

Response from Vietnam

ANNEX I

QUESTIONNAIRE ON DOMESTIC NEEDS AND PRIORITIES FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

1. KEY AREAS FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

Article 22, paragraph 4, of the Nagoya Protocol provides the following indicative list of key areas for capacity-building and development in support of the effective implementation of the Protocol:

- (a) Capacity to implement, and to comply with the obligations of the Protocol;
- (b) Capacity to negotiate mutually agreed terms;
- (c) Capacity to develop, implement and enforce domestic legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing; and
- (d) Capacity of countries to develop their endogenous research capabilities to add value to their own genetic resources.

In addition to the key areas listed above, please indicate any other key area for capacity-building and development in relation to your domestic needs and priorities in support of the implementation of the Protocol, taking into account the capacity needs and priorities of indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders.

n/a

2. MEASURES TO BUILD OR DEVELOP CAPACITY UNDER EACH OF THE KEY AREAS AND PREFERRED MECHANISMS FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.

A. Measures to build or develop capacity under each of the key areas for capacity-building and development

Article 22, paragraph 5, of the Nagoya Protocol provides an indicative list of measures on which to build or develop capacity. In addition to that list, other possible measures have been identified by Parties, international organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders in the submissions of views and information in relation to capacity-building and development (UNEP/CBD/ICNP/1/INF/3) and during the capacity-building workshop on access and benefit-sharing held in Montreal 4-5 June 2011 (UNEP/CBD/ICNP/1/INF/6).

The following table takes into account the list of measures included in Article 22, paragraph 5, as well as the measures identified in the above mentioned documents to build or develop capacity under each of the key areas included in section 1 above.

On the basis of the tables provided below:

1. Please rank as **high, medium or low priority** your domestic capacity building and development needs for each of the measures listed.

2. Please **indicate the time frame** within which you wish your domestic capacity-building and development needs to be addressed: short, medium or long term.¹
3. Please **indicate any additional measures** you wish to include under each of the key areas.
4. For each measure, please **indicate your preferred mechanism** which could assist in addressing the capacity needs related to that measure.

(a) Capacity to implement, and to comply with the obligations of the Protocol	Priority level	Time frame	Mechanism to address the capacity needs	
Legal and institutional development (Art. 22.5)	<Medium>	Medium term	Conferences and workshops	Other <please specify>
Establishing mechanisms for interagency coordination	<Medium>	Short term	Conferences and workshops	Other <please specify>
Mapping of relevant actors and existing expertise for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol	<Low>	Long term	Networks/associations/informati	Other <please specify>
Employment of best available communication tools and Internet-based systems for access and benefit-sharing activities (Art. 22.5)	<Low>	Long term	Education and training	Other <please specify>
Providing information to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House	<Low>	Long term	Networks/associations/informati	Other <please specify>
Monitoring the utilization of genetic resources, including the designation of one or more checkpoints	<Medium>	Medium term	On-the-job training	Other <please specify>
The monitoring and enforcement of compliance (Art.22.5)	<Low>	Long term	On-the-job training	Other <please specify>
Developing measures regarding access to justice	<Medium>	Medium term	Legal/technical assistance	Other <please specify>
Raising-awareness of the importance of genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, and related access and benefit-sharing issues	<High>	Long term	Education and training	Other <please specify>
Enhancement of the contribution of access and benefit-sharing activities to the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components (Art. 22.5)	<Medium>	Long term	Tools and reference materials	Other <please specify>
Establishing mechanisms to address transboundary situations	<Low>	Long term	Exchange programmes	Other <please specify>
Mobilising new and innovative financial resources to implement the Nagoya Protocol	<High>	Long term	Funding support	Other <please specify>
Special measures to increase the capacity of relevant stakeholders in relation to ABS (Art. 22.5)	<High>	Medium term	Education and training	Other <please specify>
Special measures to increase the capacity of indigenous and local communities with emphasis on enhancing the capacity of women within those communities in relation to access to genetic resources and/or traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources (Art. 22.5)	<High>	Long term	Education and training	Other <please specify>
Other <please specify>	<Click here>	<Click here>	<Click here to select an option>	Other <please specify>

¹ These time frames are to be understood as follows: (a) short term: within 2 years; (b) medium term: within 2 to 5 years; and (c) long term: more than 5 years.

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(b) Capacity to negotiate mutually agreed terms	Priority level	Time frame	Mechanism to address the capacity needs	
Promotion of equity and fairness in negotiations, such as training to negotiate mutually agreed terms (Art.22.5)	<High>	Short term	Exchange programmes	Other <please specify>
Supporting the development of model contractual clauses	<High>	Short term	Education and training	Other <please specify>
Developing and implementing pilot access and benefit-sharing agreements	<Medium>	Long term	On-the-job training	Other <please specify>
Development and use of valuation methods (Art.22.5)	<Medium>	Long term	On-the-job training	Other <please specify>
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(c) Capacity to develop, implement and enforce domestic legislative, administrative or policy measures on access and benefit-sharing	Priority level	Time frame	Mechanism to address the capacity needs	
Taking stock of domestic measures relevant to access and benefit-sharing in light of the obligations of the Nagoya Protocol	<High>	Short term	Conferences and workshops	Other <please specify>
Developing a policy framework on access and benefit-sharing	<High>	Short term	Legal/technical assistance	Other <please specify>
Setting-up new or amended access and benefit-sharing legislative, administrative or policy measures with a view to implementing the Nagoya Protocol	<Medium>	Medium term	Funding support	Other <please specify>
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(d) Capacity of countries to develop their endogenous research capabilities to add value to their own genetic resources	Priority level	Time frame	Mechanism to address the capacity needs	
Bioprospecting, associated research and taxonomic studies (Art. 22.5)	<Medium>	Long term	Funding support	Other <please specify>
Development and use of valuation methods (Art. 22.5)	<High>	Short term	Education and training	Other <please specify>
Technology transfer and infrastructure and technical capacity to make such technology transfer sustainable (Art. 22.5)	<Medium>	Medium term	Scientific and technical cooperation	Other <please specify>

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Please **indicate any additional key area(s)** for capacity-building and development you have identified and please **specify measures** to build or develop capacity under any new key area identified.

Other key area <please insert additional key area identified in section 1 above>	Priority level	Time frame	Mechanism to address the capacity needs	
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Other key area <please insert additional key area identified in section 1 above>	Priority level	Time frame	Mechanism to address the capacity needs	
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B. Particular capacity needs and priorities of indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders

In accordance with Article 22, paragraph 3, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders are invited to provide views and information on measures, in addition to those listed above, needed to address their particular capacity needs and priorities to support implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

On the basis of the table provided below:

1. Please **rank as high, medium or low priority** your domestic capacity needs for each of the measures listed.
2. Please **indicate the time frame** within which you wish your domestic capacity-building and development needs to be addressed: **short, medium or long term**².
3. Please **indicate any additional measures** you wish to include.
4. For each measure, please **indicate your preferred mechanism** which could assist in addressing the capacity needs related to that measure.

² These time frames are to be understood as follows: (a) short term: within 2 years; (b) medium term: within 2 to 5 years; and (c) long term: more than 5 years.

Particular measures to build or develop capacity of indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders	Priority level	Time frame	Mechanism to address the capacity needs	
Participating in legal, policy and decision-making processes	<Low>	Long term	Conferences and workshops	Other <please specify>
Managing traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources	<Medium>	Long term	Education and training	Other <please specify>
Understanding the obligations under the Nagoya Protocol	<Medium>	Medium term	Tools and reference materials	Other <please specify>
Developing capacity to negotiate mutually agreed terms	<High>	Short term	On-the-job training	Other <please specify>
Developing community protocols in relation to access to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of that knowledge	<Medium>	Long term	Legal/technical assistance	Other <please specify>
Developing minimum requirements for mutually agreed terms to secure the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources	<High>	Medium term	Education and training	Other <please specify>
Developing model contractual clauses for benefit-sharing arising from the utilization of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources	<High>	Long term	Legal/technical assistance	Other <please specify>
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C. Preferred mechanisms to address capacity needs

With a view to identifying the most appropriate capacity-building and development mechanisms to address the needs identified above:

1. Please **rank as high, medium or low priority** your preferred broad categories of mechanisms to address your capacity needs for the implementation of capacity-building and development measures.
2. For each of the broad categories **select up to three mechanisms**, as proposed below, which in your opinion are the most appropriate to address your capacity needs and priorities.
3. Please **indicate any additional mechanisms** you may wish to include.
4. For each of the mechanisms selected, please **indicate whether these are to be implemented at multiple levels, at the international level,, at regional and subregional levels or at national level**

Broad categories of mechanisms	Priority level	Mechanisms to address the capacity needs (Max. 3)	Level of implementation
Education and training	<High>	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic (degree) programmes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional training (customised short courses) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-learning modules <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i> <please specify>	<Click here> National Multiple levels <Click here>
Funding support	<High>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project/programme support <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships/fellowships <input type="checkbox"/> Research grants <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i> <please specify>	National <Click here> <Click here> <Click here>
Tools and reference materials	<Medium>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training manuals <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical guidelines/toolkits/"how to manuals" <input type="checkbox"/> Technical studies <input type="checkbox"/> Publications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Best practices/lessons learned/case studies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awareness-raising materials (e.g audiovisuals and films, posters, bulletins, etc) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i> <please specify>	National National <Click here> <Click here> Multiple levels National <Click here>
Conferences and workshops	<High>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awareness-raising seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion forums <input type="checkbox"/> Fairs/exhibitions/poster sessions <input type="checkbox"/> National/regional/international conferences <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Training workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Symposia/scientific meetings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy dialogues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multi-stakeholders workshops <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i> <please specify>	National <Click here> <Click here> <Click here> Multiple levels <Click here> Multiple levels Multiple levels <Click here>
Networks/associations information exchange fora	<Low>	<input type="checkbox"/> Online discussion fora <input type="checkbox"/> Professional associations (Membership subscriptions) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expert (peer-to-peer) networks <input type="checkbox"/> Policy networks <input type="checkbox"/> Journal subscriptions <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i> <please specify>	<Click here> <Click here> Multiple levels <Click here> <Click here> <Click here>
Exchange programmes	<High>	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff exchange/attachment/secondments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Study tours/exchange visits <input type="checkbox"/> Twinning programmes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fellowships <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i> <please specify>	<Click here> International <Click here> International <Click here>
On-the-job training	<Medium>	<input type="checkbox"/> Apprenticeships, internships <input type="checkbox"/> Coaching/mentoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structured staff training programmes <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i> <please specify>	<Click here> <Click here> Multiple levels <Click here>
Legal/technical assistance	<Medium>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advisory/consultancy (expatriate) services <input type="checkbox"/> Information services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional support (Infrastructure development) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/legal support <input type="checkbox"/> Project/programme development <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i> <please specify>	Multiple levels <Click here> National Multiple levels <Click here> <Click here>

Scientific and technical cooperation	<Medium>	<input type="checkbox"/> Collaborative research <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exchange of scientific and technical information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint training programmes <input type="checkbox"/> Joint projects/technical activities <input type="checkbox"/> Technology transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing of infrastructure/equipment <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other</i> <please specify>	<Click here> Multiple levels Multiple levels <Click here> <Click here> <Click here> <Click here>
Other <please specify>	<Click here>	<please specify>	<Click here>

ANNEX II

QUESTIONNAIRE ON PROPOSED ELEMENTS OF THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

Please provide your views and suggestions for each of the proposed elements of the strategic framework.

1. OBJECTIVES

In accordance with Article 22 of the Nagoya Protocol, the objective of the strategic framework is to assist Parties in the capacity-building, capacity development and strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, and Parties with economies in transition to effectively implement the Protocol.

Please provide any views on the possible objective(s) for the strategic framework.

n/a

2. EXPERIENCE AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM PAST AND ONGOING ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING CAPACITY-BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES.

Please provide a short description of your experience and lessons learned from past and ongoing access and benefit-sharing capacity-building and development initiatives which could contribute to the development and implementation of the strategic framework.

n/a

3. GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND APPROACHES TO CAPACITY-BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

The preamble of the recommendation 1/2 of the Intergovernmental Committee provides a preliminary list of principles and approaches to guide capacity-building and development in support of the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, as follows:

- a) To be demand-driven, based on the needs and priorities identified through national self-assessments;

- b) To take note of experiences and lessons learned from past and on-going ABS capacity-building initiatives;
- c) To emphasize the role of bilateral and multilateral cooperation;
- d) To ensure full involvement of indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders, including women, in capacity-building and development initiatives; and
- e) To recognize the usefulness and cost-effectiveness of subregional and regional approaches to capacity-building and development in particular where countries have similar biological resources and common capacity-building needs.

The list below contains the GEF operational principles for effective capacity-building.³

*Please indicate from this list which of these principles and approaches could be reflected in the strategic framework to guide capacity-building and development initiatives under the Nagoya Protocol by **placing a cross (X)**.*

- Ensure national ownership and leadership
- Ensure multi-stakeholder consultations and decision-making
- Base capacity building efforts in self-needs assessment
- Adopt a holistic approach to capacity-building
- Integrate capacity-building in wider sustainable development efforts
- Promote partnerships
- Accommodate the dynamic nature of capacity-building
- Adopt a learning-by-doing approach
- Combine programmatic and project-based approaches
- Combine process as well as product-based approaches
- Promote regional approaches

Other <please specify>

4. KEY AREAS FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT AND MEASURES TO BUILD OR DEVELOP CAPACITY UNDER THE KEY AREAS

This element of the strategic framework will be based on the responses to the questionnaire on domestic needs and priorities (Annex I).

5. MECHANISMS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CAPACITY-BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT MEASURES

This element of the strategic framework will be based on the responses to the questionnaire on domestic needs and priorities (Annex I).

6. COORDINATION MECHANISM

Article 22, paragraph 6, of the Protocol provides that information on capacity-building and development initiatives at national, regional and international levels should be provided to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-house with a view to promoting synergy and coordination on capacity-building and development for access and benefit-sharing.

³ GEF/C.22/8 “Strategic Approach to Enhancing Capacity Building” (2003). Definitions of the operational principles can be found in the annex to the document.

*In addition to reporting to the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, other possible elements for a coordination mechanism are listed below. Please indicate which of these, in your opinion, could be useful element(s) for a coordination mechanism to promote synergy and coordination on capacity-building and development under the Nagoya Protocol **by placing a cross (X)**.*

- Liaison group providing advice to the SCBD on ways to improve coordination
- Coordination meetings of government agencies, donors and relevant organizations involved with capacity-building
- Online forums and networks linking government agencies, donors and relevant organizations involved with capacity-building through internet-based tools

Other <please specify>

Please provide views regarding a coordination mechanism for capacity-building and development under the Nagoya Protocol.

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7. COOPERATION AMONG PARTIES AND WITH RELEVANT PROCESSES AND PROGRAMMES

Please provide views or information on possible or existing cooperation among Parties and with relevant processes and programmes which could support the implementation of the strategic framework.

8. MONITORING AND REVIEW

Please provide views on how the strategic framework could be monitored and reviewed.

1. Reporting mechanism to be established
2. A network of in charge persons to be established
3. Meetings/workshops to be organized
4. Reports to be sent periodically to CBD focal point for compilation
5. Information/ feedback from national/international experts to be circulated and informed appropriately.

Please indicate whether, in your opinion, the development of a set of indicators to facilitate the monitoring and review of the strategic framework would be useful.

A set of indicators to be developed would contribute to monitoring and reviewing task, it could also be used to check up on the progress and status of activities being implemented at national level. Indicators shall be included in annual report on ABS protocol implementation to the CBD.

If you think the development of indicators could support the monitoring and review of the strategic framework, please indicate whether, in your opinion, it would be most appropriate to develop the indicators at the national and/or international level. If possible, please also provide examples of such indicators (e.g existence of a legislative framework to implement the Protocol).

Indicators shall be developed at both national and international levels since each country has its own targets and needs on ABS aspect. Indicators at national level assist to valuate national efforts on access and benefit sharing. For example, in the case of Vietnam, national indicators could be: establishment of an inter-ministerial committee on ABS protocol implementation, existence of a legal document to implement the protocol, workshops/training organized to disseminate ABS guiding documents, etc.

9. POSSIBLE SEQUENCE OF ACTIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Please provide your views and/or information regarding possible sequence of actions for the implementation of the strategic framework, including a possible roadmap of activities to assist countries in defining their priorities and corresponding timelines. This could include actions at the international, regional and national levels.

Actions for implementation at national level:

STAGE 1:

1. Identify involving stake-holders
2. Conduct need-assessment survey
 - conference/workshops at central and provincial level
 - field survey to indigenous areas
3. Conduct study on current status of genetic resources and traditional knowledge (with inclusion of statistical data)
4. Organize consultation workshops
5. Recommendations from above studies/survey/workshops to be compiled and proposed to higher level for consideration.

STAGE 2:

1. Policy development and legal framework enhancement
2. Rasing awareness
3. Enhancing partnership and country leadership

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10. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

Please provide your views and/or information regarding financial and resource requirements in relation to the implementation of the strategic framework.

11. OTHER POSSIBLE ELEMENTS

Please provide a short description of any other element that you wish to see reflected in the strategic framework.

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10th February, 2011

Mr Ahmed Djoghlaif

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Dear Mr Djoghlaif,

Subject: Submission of information and views in accordance with Decision X/1 on Access and Benefit-sharing

In reference to the notification of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity dated 16th December 2010 (Ref.: SCBD/ABS/VN/SG/74553), Vietnam Environment Administration, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in role of the National Focal Point of the Convention on Biological Diversity, has conducted an assessment on capacity-building needs, and thereby identify the most urgent needs of the country in terms of capacity building on access and benefit-sharing:

(1) Development of National Legal Framework

Developing National Legal Framework on ABS in conformity with CBD articles on Access and Benefit-sharing and the Biodiversity Law of Vietnam (2008) in a participatory manner through establishment of an expert working group and development of a framework that will be approved by the Government containing particular rules and regulations on Prior Informed Consent, Mutually Agreed Terms, Material Transfer Agreements, Benefit sharing agreements, etc.

(2) Institutional capacity building at all levels

Conducting training needs assessment and designing a training program on particular topics relevant to access and benefit sharing to be implemented at central, provincial and local levels. Capacity building of central and local government, corporate sector, community facilitators, etc. shall include topics on Governance of access and benefit sharing and traditional knowledge; Contract negotiation; Running of National Resource Verification System; Monitoring, enforcement regulations & 'green customs'. Other technical trainings shall focus on Taxonomy, prototype & genetic resources, Sustainable sampling & bio-prospecting, Exchange visits with international research institutions, Training on valuation of monetary and non-monetary benefits of bio-prospecting, etc.

(3) Enhancing public awareness on access to genetic resources and benefit sharing

Additionally, developing awareness strategy on access and benefit sharing targeting media and public relation (PR) & beneficiary communities (indigenous/local people, businesses, commercial sectors, and local authorities; for example, a series of awareness-raising materials (films, posters, booklets, bulletins, and etc.) shall be prepared and disseminated to target groups; a community based awareness programme on ABS is to be developed in the areas of high conservation value for indigenous genetic resources; an internet-based forum for ministerial and local staffs and interested people is to be developed and moderated.



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(4) Learning from practical and successful models on access and benefit-sharing conducted at national and international levels

Building local capacity of providers to negotiate ABS agreements and applying national standards of agreement/contract including negotiation types, timing, distribution of benefits, mechanisms of benefit sharing; and piloting inventory & development of peoples'/community biodiversity registers at local level.

With regard to the recently adopted Nagoya Protocol on ABS, Vietnam highly appreciates endeavors and efforts of the Executive Secretary and CBD Secretariat as a whole in preparation and conduction of the coming meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee on ABS. In principle, Vietnam highly agrees with the measures set-out in Annex II to Decision X/1. At national level, Vietnam has designated a national focal point to participate in the Intergovernmental Committee and established an inter-ministerial task force to analyze and assess the possibilities to ratify Nagoya Protocol on ABS in Vietnam.

On behalf of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Secretariat for your cooperation. I look forward to receiving your continuous support in the future.

Thank you for your cooperation and support,

Yours sincerely,

Bui Cach Tuyen

CBD National Focal Point

Deputy Minister of Natural Resources and Environment

Director General of Vietnam Environment Administration