Accelerants for Faster NBSAP Implementation

Turning biodiversity ambition into action

CBD Parties have advanced in aligning their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) with the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF). Updated strategies and national targets reflect strong ambition and growing political commitment.

Yet across regions, a consistent challenge remains: translating this ambition into implementation at the pace and scale required.

Preliminary analyses developed by the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership show that countries often face systemic barriers such as unclear implementation pathways, limited integration across sectors, weak enabling conditions, and insufficient mechanisms to scale successful approaches, to name some.

To help address these challenges, the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership is developing a set of practical actions called "Accelerants." These are structural measures that all (governments and societies) should take to increase the speed, effectiveness and scale of NBSAP implementation and achieve 2030 GBF goals.

What are "Accelerants"?

Accelerants are strategic actions that strengthen national delivery systems for biodiversity. They focus on the structural conditions needed to move from planning to implementation.

Preliminary analysis suggests a number of potential categories of accelerants that address key dimensions of implementation capacity. However, this framework is only a starting point. It is intended to spark consultation and dialogue with our members, who will help validate, refine, adjust or expand these categories based on the realities and experiences of countries.

- **Strengthening implementation pathways**
  Many NBSAPs articulate strong ambitions but lack clear delivery pathways. Accelerants in this domain focus on defining theories of change, prioritizing actions under real constraints, clarifying institutional roles, and sequencing actions so countries can move from planning to delivery.
- **Enabling inclusive implementation**
  Achieving the Global Biodiversity Framework requires mobilizing the capacity of society as a whole. Accelerants in this domain focus on strengthening inclusive governance, empowering Indigenous Peoples and local communities, integrating gender equality, and enabling multi-stakeholder partnerships.

- **Embedding biodiversity across development systems**
  Biodiversity outcomes depend heavily on decisions made in sectors such as agriculture, infrastructure, finance, and spatial planning. Accelerants in this domain focus on integrating biodiversity into development planning, aligning incentives and policies, and strengthening coordination across government levels.
- **Strengthening the enabling environment**
  Political commitment, institutional mandates, financing systems, and accountability frameworks determine whether biodiversity commitments can be implemented at scale. Accelerants focus on strengthening these enabling conditions so biodiversity becomes embedded in national governance systems.
- **Enabling systemic transformation**
  The KMGBF calls for transformative change. Accelerants in this domain focus on scaling successful approaches, integrating biodiversity into economic decision-making, transforming institutional cultures, and strengthening narratives that position nature as a foundation for sustainable development.

This proposed framework reflects initial insights from our analysis of implementation challenges and opportunities across countries. However, it is intended as a starting point rather than a definitive model. It is essential that our members review, validate and refine these ideas, and propose additional accelerants where relevant, so that the framework reflects the realities, priorities and experiences of countries working to implement their NBSAPs.

A collaborative process

The Accelerants' framework is being developed through a collaborative process involving NBSAP Accelerator Partnership's membership. The process combines:

- Analysis of global implementation gaps and opportunities (link to the document)
- Consultation with member countries and institutions
- Identification of practical actions that can unlock progress

The analytical foundation for this work is presented in the document "Gaps and Opportunities for Accelerating Progress in Implementing the KMGBF."

Join the effort to accelerate biodiversity action

Members of the NBSAP Accelerator Partnership play a key role in shaping this work. You can contribute by:

- Providing feedback on the proposed Accelerants' framework through this Google Form (LINK)
- Sharing national examples of successful implementation approaches
- Identifying priority barriers and opportunities for acceleration
- Contributing case studies that illustrate how accelerants work in practice
- Participating in the upcoming members meeting in March 2026
- Taking part in short follow up interviews in April

The Accelerants support NBSAP implementation by strengthening the systems that enable biodiversity action and help ensure that global ambition translates into real results.

Timeline

March-May 2026
Member consultation and feedback

April
Members interviews

May – June 2026
Framework refinement and collection of country examples

July 2026
Development of accelerants publication and knowledge products