

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

Review comments on Appendix 1 of the present recommendation	
Scope of this template for comments	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.
<i>Contact information</i>	
Party/Government/Observer	Observer
Party/Government/Observer representative	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Comments	
<p>Please provide any general comments on the Appendix 1.</p> <p>Any proposed Headline Indicator for which data is not already available for a minimum number of countries (e.g. 40-50 countries), either today or in e.g. the next year, should not be eligible to meet the headline indicator criteria. As data improves over time, when the data availability for a particular indicator reaches the minimum threshold for eligibility as a headline indicator, the AHTEG could evaluate it, and make a recommendation for the CBD COPs to consider at their next meeting. It seems premature, to agree to certain Headline indicators, at CBD COP15, if the data is not yet readily available. (Just because a methodology for an indicator may already exist, it does not mean the indicator is operational. If it is not operational, then it does not serve its purpose.</p>	