Support Development of Biodiversity Finance Plans' to mobilize resources to implement the GBF.

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