

Provisional Agenda and Programme (as at 2 Feb. 2010)

Regional Consultation for Central and Eastern European Countries in support of the finalization of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing

9–10 February 2010

Isle of Vilm, Germany

Background

In decision IX/12, paragraph 17, on Access and Benefit-sharing the Conference of the Parties (COP) emphasized the importance of consultations to advance the negotiations of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing. It requested the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG-ABS) to be instrumental in organizing and facilitating such consultations during the inter-sessional period. It also encouraged Parties and stakeholders to carry out bilateral, regional and interregional meetings and consultations and called upon donors and relevant organizations to provide financial resources necessary for such meetings and consultations.

In addition the COP invited the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), governments and other international organizations to support regional and interregional consultations in close collaboration with the Secretariat.

In accordance with the above, a regional consultation for Central and Eastern European Countries (CEE) is being held on the Isle of Vilm, Germany, from 9-10 February 2010.

The consultation has been organised in close collaboration between the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) with its International Academy for Nature Conservation, the United Nations Environment Programme, the CBD Secretariat, the two CBD Bureau members from the CEE region, and in close consultation with the Co-Chairs of WG-ABS. The consultation is made possible by generous financial support from the German Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and the UNEP.

Regional consultation aims

The purpose of this and other regional consultations is to help advance the negotiations of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing.

The regional consultation will provide an opportunity for the negotiators from the CEE region to consult and exchange views on the components of the International Regime during the current inter-sessional period, with a view to finalizing the negotiations of the International Regime at the ninth meeting of the WG-ABS to be held in Cali, Colombia, from 22-28 March 2010.

Target group

Government representative(s) from the Central and Eastern European Region officially involved in the negotiation of the International Regime.

Resources for the Meeting

Resources for the meeting which participants should familiarise themselves with include:

- (1) Report of the Eighth Meeting of the ABS Working Group and the “Montreal Annex” (see UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/8/8) (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/abs/abswg-08/official/abswg-08-08-en.pdf>)
- (2) Convention on Biological Diversity (<https://www.cbd.int/convention/convention.shtml>)

- (3) Bonn Guideline on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing
(<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-bonn-gdls-en.pdf>)
- (4) Report of the Access and Benefit-Sharing Regional Consultations for Latin America and Caribbean Countries Panama City, Panama, 15-16 January 2010
(<https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/abs/absrc-lac-01/official/absrc-lac-01-02-en.doc>)
- (5) Common understandings of the Asian Regional Consultations in support of the finalization of the International Regime on Access & Benefit-sharing Siem Reap, Cambodia, 4-6 December 2009 (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/abs/absrc-asia-01/official/absrc-asia-01-02-en.doc>)
- (6) CBD Notification on WG-ABS9 (22 December 2009
<https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2009/ntf-2009-180-abs-en.pdf>)
- (7) CBD Notification on Submission of Views and Proposals for WG-ABS9 on preambular text, definitions and text (19 January 2010)
(<https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2010/ntf-2010-008-abs-en.pdf> >)
- (8) CBD Notification on ABS Co-Chairs Informal Inter-regional Consultation (CIIC), 16-18 March 2010, Cali, Colombia (22 January 2010)
(<https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2010/ntf-2010-013-abs-en.pdf>)

Provisional Programme

Time	Title	Speaker / Chair
	8 February	
18:30	<i>Dinner in Hotel Victoria, Lauterbach Mole</i>	
19:15	Welcome by the Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN)	Gisela Stolpe, BfN, Germany
	Welcome by UNEP	Alphonse Kambu, UNEP
	Welcome by the CBD Secretariat	Lyle Glowka, SCBD
	Welcome by Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group on ABS (WG ABS)	Timothy Hodges and Fernando Casas, ABSWG Co-Chairs
19:45	Introduction of participants	
20:10	Boat to Vilm	<i>Please note: Due to weather conditions, the boat will depart from Lauterbach Mole to Vilm only at 20:10. There will be no boat service at 16:15, 17:15 or 18:10.</i>
20:45	<i>Registration</i>	
	9 February	
7:30 - 9:00	<i>Breakfast</i>	
1. OPENING OF THE MEETING, ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA		
9:00	Welcome and opening comments	Alphonse Kambu, UNEP Horst Korn, BfN Lyle Glowka, SCBD Timothy Hodges and Fernando Casas, ABSWG Co-Chairs
	Objective of consultation and facilitation of the meeting	Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member
	Adoption of the agenda	Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member
2. CONTRIBUTION OF THE REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS TO THE INTERSESSIONAL PROCESS AND FOR THE PREPARATION OF WG-ABS 9		
10:00	The International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing: Status of Negotiations	Lyle Glowka, SCBD

10:15	Summary of perspectives on key issues and on strategic thinking and approaches for progress on the Montreal Annex	Timothy Hodges and Fernando Casas, ABSWG Co-Chairs
10:30	Results and highlights of the regional consultations in Asia and GRULAC	Alphonse Kambu, UNEP
10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
3. THE INTERNATIONAL REGIME ON ABS		
11.15	Key elements of the International Regime: Exchange of views and identification of areas of coordinated actions / proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access • Benefit-Sharing • Compliance • Traditional Knowledge and Capacity-building • Nature, Objective, Scope • Definitions, Preamble and Implementation related issues (institutional arrangements, ABS Clearing House and others) 	Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member Lyle Glowka, SCBD
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13.15	<i>Guided tour of the Isle of Vilm nature reserve</i>	<i>Andrea Strauss, BfN</i>
3. THE INTERNATIONAL REGIME ON ABS		
14.00	Key elements of the International Regime: Exchange of views and identification of areas of coordinated actions / proposals (<i>continued as necessary</i>)	CEE Session Chair Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member Lyle Glowka, SCBD
15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.00	Key elements of the International Regime: Exchange of views and identification of areas of coordinated actions / proposals (<i>continued as necessary</i>)	CEE Session Chair Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member Lyle Glowka, SCBD
18:30	<i>Dinner</i>	
10 February		
7:30 - 9:00	<i>Breakfast</i>	
9:00	Overview of previous day's proceedings and programme for the day	Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member
3. THE INTERNATIONAL REGIME ON ABS (CONTINUED)		

9:15	Key elements of the International Regime: Exchange of views and identification of areas of coordinated actions / proposals (<i>continued as necessary</i>):	CEE Session Chair Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member Lyle Glowka, SCBD
10:45	Coffee Break	
11:00	Key elements of the International Regime: Exchange of views and identification of areas of coordinated actions / proposals (<i>continued as necessary</i>)	CEE Session Chair Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member Lyle Glowka, SCBD
12:30	Lunch	
4. POST COP10: IMPLEMENTATION RELATED ISSUES		
13:30	Nagoya and Beyond: Interim implementation issues for consideration by COP10 Basic elements of a possible draft COP10 decision	Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member Lyle Glowka, SCBD
5. TOWARDS WG-ABS9 : A CEE PERSPECTIVE		
14:00	The inter-sessional process: The Montreal Road Map Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the Montreal Road Map including ways and means to promote the full involvement of the CEE region in the next steps of the international negotiation of the International Regime. Participants will also be invited to discuss the nomination of eight representatives from amongst CEE Parties to the ABS Co-chairs' Informal Inter-regional Consultations to be held before the ninth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, Cali, Colombia (16-18 March 2010)	Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member Lyle Glowka, SCBD
15:00	Coffee break	
15:30	CEE standing vis-à-vis of other negotiations groups Participants will be invited to discuss the best options and opportunities to meet with and to contact other regional and negotiating groups, in order to learn more about the position of each group and to promote the interests shared by CEE countries.	Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member
6. OTHER MATTERS		
16:30	Other matters not yet taken up	Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member
7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING		
16:45	Conclusions and outcomes	Snezana Prokic, CBD CEE Bureau Member
17:30	Workshop evaluation	G.Stolpe, A. Strauss, BfN
18:30	Dinner	
20.00	Farewell party with traditional food, drinks, music, dances etc. brought by the participants	

	11 February	
7:30 - 8:15	Breakfast	
8:20	Departure of the boat from Vilm to Lauterbach Mole (followed by taxi transfer from Lauterbach Mole to Bergen)	
8:00	Departure of the train from Bergen	
14:00 14:08	Arrival Berlin Tegel Airport Arrival Hamburg Airport	<i>Please note: If the time of arrival to the airport is too late for a participant for reaching his/her flight, BfN (please alert andrea.strauss@bfn-vilm.de in advance) can organize alternative travel.</i>