



## Country Application Form

### Expression of Interest to host a Facilitator

The NBSAP Accelerator Partnership will support countries and regions with the implementation of ambitious National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) to collectively achieve the goals and targets of the Global Biodiversity Framework and, ultimately, the global vision of living in harmony with nature by 2050.

By completing this form, regional institutions/bodies are expressing their interest in receiving support from the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership for the implementation of NBSAPs in their region. This means hosting a facilitator within a relevant office, fully funded by the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership (please refer to the Facilitator Programme Strategy).

The selection of facilitator hosts will be based on the information provided in this form alongside the best fit with the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership objectives.

**Please complete and submit this form no later than 19th November 2024.**

Please check! Applications forms are only considered complete if they include the following:

Completed application form

Submission of a Letter of Endorsement signed by relevant Director of regional institution/body.

If you have any questions about the Expression of Interest process, please visit the website [www.nbsapaccelerator.org/facilitator-programme](http://www.nbsapaccelerator.org/facilitator-programme) or contact the **Country Engagement Coordinator Alexandra Said** at [alexandra.said@un.org](mailto:alexandra.said@un.org)

\*Required

#### General Information

1. Please list the country you are representing \*

2. Please indicate the sub-region that is applicable \*

Northern Africa

Eastern Africa

Western Africa

Central or Middle Africa

Southern Africa

North America

Latin America and the Caribbean

Eastern Asia

Western Asia

Central Asia

South-Eastern Asia

Southern Asia

Northern Europe

Eastern Europe

Western Europe

Southern Europe

Oceania

Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name of the lead Ministry submitting the Expression of Interest \*

4. Name of the official contact person submitting the Expression of Interest \*

5. Job title of the official contact person submitting the Expression of Interest \*

6. Email of the official contact person submitting the Expression of Interest \*

7. Telephone number of the official contact person submitting the Expression of Interest \*

8. Have you updated your NBSAP in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework? \*

No, we haven't started yet

No, but we are planning to review and update our NBSAP

Yes, we have completed the review of our NBSAP

Yes, we have reviewed and updated our NBSAP in alignment with the GBF

Yes, we have reviewed and updated our NBSAP, and we have begun implementation

### Biodiversity & NBSAPs

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10. Please share a high-level example of transformative change, either planned, underway or completed, by regional institution/body or its members to tackle biodiversity loss. (2,000 characters max).

In this context, transformative change refers to a fundamental shift in the way countries approach biodiversity conservation, where they adopt a holistic, integrated, and innovative approach to safeguarding and restoring their natural ecosystems. It involves comprehensive changes in policies, practices, and mindsets that lead to sustainable development and addresses the root causes of biodiversity loss. This change is characterized by increased political commitment, cross-sectoral collaboration, and the active engagement of diverse stakeholders, including Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, in the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of biodiversity. \*

11. Please provide an example or two of how are your country has given or is trying to give greater urgency and political support to ensure that biodiversity is valued, conserved, restored and wisely used and that the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, as applicable, are shared fairly and equitably? (2,000 characters max). (2,000 characters max). \*

12. Has your country established an NBSAP steering/coordination committee or a similar institutional arrangement? \*

Yes

No

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Partnership & Collaboration

**13.** Which Ministries are collaborating or plan to collaborate to deliver on your NBSAP? \*

Please select at most 3 options.

National entity responsible for planning and economic development

National entity responsible for environment and biodiversity

National entity responsible for coordinating national programs (e.g., Prime Minister's Office)

National entity responsible for food and agriculture

National entity responsible for water and marine resources

National entity responsible for lands, physical planning and infrastructure

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**14.** How is your government implementing or planning to implement a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach within the context of the NBSAP? What policies and/or mechanisms are in place or planned to achieve this? (2,000 characters max). \*

**15.** Describe three examples of successful partnerships within your country that have helped to deliver on the CBD objectives. Other relevant experiences are also welcome. (2,000 characters max).

*In this context, successful partnerships means cross-ministerial and/or cross-sectorial cooperation and collaboration. \**

16. Describe mechanisms planned or currently in place to facilitate consultation, collaboration and involvement of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities biodiversity-related processes and programmes? (2,000 characters max). \*

17. Which other stakeholders have you successfully consulted or collaborated with in reviewing, updating, and/or implementation your NBSAP?. \*

- Academic / Research institute
- Government agency (ministries, subnational or local authorities)
- Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities
- Intergovernmental organization
- Non-governmental organization (NGO)
- Private sector (business and industry)
- Women
- Youth
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## NBSAP Accelerator Partnership

18. If selected, in which office will the facilitator be hosted at your ministry to support your NBSAP implementation and engagement with the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership? Please provide a short description of the office's mandate, institutional capacity, and previous and current role in the NBSAP process (2,000 characters max). \*

19. If selected to host a facilitator, which of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework targets might be prioritized? \*

Please select at most 5 options.

- Target 1: All areas are planned or managed to bring loss of areas of high biodiversity importance and high ecological integrity close to zero
- Target 2: 30% of degraded areas are under effective restoration
- Target 3: 30% of areas are effectively conserved
- Target 4: Threatened species are recovering, genetic diversity is being maintained and human-wildlife conflict is being managed
- Target 5: Use, harvesting and trade of wild species is legal, sustainable, and safe (e.g., reduces risk of pathogen spillover)
- Target 6: Reduce rates of introduction and establishment of invasive alien species by 50%
- Target 7: Pollution from all sources is reduced, halving nutrient loss and pesticide risk
- Target 8: Minimize impacts of climate change and ocean acidification including through nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches
- Target 9: Management of wild species is sustainable and benefits people
- Target 10: Areas under agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries and forestry are managed sustainably

- Target 11: Nature's contributions to people are restored, maintained and enhanced
- Target 12: Urban green and blue spaces enhanced for human well-being
- Target 13: Fair and equitable sharing of benefits from genetic resources, digital sequence information and associated traditional knowledge
- Target 14: The multiple values of biodiversity are integrated into decision-making at all levels
- Target 15: Businesses assess and disclose biodiversity dependencies, impacts and risks, and reduce negative impacts
- Target 16: Sustainable consumption choices are enabled, and food waste reduced by half
- Target 17: Strengthen biosafety and distribute benefits of biotechnology
- Target 18: Reduce harmful incentives, including subsidies, by at least \$500 billion per year
- Target 19: Financial resources increased to \$ 200 billion per year, including \$ 30 billion through international finance
- Target 20: Capacity-building and development, technology transfer, and technical and scientific cooperation for implementation is strengthened
- Target 21: Data, information and knowledge for decision-making is available
- Target 22: Ensure participation, justice, and rights for indigenous peoples and local communities, women, youth persons with disabilities and environmental defenders
- Target 23: Implementation follows a gender-responsive approach

**20. Which types of support would be the most helpful to achieve your NBSAP targets? \***

Please select at most 3 options.

- Planning and implementation
- Institutional capacity building
- Access to finance
- Building political will
- Experience sharing (north-south, south-south and triangular)
- Knowledge transfer
- Policy and mainstreaming
- Monitoring & reporting
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**21. What benefits do you anticipate for your country in working together with the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership? (2,000 characters max). \***



22. When would you be ready to host your facilitator? Please provide a tentative date. \*

23. Is your country on the OECD DAC list and signatory of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)?

*Please note that only those countries will be considered. \**

Yes

No

24. Is your country a member of the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership? \*

Yes, we are already members

Not yet but we will submit our request to join the partnership with the submission of the endorsement letter

25. Please provide any additional relevant information that might support your Expression of Interest (2,000 characters max) \*