

**Template for submission of scientific and technical comments on Appendix 1 of the recommendation adopted by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for the Resumed Session of its twenty-fourth meeting**

**TEMPLATE FOR COMMENTS**

<b>Review comments on Appendix 1 of the present recommendation</b>	
<b>Scope of this template for comments</b>	Template for submitting comments in accordance with recommendation CBD/SBSTTA/REC/24/2, paragraph 2, where the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), under the guidance of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), invites Parties, other Governments and relevant stakeholders to submit views on Appendix 1 of the recommendation.
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<b>Comments</b>	
<p>Please provide any general comments on the Appendix 1.</p> <p>Specifically on Youth participation, indicators and indicator methodologies should be systematically designed with a focus on the roles that youth (youth-targeted and youth-led) play in policies and initiatives organized by both state and non-state actors. Indicators should also reflect youth-related outcomes (how youth was engaged, impact of youth-led/youth-targeted activities) of any biodiversity/development projects. In this regard, we make a reference to resolution A/RES/65/312 (2011) and resolution 2250 (2015), in the document entitled “Youth, Peace, and Security: A Programming Handbook” produced by the United Nations, which should be introduced to and made compulsory for states and non-state actors to consider when designing and strengthening youth plans/programmes, so that they can truly reflect youth participation and development related to biodiversity conservation in their context at different levels. Youth-sensitive, Youth-focused, and Youth-led evaluation and assessment should be considered in reviewing youth situations and ensure relevance, effectiveness, impact, and sustainability of youth-related projects. Sample questions can be seen below: Relevance: Has the project contributed to the improvement of young people’s – including young women’s – participation in biodiversity-related processes? If so, how? If not, why not? Has the project responded to the practical and strategic needs and aspirations of diverse groups of young people? Has this resulted in the improvement of youth rights and participation, including the rights and participation of young women? If so, how? If not, why not? Effectiveness: Has the project been efficient with respect to the goals of the YPS agenda? (For example, has it contributed to the protection of young people’s rights and/or enabled meaningful youth participation in peace processes?) If so, how? If not, why not? Did partner and target organizations benefit from the project in terms of institutional capacity-building in the area of youth mainstreaming? If so,</p>	

how? If not, why not? Impact: What is the project's impact on wider policies, processes and programmes that enhance age equality and youth rights? (For example, did it have an impact on reducing violence against young men? Or did it contribute to youth-specific policies and/or action plans? Sustainability: Are the positive results of the project in regard to increased youth participation and influence likely to be sustained after funding ends? To what extent have young women and men and/or youth-led organizations achieved ownership of the results? To what extent has capacity for youth mainstreaming through the project been built and institutionalized? Furthermore, referring to the CBD/SBSTTA/REC/24/2, all targets tend to have dominated quantitative indicators, in which quality level of youth engagement i.e. youth as beneficiaries, contributors, and initiators could be missing. Therefore, various indicators that include quality aspect of effective participation should also be introduced to states and non-state actors which could be applied to each target to ensure meaningful and impactful participation either identified in the indicators as 'youth' or disaggregated by age as presented in examples per below: Youth-development focused Indicators (Ref: UNDP Thailand Youth Strategy) Civic Engagement Indicators The number and diversity of vulnerable youth engaging in policy-making at national and subnational levels The number of meaningful youth participation platforms created for supporting policy-decision making process The number of youth engaged in intergenerational platform to promote an inclusive society The number of recommended solutions incorporated from youth consultation by the state and non-state sector Economic Empowerment Indicators The number of youth has increased their skills for economic opportunities The number of youth-led initiatives created to enhance local livelihood The number of initiatives by state and no