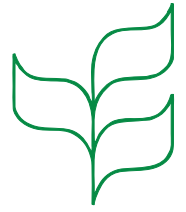




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NBSAPs: A Global Perspective

**CBD In-depth Review of NBSAPs and
Outcomes of the Working Group on
Review of Implementation of the
Convention (WGRI)**

Outline

1. Article 6 of the Convention and COP decision on regional / sub-regional workshops
2. Current in-depth review on goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan
3. Lessons learned from the review
4. Results from the Working Group on Review of Implementation (WGRI) 2nd meeting and Draft Consolidated Guidance on NBSAPs

Commitment

Article 6 of the Convention - each Contracting Party shall:

- Develop national strategies, plans, or programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity or adapt for this purpose existing strategies, plans, or programmes (Strategic Objective 3.1).
- Integrate the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes, and policies (Article 6 (b)).

Decision VI/26 and VI/27 stressed that: the development and implementation of NBSAPs constitute the cornerstone of national implementation of the Convention.

Current In-Depth Review

Implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan

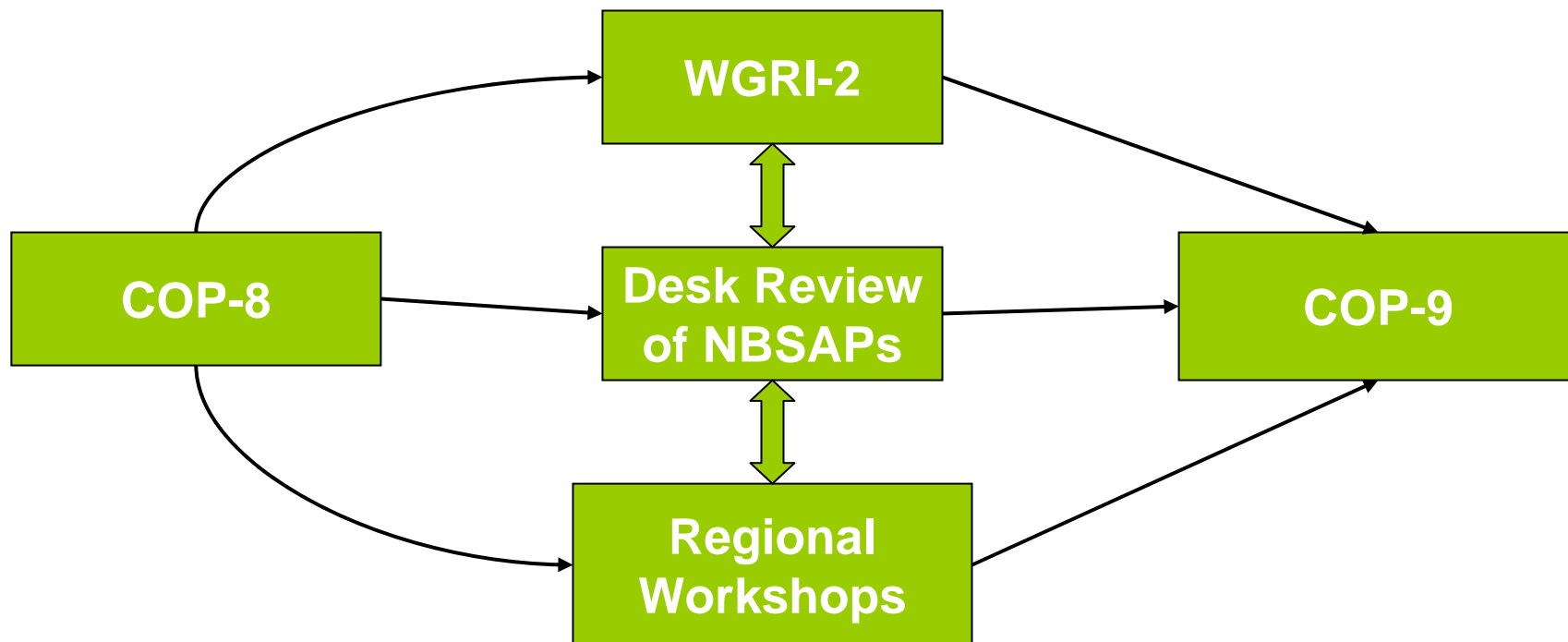
Two Main Parts

1.
 - status of NBSAPs
 - NBSAP implementation
 - updating
 - mainstreaming of biodiversity into relevant sectors
2.
 - provision of financial resources
 - capacity-building
 - access to and transfer of technology
 - technology cooperation

Current In-Depth Review COP Decision VIII/8

In-depth Review involving 3 major steps:

- desk review of information submitted to SCBD
- Working Group on Review of Implementation (WGRI)
- regional workshops



Regional Workshops

COP Decision VIII/8

Decision VIII/8 calls for:

regional / sub-regional meetings to discuss national experiences in NBSAPs, and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors

Structured as capacity-building workshops focused on:

- developing, implementing, updating NBSAPs
- mainstreaming biodiversity into policies and plans
 - sectorally: agriculture, forestry, fisheries, tourism ...
 - cross-sectorally: planning, climate change adaptation

Regional Workshops

COP Decision VIII/8

Opportunity to:

- Share national experiences in developing, implementing and updating NBSAPs
- Discuss best practices for effective mainstreaming
 - into sectors and sectoral plans
 - into cross-sectoral plans
 - other relevant national plans and strategies
- Discuss main challenges to implementation
- Exchange solutions and approaches to overcome these
- Identify strategic priorities and next steps

Global Status of NBSAPs

Based on information officially submitted to the SCBD:

Preparation

- 152 Parties (80% of Parties) have finalized NBSAPs or equivalents
- 20 are preparing NBSAPs
- 18 have not prepared or initiated process (or not informed the Secretariat on the status)

Updating

- 13 have revised NBSAPs
- 14 are in process of revising NBSAPs
in order to respond to recent COP guidance and reflect national priorities

Lessons Learned from Global Review

Some major challenges to implementation highlighted in Third National Reports

- Lack of financial, human, technical resources
- Lack of economic incentive measures
- Loss of biodiversity and its goods and services not properly documented
- Lack of public education and awareness at all levels
- Lack of effective partnerships
- Lack of mainstreaming
- Poverty
- Weak law enforcement
- Institutional weakness

Lessons Learned from Global Review

Action Plans are not strategic enough

- Plan for facilitating and coordinating implementation once NBSAP developed is necessary
 - for coordinating actions between sectors
 - strengthening institutional arrangements for implementation
 - legal frameworks
 - coordination across government
- National policy and institutional changes not addressed
- Politically sensitive root causes of biodiversity loss need to be addressed
- Few NBSAPs specify domestic funding sources

Lack of clear, measurable targets

- Focused on national priorities
- Accompanied by corresponding indicators

Lessons Learned from Global Review

Links to development planning processes limited

- Mainstreaming generally weak
- Limited integration of biodiversity into:
 - PRSPs
 - MDG strategies
 - Sustainable Development Strategies
 - Sectoral Strategies
 - relevant National Plans i.e. adaptation to climate change
- Need to overcome view that environment issues are constraints to development
- Stakeholder engagement insufficient leading to:
 - lack of mainstreaming
 - lack of effective partnerships
 - Indigenous and Local Communities not fully involved
 - lack of integration with local-level planning

Lessons Learned from Global Review

Lack of public awareness at all levels

- Need to integrate communication strategy into more NBSAPs

government

- Lack of political commitment beyond core agency leading to biodiversity being ignored in national planning processes
 - need to raise awareness across government
 - stimulate political buy-in
 - raise awareness of functions and economic values of biodiversity and ecosystem services

civil society

- Limited public awareness
- Stakeholder engagement necessary to ensure ownership of NBSAP

Lessons Learned from Global Review

Ecosystem Approach is not integrated into most NBSAPs

- Is a key tool in mainstreaming
- Linked to broader planning
 - MDGs
 - poverty alleviation

NBSAPs are not up-to-date

- Reflecting recent guidance from COP
- Linked to 2010 Biodiversity Target
- Incorporating ecosystem approach
- Fully address national challenges

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Recommendations including:

- **Implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan with focus on NBSAPs**
- **Options for a strategy for resource mobilization in support of CBD implementation**
- **Streamlining guidance to GEF**
- **National reporting processes and GBO-3**
- **Operations of the Convention**
 - Retirement of decisions
 - Admission of bodies and agencies

WGRI-2: Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention

Focusing on NBSAPs, the Working Group:

- **Acknowledged status and trends**
- **Recommended to COP priority areas for**
 - capacity-building
 - access to and transfer of technology
- **Drafted consolidated guidance on NBSAPs**
 - 4 Clusters**
 - Meeting the 3 Objectives of the Convention
 - Components of NBSAPs
 - Support Processes
 - Monitoring and Review

WGRI-2: Draft consolidated guidance on NBSAPs

- **Meeting the 3 objectives of the Convention**
 - NBSAPs should be action-driven and strategic
 - Emphasis on mainstreaming into sectors, programmes, and policies
 - Mobilization of regional and international financial resources including new funding sources

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- **Components of NBSAPs**
 - **Ecosystem Approach**
 - **Contribution to ecosystem services**
 - **Economic, social and cultural values of biodiversity**
 - **Identification of main threats**
 - **National and sub-national targets**

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- **Support processes**
 - **Make use of NCSAs**
 - **Engage indigenous and local communities**
 - **Respect traditional knowledge**
 - **Strengthen institutional arrangements for:**
 - **coordinating NBSAPs**
 - **implementing NBSAPs**
 - **monitoring NBSAPs**
 - **Communication strategy for NBSAP**
 - **Mainstreaming into relevant national plans and policies**
 - **Sub-regional implementation**

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- **Monitoring and Review**
 - **Establish national mechanisms including indicators**
 - **Promote regional cooperation as appropriate**
 - **Conduct regular reviews**

More Information Available

- WGRI-2 meeting and global in-depth review

www.cbd.int/meetings/wgri-02/

- NBSAPs

www.cbd.int/nbsap/