

Assessing Progress towards the 2010 Target - The 4th National CBD Report

1. What are National Reports?

Official documents by which Parties report to the COP on the measures they have taken to implement the Convention and their effectiveness in achieving the objectives of the Convention. (Article 26)

National reporting is the only unqualified obligation under the Convention to be fulfilled by Parties.

2. How will information from 4NRs be used?

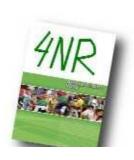
At the global level:

- Facilitating review and decision-making processes under the Convention
- Identifying gaps in implementation and priorities for future actions
- Assessing progress towards the 2010 Target and the Strategic Plan
- Contributing to the preparation of GBO-3 and reviews prepared for COP-10 in 2010
- Facilitating exchange of experiences of national implementation

How will information from 4NRs be used? (contd.)

At the national level:

- Providing an overview of the status and trends of and major threats to biodiversity
- Assessing implementation of NBSAPs
- ◆ Reviewing progress towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target and the Strategic Plan
- ◆ Identifying needs & priorities for future implementation
- Communicating with various stakeholders and involving them in implementation

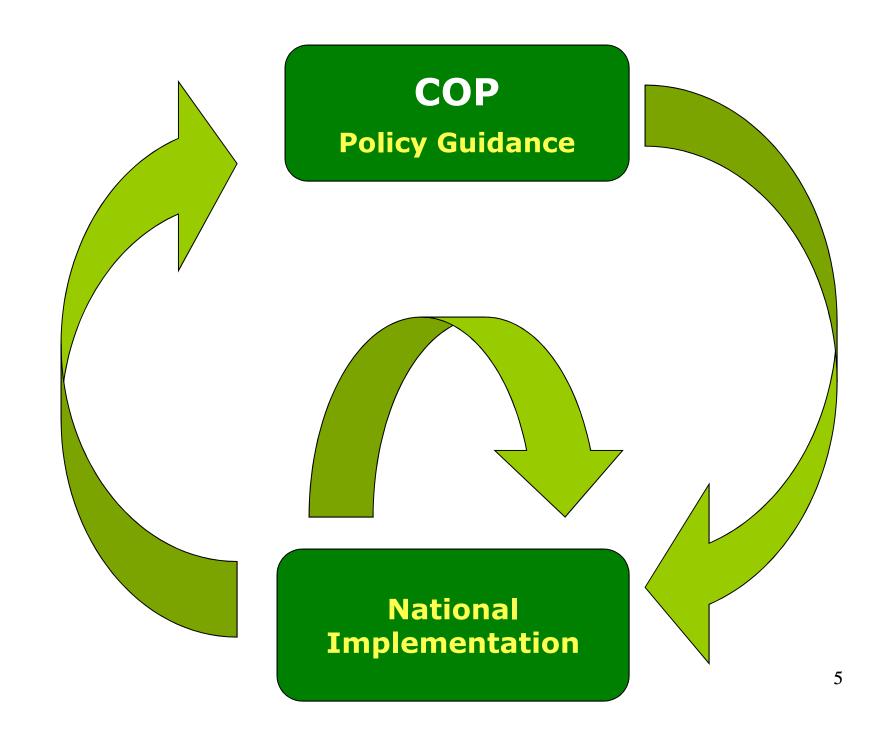












3. When is the 4th National Report due?

- 30 March 2009 (a mandatory deadline).
- Parties are invited to advise the Secretariat in advance of difficulties in submitting the report by the deadline.

4. Contents and Format

The Fourth National Report should focus on:

- Outcomes and impacts of actions or measures taken
- Success stories and case studies, if any
- Major obstacles or challenges encountered in implementation
- Actions that need to be taken to enhance implementation

Format:

- Narrative
- Graphics, figures, tables, boxes and pictures encouraged

5. Structure of the Fourth National Report

Executive Summary

Chapter I: Status, Trends and Threats

Chapter II: Implementation of NBSAPs

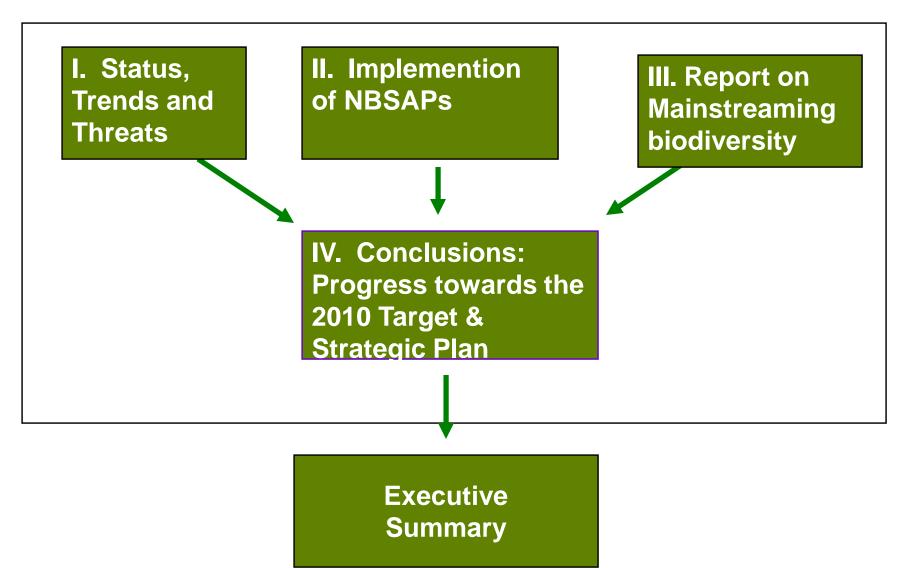
Chapter III: Biodiversity Mainstreaming

Chapter IV: Conclusions: Progress towards the 2010 Target and Strategic Plan

Appendices: Implementation of the PoW on Protected Areas, GSPC and Use of Indicators

Supplementary materials Parties may wish to annex to the report

Structure of the Fourth National Report



6. How should national reports be developed?

- Not as end in itself, instead a process of planning further and mobilizing support for implementation.
- Ensure the participation of all relevant stakeholders, eg workshops & public awareness
- ◆ Allow for review of the draft report
- Finalize the report for government approval
- Submit report to CBD secretariat
- Make the report widely available

Who should be involved in the preparation of national reports?

- Government departments (sectoral ministries, planning, finance and local authorities)
- ◆ Relevant stakeholders (NGOs, industry, media, academics, local and indigenous communities)
- ◆ Regional and International organizations (ECO, UNDP, UNEP, GEF, etc.)

7. What Guidance and technical information is available to Parties?

- Tools and materials developed by the CBD Secretariat and Partners:
 - Guidelines
 - Resource Manual
 - Training Module "An Introduction to National Reporting"
 - UNDP_GEF Guidelines for assessment of progress towards the 2010 Target
- Exchange of Information among Parties
 - Example Chapters developed by Parties
 - Sub/Regional capacity-development workshops to strengthen countries' capacities
- Technical support from UNEP, UNDP and other organizations as well as bilateral agencies
- NR4 Portal:www.cbd.int/nr4

7. What assistance is available to Parties for the preparation of the Fourth National Report? Financial Assistance from GEF

- A medium-sized project approved by GEF for funding of national assessment of progress towards the 2010 target and preparing the 4NR
- Jointly managed by UNDP/UNEP
- Developing countries eligible for GEF funding can apply for fund up to 20,000 USD per country (not from the RAF country allocations)









7. How to get GEF assistance

- Get an endorsement letter prepared from the national operational focal point of GEF (model provided)
 - Model available at: www.cbd.int/nr4
- GEF focal point submits a country request to UNDP country or regional office
 - template available at: www.cbd.int/nr4
- Country request to be reviewed and approved by UNDP
- Funds to be released
- Contact UNDP regional office or SCBD if you have difficulties in getting funds

State of preparation in the region

Report Completed:

Kyrgyzstan

Near complete:

- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan

GEF Funds requested but no date given for completion

- Afghanistan
- Pakistan

Date given but GEF Funds not requested

Azerbaijan

GEF Funds not requested and no date given

- Iran
- Kazakhstan
- Turkey
- Uzbekistan

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