

CBD Capacity Building Workshops: National Biodiversity Strategies & Action Plans & Mainstreaming of Biodiversity



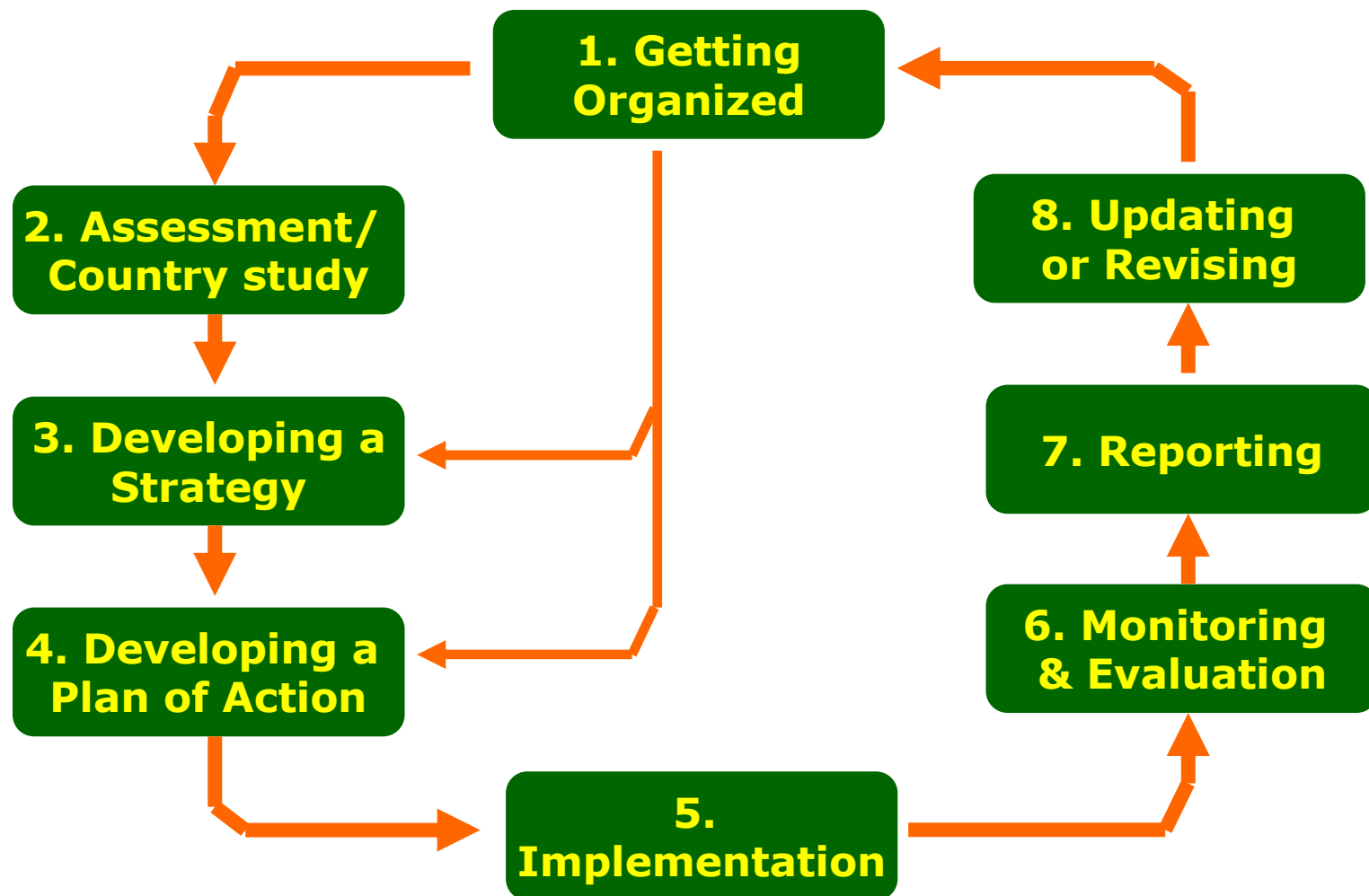
**Updating & Improving the Effectiveness of
NBSAPs: COP & WGRI Guidance**
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What are NBSAPs ?

A NBSAP is:

- **A Strategy for achieving concrete outcomes**
 - Not a scientific study or review
 - Drives public policy, identifies changes needed
 - Provides principles, priorities, policies, instruments and programmes
- **National**
 - Needs to be understood, adopted and implemented by all national actors who have a stake in an activity - Mainstreaming
 - Sectoral: Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Tourism ...
 - Cross-Sectoral: Planning, Climate Change Adaptation
- **Include a set of Action Plans**
- **Addresses all three objectives of the Convention**

Steps in the Biodiversity Planning Process



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 and access to and transfer of technology**
- **Drafted consolidated guidance on NBSAPs:**
 - Meeting the 3 Objectives of the Convention
 - Components of NBSAPs
 - Support Processes
 - Monitoring and Review

Draft consolidated guidance for NBSAPs

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

Note: The Draft Consolidated Guidance on NBSAPs is reproduced in full in document 3

Draft consolidated guidance for NBSAPs

- **Components of NBSAPs**

- Ecosystem Approach
- Highlight contribution of biodiversity and ecosystem services to human well-being, using MA approach and valuation tools
- Identify main threats and actions to address them
- National and sub-national targets, consistent with CBD framework

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- **Support processes**
 - Include national capacity development plans
 - Engage indigenous and local communities, and all sectors and stakeholders that impact on or benefit from biodiversity
 - Respect traditional knowledge
 - Strengthen institutional arrangements for coordinating, implementing NBSAP and monitoring NBSAPs
 - Develop a Communication strategy for NBSAP
 - Address planning processes to mainstream biodiversity (MDGs, PRSPs, sectoral strategies)
 - Promote & support local action and sub-national BSAPs

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

Capacity-development Modules

- 1. Introduction to National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans**
- 2. How to prepare and update a NBSAP**
- 3. Mainstreaming biodiversity into sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies, plans and programmes**
- 4. Setting national biodiversity targets, making use of the CBD framework for the 2010 biodiversity target**
- 5. Ensuring stakeholder engagement in the development, implementation and updating of NBSAPs**
- 6. Getting political support for the NBSAP and financing its implementation**
- 7. Communication strategies for NBSAPs**