

GBF Implementation

Strengthening National Implementation of Global Biodiversity Targets

Background

At CBD COP 15, Colombia with the support of Germany and other countries and organizations, presented a proposal for the "NBSAP Accelerator Partnership", a global partnership to speed up the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). This platform acts as a coordination and matchmaking mechanism with technical support for developing countries to update NBSAPs, design projects, improve access to finance, exchange knowledge, and implement priority activities. Germany contributes to the platform through the *German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection (BMUV)* with funding of EUR 35 mil. for the establishment of the coordinating unit and implementation of activities (implemented by UNEP/UNDP). Supporting the objectives of the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, the *German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)* commissioned a **global project** (implemented by GIZ) with funding of EUR 12 mil. Norway confirmed a co-financing contribution to the project of NOK 60 mil (approx. EUR 5.1 mil.) through the *Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)*.

The Global Project

The objective of the global project is to support selected partner countries to enhance their capacities to implement national biodiversity targets aligned with the GBF and support priority measures to achieve the national goals. The project started in 2023 and ends in December 2025. The partner countries are Colombia, Peru, Brazil, DR Congo, Namibia, Madagascar, Laos, and

Indonesia. Strengthening the participation of women as well as gender transformative approaches are a crosscutting focus. The project follows the requirements of the "whole of government" and "whole of society" approaches.



The partner countries of the global project "GBF implementation".

Components

The project consists of the following three components:

- Needs-based advice to partner countries to align their NBSAPs and initiate priority measures to achieve the objectives of the GBF.** The project will provide assessment to government agencies of partner countries on developing permanent inter-ministerial and inclusive processes for aligning and steering their NBSAPs, considering synergies with other national agendas (e.g., NDCs and SDGs). It will also accompany the implementation of selected measures in cooperation with existing projects and assist in developing projects that are eligible for funding.
- Strengthening the participation of Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IP&LCs) in the**

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review and implementation of NBSAPs. The project will support and advise national and international IP&LC organisations on improving participation in national NBSAP processes.

3. Sharing knowledge and experiences at the international level. The project will support actors from the partner countries to participate in South-South dialogues, triangular cooperation, peer review processes and further formats of transnational mutual learning, and to share their experiences from aligning, steering, and implementing their NBSAPs.

The strategy of the global project comprises capacity development measures at international, national, and subnational level. The project improves institutional framework conditions for the cross-sectoral/whole-of-government and whole-of-society review and alignment of the national biodiversity targets at national as well as subnational levels. In line with the strategic approach of the GBF, it aims to promote inter-ministerial and interinstitutional cooperation and generate synergies with the implementation of other national development objectives.

The global project pursues a participatory and human rights-based approach, thereby improving participation of IP&LCs and strengthening their self-determination. This is achieved both through training and exchange formats for IP&LCs to strengthen their knowledge about their rights and their skills for articulation and dialogue, and by supporting IP&LCs' representative organisations in internal consultation and decision-making processes as well as in planning, financing, and implementing IP&LC measures in line with NBSAPs.

At international level, the project strengthens networking, knowledge transfer and the sharing of experiences

between the partner countries and other CBD parties. IP&LCs are invited to feed their practical approaches for solutions into the international knowledge platforms so that these can be replicated and recognised at international level.

To promote gender equality, partner countries are advised and trained on integrating elements of the Post-2020 CBD Gender Plan of Action into the alignment and implementation of their NBSAPs. Participation of women and youths in national policy processes is fostered throughout the project activities.

The global project represents BMZ's and Norway's contribution to supporting the ambitious implementation of the GBF as part of the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership. To strengthen IP&LC representation within this process, the Global Coordination Unit of the Partnership receives personnel support. Furthermore, a broad range of collaboration takes place regarding knowledge management, sharing of exchange platforms and capacity development tools, establishing complementarity of in-country activities, joint work in communication and events.



An emphasis on the rights of women, Indigenous Peoples, and local communities is crucial in the implementation of NBSAPs and a core component of this global project.

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