

Making the implementation mechanism an effective pillar of the post-2020 framework

Key recommendations for the thematic consultation on “transparent implementation, monitoring, reporting and review”

CBD COP15 must deliver a **comprehensive and balanced framework**, which addresses not only where we need to be, in terms of mission, goals and targets, but also how to get there: the **implementation**.

The implementation component of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is critical to ensuring its success. An **effective and robust implementation mechanism** should support the credibility of the framework by enhancing **accountability and transparency**.

To be effective and robust, the implementation mechanism will require Parties to translate all the global targets of the post-2020 framework in their domestic context. This should happen quickly after the adoption of the framework. In support, global and national targets need to be significantly improved so that they are more SMART (Specific, Measurable, Ambitious, Realistic, Time-bound, Unambiguous and Scalable).

The **implementation mechanism should build on and improve existing policy instruments**.

- In terms of planning, **NBSAPs should be strengthened and aligned with the global targets** of the new framework, with an ambition level needed to deliver the framework;
- **National Reports should be updated to provide greater transparency and consistency**, and enable an aggregation of progress from the national to the global level. National reporting should have a greater focus on verifiable actions, and should improve comparability by including, for example, a standardised core set of independently verifiable indicators.
- **Review of implementation** should be conducted at regular intervals to aggregate actions and progress globally. A regular **global biodiversity stocktake** would determine whether actions taken are indeed leading to improvements in the status and trends of biodiversity.

In addition, a **simple and cyclical ratcheting process** should be introduced, so that Parties ramp up the delivery of their biodiversity plans and commitments, and strengthen their national targets if needed.

The **thematic consultation on “transparent implementation, monitoring, reporting and review”** for the post-2020 framework is a **key milestone** to ensure that Parties express their views on a crucial component of the framework. This thematic consultation needs to:

- Outline the **key components of an effective implementation mechanism** to be delivered at COP15;
- Ensure a **shared understanding on terminologies** pertaining to the implementation mechanism;
- Lay out a **clear roadmap** on how best to use the in-session and inter-session period to achieve **concrete deliverables at COP15**.

OEWG 2, SBI 3 and OEWG 3 should also provide space and time for Parties to advance the development of an effective and robust implementation mechanism.

Note: In this document, “implementation mechanism” should be understood as the mechanism ensuring monitoring, reporting and review under the post-2020 framework. This document does not address the means of implementation (including resource mobilization and stakeholder engagement), which are equally key for implementation and should also form an integral part of the framework.

