

E. OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION

30. Has your country actively participated in subregional and regional activities in order to prepare for Convention meetings and enhance implementation of the Convention? (decision V/20)	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	X
Further comments on the regional and subregional activities in which your country has been involved.	
Under Southern African Biodiversity Support Programme and regional meetings at COPs.	

31. Is your country strengthening regional and subregional cooperation, enhancing integration and promoting synergies with relevant regional and subregional processes? (decision VI/27 B)	
a) No	
b) Yes (please provide details below)	X
Further comments on regional and subregional cooperation and processes.	
Actively involved in Southern African Biodiversity Support Programme and participate in numerous research initiatives, i.e. the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, including the Southern African MA (SafMa).	

The following question (204) is for DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

32. Is your country supporting the work of existing regional coordination mechanisms and the development of regional and subregional networks or processes? (decision VI/27 B)	
a) No	
b) No, but programmes are under development	
c) Yes, included in existing cooperation frameworks (please provide details below)	
d) Yes, some cooperative activities ongoing (please provide details below)	
Further comments on support for the work of existing regional coordination mechanisms and the development of regional and subregional networks or processes.	

33. Is your country working with other Parties to strengthen the existing regional and subregional mechanisms and initiatives for capacity-building? (decision VI/27 B)	
a) No	
b) Yes	X

34. Has your country contributed to the assessment of the regional and subregional mechanisms for implementation of the Convention? (decision VI/27 B)

a) No

b) Yes (please provide details below)

X

Further comments on contribution to the assessment of the regional and subregional mechanisms.

Recently especially in the formulation of the draft Regional BSAP (RBSAP), to be presented to the SADC Ministers in 2005.

Namibia is represented in the current COP Bureau.

Box I.

Please elaborate below on the implementation of the above decisions specifically focusing on:

- a) outcomes and impacts of actions taken;
- b) contribution to the achievement of the goals of the Strategic Plan of the Convention;
- c) contribution to progress towards the 2010 Target;
- d) progress in implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
- e) contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;
- f) constraints encountered in implementation.

a) Outcomes & impacts

- Namibia actively participates in the operations of the Convention, both at the global level as well as regionally.

b) Strategic Plan of the Convention

- Probably addresses all Goals of the Strategic Plan.

c) 2010 Target

- Active participation and commitment contribute to addressing the 2010 Target by Namibia.

d) NBSAP

- NBSAP operationalizes Convention.

e) MDGs

- N/A

f) Constraints

- Limited funding for developing country delegations to actively participate in Convention process. Often only one-person delegation at major negotiating meetings.