

Template for comments on the draft Implementation Plan for the Cartagena Protocol and Capacity-Building Action Plan (2021-2030)

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Comments on the text and Appendix		
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0	0	<p>This is a well worked-through document with clear purpose, aim and scope. The background and introduction as well as linkages to other documents related to the Cartagena Protocol is clear.</p> <p>To present the Implementation plan and Capacity-building plan side by side in the table gives an excellent overview over the work to be done and provides the logical links between implementation and capacity needs.</p> <p>The only general concern relates to the indicators that are all quantitative in the form of percentages. The quality of many of the expected outputs is also important. The qualitative aspects are present in the objectives and should be reflected also among the indicators. Qualitative aspects are sometimes vaguely referred to, e.g. as needed, necessary or appropriate. Only in indicator A6 c), there is a reference to certified reference materials. It would be desirable to either add qualitative indicators or, if this is too complicated, add a short description in the text on how the quality of the outputs will be assessed.</p>
2	48-50	Here is a reference to aspects from the long-term strategic framework that should be taken into account when planning capacity building activities. It is not clear if these aspects have been incorporated into the Action plan or not.
3	101-102	The second part of the sentence becomes a bit vague. Would it be possible to clarify or exemplify what these aspects are?
3	105-107	The sentence starting with “This is the case...” is not necessary. This is more clear in the table itself.
5	A.1. CB Activities	It appears that different activities could be undertaken by different actors, would it be possible to give examples?
5	Goal A.2.	Goals are generally expressed as a desired state. A2 is more of an ongoing process. Perhaps it should be reformulated to “Relevant information is made available and exchanged through the BCH by the Parties”.
6	A.2. indicator (c)	Is this seen as an indicator of the relevance of BCH or a measure of the commitment of the Parties?

6	A.2. Outcome	Should the outcome be that BCH facilitates the availability and exchange of information? Shouldn't it instead be that the Parties are active in sharing their information through the BCH?
15	B.4. Indicators (a-c)	The goal is to enhance the cooperation at national, regional and international level. As written now the indicators do not take into account to what extent Parties cooperate and interact, only that they do. It would perhaps be desirable if there was also a measure on how the Parties increase their engagement, e.g. increase their number of cooperation partners or interactions, in order to be able to answer to the goal.

Please submit your comments to secretariat@cbd.int by **17 January 2020**.