**CCP-LAW**

**Curricula development on Climate Change Policy and Law**

**Subject title: Student Briefing Sheet CBD**

**Developing a National Biodiversity Strategy**

Overview:

Many countries around the world have developed National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) as a way to fulfill their obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity. An NBSAP lays out a country's priorities, targets, and plans for conserving biodiversity and using biological resources sustainably.

Your Task:

You will work in small groups to draft key sections of an NBSAP for an assigned country. Each group will focus on one of the following components:

Status and Trends of Biodiversity

Threats to Biodiversity

Vision, Principles, and Targets

Action Plan

Preparation:

Research the assigned country's biodiversity, ecosystems, species, protected areas, and major biodiversity threats.

Review examples of real NBSAPs from other countries to understand their typical structure and content.

Drafting the NBSAP Section:

Status/Trends: Summarize key information about the diversity of ecosystems, species, genetic resources present. Highlight endemic, threatened, or economically important biodiversity.

Threats: Identify and describe the major pressures threatening biodiversity such as habitat loss, overexploitation, invasive species, pollution, climate change etc.

Vision/Targets: Draft a vision statement for biodiversity conservation. Set SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) targets addressing key issues.

Action Plan: Propose strategic actions, policies, projects and initiatives needed to achieve the vision and targets. Assign lead roles, timelines and resources required.

Presentation:

Each group will present their draft NBSAP section and recommendations. The class will discuss how to integrate components into a coherent national strategy.