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WORKSHOP ON BIOLOGICAL  
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Santo Domingo, 4-7 June 2001  
Item 2.2 of the provisional agenda\*

### ORGANIZATION OF WORK: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#### *Annotations to the provisional agenda*

#### INTRODUCTION

1. The Workshop on Biological Diversity and Tourism is being held in accordance with Decision V/25 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on biological diversity and tourism.
2. In decision V/25 adopted at its fifth session, in May 2000, the Conference of the Parties, *inter alia*, accepted:

“the invitation to participate in the international work programme on sustainable tourism development under the Commission on Sustainable Development process with regard to biological diversity, in particular, with a view to contributing to international guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems and habitats of major importance for biological diversity and protected areas, including fragile riparian and mountain ecosystems, bearing in mind the need for such guidelines to apply to activities both within and outside protected areas, and taking into account existing guidelines”.
3. The Conference of the Parties further “requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a proposal for the contribution on guidelines, for example by convening an international workshop”.
4. The purpose of the Workshop is to develop the international guidelines contemplated in decision V/25, paragraph 2.
5. Participants in the Workshop were selected among government-nominated experts from each geographic region with a view to achieving a balanced regional distribution. Also representatives of

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competent intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as stakeholders were invited to participate as observers.

6. A list of the documents for the meeting is attached to the present note.

7. The Secretariat has distributed an information note containing details of registration and logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

### **ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

8. The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary or his representative at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 June 2001. The representative of the host country and the Executive Secretary will make introductory remarks.

### **ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

#### *2.1. Officers*

9. Participants will be invited to elect the Chair and Rapporteur for the meeting on the basis of proposals from the floor.

#### *2.2. Adoption of the agenda*

10. The Workshop may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda proposed in document UNEP/CBD/WG/Tourism/1, which has been prepared by the Executive Secretary on the basis of the relevant decision V/25.

#### *2.3. Organization of work*

11. The language of the meeting will be English.

12. The Workshop may wish to carry out its work in plenary and establish drafting groups as required.

### **ITEM 3. GUIDELINES FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO SUSTAINABLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN VULNERABLE TERRESTRIAL, MARINE AND COASTAL AND MOUNTAIN ECOSYSTEMS**

13. In addressing the main substantive item, participants may wish to bear in mind that the guidelines will eventually be integrated to the international work programme under the Commission on Sustainable Development process with regard to biological diversity.

14. The main purpose of the guidelines is to assist Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, public authorities and stakeholders at all levels to apply the provisions of the Convention to the sustainable development and management of tourism activities.

15. The guidelines will provide technical guidance to policy-makers, decision makers and managers with responsibilities covering tourism and/or biodiversity, whether in national or local government, the private sector, indigenous and local communities, non-governmental organizations or other organizations,

on ways of working together with key stakeholders involved in tourism and biodiversity in order to contribute to:

- (a) Conservation of the ecosystem structure and functioning;
- (b) Sustainable tourism in ecosystems conserving their structure and functioning;
- (c) Fair and equitable sharing of benefits;
- (d) Information and capacity-building;
- (e) Restoration of past damage.

16. The international guidelines to be developed in this Workshop should focus on technical guidance to facilitate implementation of such principles and concepts, and on establishing effective linkages between tourism management and biodiversity management. They will build on principles and concepts that have already been established through international processes.

17. As part of the guidelines, the Workshop may also wish to make recommendations concerning the implementation of the guidelines, including public education and awareness raising activities, and monitoring of compliance, and of follow-up activities contributing to their implementation. In addition, the Workshop may consider making recommendations for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) on transmitting the guidelines to other international forums, including the 2002 session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

18. These considerations are developed in greater detail in the note by the Executive Secretary entitled "Framework for the development of guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development and biological diversity in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and mountain ecosystems" (UNEP/CBD/WS-Tourism/2), which is the main working document for the meeting.

19. A complete list of documents prepared for the Workshop is annexed to the present document.

#### **ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS**

20. Under this item, participants may wish raise for discussion other matters related to the subject-matter of the Workshop.

#### **ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

21. The Group will consider and adopt its report, on the basis of the draft report of the meeting to be prepared and presented by the Rapporteur.

22. The final report of the Workshop will be presented by the Chairperson of the meeting for the consideration of the seventh meeting of SBSTTA.

#### **ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

23. The meeting will be closed at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 7 June 2001.

*Annex*

**DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR THE WORKSHOP ON BIOLOGICAL  
DIVERSITY AND TOURISM**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/WS-Tourism/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-Tourism/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-Tourism/2	Framework for the development of guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development and biological diversity in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and mountain ecosystems
UNEP/CBD/WS-Tourism/3	Overview of tourism and biodiversity issues, and appropriate management approaches
UNEP/CBD/WS-Tourism/INF/1	Compilation and analysis of existing codes, guidelines, principles and position papers on sustainable tourism

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