

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	Party
Party/Government/Observer representative	Sweden
Comments	
<p>Please provide any general comments on the Appendix 1.</p> <p>Parties have been asked to comment on the indicators proposed in Appendix 1 before and during SBSTTA-24. It is our view that the co-leads summary of the indicators only partly reflects the assessment of the parties. Since the discussion of the general criteria for headline indicators took place after each indicator had been discussed in the contact group, the assessment of the indicators does not reflect if the indicators meet all these criteria or not. For SE, the most important question is if an existing indicator, a HI that is under development or a HI that need to be developed would measure progress towards relevant components of the proposed goals and targets. SE supports to use agreed international available indicators which may be based on global data sets if national data is not available. SE is further of the view, that a national validation processes of the methodology may not be necessary if an indicator has been agreed by parties and if the indicator has gone through a scientific peer-review process. With these considerations in mind, SE will provide further answers on selected HI's in Appendix 1. We will focus on indicators we consider relevant and ready as well as on those that we consider not relevant based on the current discussion of the goals and targets. Like other parties, SE has provided proposals for additional or alternative HI's and would welcome if these would be considered in the update of the draft monitoring framework.</p>	