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REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Kampala, 9-13 June 2014

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS *Annotations to the provisional agenda*

INTRODUCTION

1. In paragraph 1 of its decision XI/1 D, and paragraph 1 of decision XI/1 E, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with relevant organizations and subject to the availability of financial resources, to continue carrying out awareness-raising and capacity-building and development activities to support the ratification, early entry into force and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization.

2. Thanks to the generous financial support of the Governments of Japan and the Republic of Korea, the Secretariat is organizing the regional capacity-building workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for Sub-Saharan Africa, to be held from 9 to 13 June 2014 in Kampala. The workshop will include a one-day training session on the pilot phase of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House with financial support from the European Union.

3. The workshop aims to promote further understanding of the Protocol's requirements and strengthen the capacity of the participating countries to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 16, i.e. "the Nagoya Protocol is in force and operational, consistent with national legislation, by 2015". The specific objectives of the workshop are:

(a) To further enhance the participants' understanding of the core provisions of the Nagoya Protocol and facilitate exchange of information on the current status, experiences and lessons learned regarding the ratification of the Protocol and review, as appropriate, the country roadmaps/next steps towards ratification of/accession to the Protocol;

(b) To facilitate discussions on the ways and means of integrating access and benefit-sharing measures into the revised national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and the broader national development policies, plans and programmes;

(c) To facilitate exchange of information on the elements of existing domestic legislative, administrative or policy measures and review progress with the country roadmaps/plans of action towards

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the development or amendment of such measures and the establishment of institutional arrangements to support the implementation of the Protocol;

(d) To promote understanding of the main features, modalities of operation and functioning of the pilot phase of the Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) Clearing-House, including how to find, retrieve, register and manage information in the central portal of the ABS Clearing-House;

(e) To increase awareness of potential opportunities and the requirements and procedures for accessing funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and other sources to support the implementation of the Protocol; and

(f) To foster regional and subregional cooperation on the implementation of the Protocol, by facilitating exchange of information on existing and potential opportunities for collaboration.

4. The workshop participants will include relevant government officials and representatives of indigenous and local communities, research/academic institutions and other stakeholders involved in, or likely to be involved in access and benefit-sharing activities and processes at the national and regional levels. A notification was sent by the Executive Secretary on 28 March 2014 inviting Parties, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders to nominate participants for the workshop. The nominated participants are requested to undertake preparatory activities, as set out in annex III below, prior to the workshop.

5. The workshop will include a series of presentations, interactive panel and group discussions and exercises to enable participants to learn and share knowledge, views and experiences on various topics. It will also include a half-day field trip.

6. The documents for the workshop will be available on the Secretariat's website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABSWS-2014-06>.

7. The workshop will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into French.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

8. The meeting will be opened by a representative of the Government of Uganda at 9 a.m. on Monday, 9 June 2014. A representative from the Secretariat will also deliver opening remarks.

ITEM 2. WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

9. Under this item, the Secretariat will introduce the objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop, and present the organization of work as contained in the annex to the present document. Participants will thereafter be invited to introduce themselves and indicate their expectations from the workshop.

ITEM 3. INTRODUCTION TO THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

10. Under this item, the Secretariat will give a short introductory presentation to allow participants to have a quick review and reflection on the core provisions of the Protocol. The participants will then be invited to take part in a group exercise to consider a hypothetical case on access and benefit-sharing designed to further improve their understanding of the scope and requirements of the Nagoya Protocol.

**ITEM 4. UPDATES ON THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND INITIATIVES
REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE
NAGOYA PROTOCOL AND THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE
NAGOYA PROTOCOL**

11. Under this item, the participants will be updated on the recent developments regarding the initiatives taken to facilitate the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol and to prepare for the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol. This will include a short presentation by the Secretariat on the main outcomes of the meetings of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol and other key intersessional activities.

12. The participants will also be briefed on the outcomes of the 8th Pan African Workshop on Access and Benefit-Sharing which was organized by the ABS Capacity Development Initiative in Cotonou, Benin from 10 to 14 March 2014.

13. In addition, relevant regional and international organizations, including the ABS Capacity Development Initiative, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), African Union Commission (AUC), New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), East African Community (EAC), Southern African Development Community (SADC), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and Commission des Forêts d'Afrique Centrale (COMIFAC) will be invited to brief participants on their activities/initiatives to support countries in the region to prepare for the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol.

**ITEM 5. CURRENT STATUS, EXPERIENCES AND THE WAY FORWARD
TOWARDS RATIFICATION OF/ACCESSION TO THE NAGOYA
PROTOCOL**

14. Under this item, the Secretariat will give a presentation on the rationale and basic procedures for ratifying or acceding to the Nagoya Protocol. The presentation will, *inter alia*, highlight key points to consider in the development of documents (e.g. policy briefs, cabinet memos and other documents) aimed to facilitate the national processes towards ratification of/accession to the Protocol, including possible justification for becoming a Party to the Nagoya Protocol.

15. After the presentation, two panel discussions, one in English and another in French, will be held to allow countries in the region that have already ratified/acceded to the Protocol to share their experiences and lessons learned from their national processes. This may include the specific steps/activities that were undertaken; the constraints and challenges encountered and how they were addressed; and the key considerations that were taken into account during the process.

16. After the panel discussions, participants will be divided into four groups in which countries that have not yet ratified/acceded to the Nagoya Protocol will also be invited to make brief presentations on the progress made in implementing their country roadmaps/plans of action towards ratification, including, *inter alia*, the steps/actions taken so far, the experience and lessons learned and the challenges encountered and how they have been addressed, if at all.¹ Each group will then identify and present to the plenary general follow-up actions and potential opportunities and sources of technical support to facilitate the ratification of/accession to the Nagoya Protocol by all African countries by 2015.

¹ Participants are urged complete and submit to the Secretariat the questionnaire in annex III prior to the workshop for compilation and dissemination to all participants in order to save time and facilitate the discussions during the workshop. The questionnaire, *inter alia*, requests respondents to identify the entity responsible for coordinating the process towards ratification/accession; entities that must be involved and/or consulted; the steps taken or planned; the difficulties/obstacles encountered and how they have been overcome; general lessons learned and the technical support needed to advance the ratification/accession process).

17. Subsequently, participants from countries that have not yet ratified/acceded to the Nagoya Protocol will be invited to undertake an individual exercise to review and update/ further develop, as appropriate, their country roadmaps/plans of action towards ratification/ accession to the Protocol. Participants from countries that have already ratified/acceded to the Protocol will be invited to offer them advice, as appropriate.

ITEM 6. LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL

18. Under this item, the Secretariat will make an introductory presentation on Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 and provide an overview of the broad fields of action relating to its achievement and the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in general. After a brief question-and-answer session, participants will then consider the sub-items below in detail.

6.1 Development of access and benefit-sharing policies and strategies and their integration into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development policies, plans and programmes

19. Under this sub-item, the Secretariat will make a presentation on the rationale for, and key elements and points that Parties may wish to take into account in, developing access and benefit-sharing policies and strategies. The presentation will also review the extent to which access and benefit-sharing measures are currently integrated in the national biodiversity strategies and actions plans (NBSAPs) and identify possible options for improvement. This will be followed by a presentation by a representative from the African Union Commission on the proposed African Union Policy Framework and Guidelines for a Coordinated Approach to Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing.

20. Participants will then be invited to discuss how to improve the integration of access and benefit-sharing issues and strategies into the NBSAPs which are currently being updated and revised with funding support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The participants will also discuss the potential contribution of access and benefit-sharing to the broader sustainable development goals and examine ways and means to integrate access and benefit-sharing into national development policies, plans and programmes.

6.2 Development or amendment of domestic regulatory frameworks to meet the obligations set out in the Nagoya Protocol

21. Under this item, an expert from the UNEP Division of Environmental Law and Conventions will make a presentation on the access and benefit sharing laws and regulations in Africa. The Secretariat will make another presentation on the key elements of existing ABS legislative frameworks and the experiences and lessons learned in their development and implementation, using examples from different regions.

22. After the two presentations, the participants will be divided into discussion groups to exchange information on the steps taken so far and the experiences and lessons learned in the development or amendment of national regulatory frameworks on access and benefit-sharing. The groups will also discuss possible strategies and opportunities for support to ensure that all African countries have operational frameworks in place by 2015 in line with Aichi Target 16.

23. Following the consideration of the reports of the group discussions in the plenary, participants will be invited to undertake an exercise to develop or review, as appropriate, country roadmaps/plans of action towards the enactment or amendment of domestic legislative frameworks to meet their obligations under the Nagoya Protocol.

6.3 Establishment or strengthening of institutional arrangements and administrative systems for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

24. Under this item, the Secretariat will make a presentation on points to consider in the identification and mapping of relevant institutions and organizations and highlight the key elements of existing institutional arrangements and administrative systems for access and benefit-sharing including: (i) the roles and responsibilities of various entities (national focal points, competent national authorities, checkpoints and other regulatory bodies); (ii) examples of access and benefit-sharing administrative procedures (including existing permit systems); and (iii) examples of administrative tools being used (including access application forms, standard operating procedures, record management systems and databases, and other tools). The presentation will also highlight good practices and lessons learned in setting up and operationalizing such systems and mechanisms.

25. After the presentation, participants will be divided into break-out groups and invited to exchange views on the key points to consider in setting-up or reviewing/updating institutional arrangements and administrative systems for implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, including: identification/mapping of relevant institutions and agencies; the roles and responsibilities of various entities; administrative procedures and mechanisms for handling applications for access to genetic resources (obtaining prior informed consent) and granting of access to genetic resources/issuing permits or other forms of evidence of the decision to grant prior informed consent and of establishment of mutually agreed terms); mechanisms for promoting compliance, including the designation/establishment of checkpoints; mechanisms for obtaining prior informed consent or approval and involvement of indigenous and local communities; mechanisms for coordination across different agencies and institutions; and mechanisms for encouraging and facilitating the participation of indigenous and local communities and other stakeholders in relevant access and benefit-sharing processes.

26. Under this item, a representative from the European Commission will make a presentation on the “European Union Regulation on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization in the Union”. The presentation will highlight some of the proposed measures to promote compliance by users of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge associated with the legislation or regulatory requirements of provider countries and with the mutually agreed terms.

6.4 Development of measures to implementing the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol on access to and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources

27. Under this item, the Secretariat will give a presentation summarizing the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol regarding access to and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources. This will be followed by a case study presentation on the current status and possible measures to protect and advance traditional herbal medicinal knowledge and ensure equitable benefit-sharing with the communities holding such knowledge in Uganda.

28. After the presentations, the participants will discuss key points that relevant authorities may wish to consider in developing, as appropriate, measures for implementing the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol regarding indigenous and local communities and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources. These may include laws, policies, rules, procedures and guidelines for ensuring that such knowledge is accessed with the prior informed consent or approval and involvement of local and indigenous communities and that mutually agreed terms are established to secure fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of such knowledge.

6.5 Measures for promoting synergy and mutual supportiveness in the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and other relevant international agreements and instruments

29. Under this item, a representative from the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture will make a presentation on the International Treat and share the experiences and lessons learned in its implementation at the national level. After the presentation, participants will be invited to discuss possible measures for promoting synergy and mutual supportiveness in the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and the Treaty and other relevant international agreements and instruments at the national level, drawing from relevant national experiences and lessons learned.

ITEM 7. HANDS-ON TRAINING ON THE PILOT PHASE OF THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING CLEARING-HOUSE

30. Under this agenda item, participants will be introduced to the pilot phase of the ABS Clearing-House, including its role, structure, functionality and operation modalities. Article 14 of the Nagoya Protocol establishes the ABS Clearing-House as part of the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity to serve as a means for sharing information related to access and benefit-sharing and in particular to provide access to information made available by Parties relevant to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

31. The Secretariat will give a presentation providing a conceptual overview and an introduction to the core functions and main features of the ABS Clearing-House. The presentation will describe how to find and register information in the central portal of the ABS Clearing-House; the proposed modalities of operation, including the workflow and publishing procedures and the roles and responsibilities of national authorities (national focal points, publishing authority and national authorized users) with respect to the ABS Clearing-House; and the different types of records in the ABS Clearing-House, including “national records” (i.e. records created and managed only by national authorities, including mandatory information required under the Protocol) and “reference records” (i.e. non-mandatory information relevant to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol).

32. After the general presentation, participants will take part in hands-on training on how to use the search function to find and retrieve information and how to register and manage (modify or delete) records in management centre of the ABS Clearing-House central portal. The Secretariat will introduce the following common formats for registering information which have been developed so far: National focal points and/or publishing authorities (ABSCH-NFP); competent national authorities (ABSCH-CNA); legislative, administrative and policy measures on access and benefit-sharing (ABSCH-MSR); permits or their equivalent constituting an internationally recognized certificate of compliance (ABSCH-IRCC); checkpoints (ABSCH-CP); checkpoint communiqué (ABSCH-CPC); national ABS website/database (ABSCH-NDB) and a Virtual Library Record (ABSCH-VLR). Following the introduction of each common format, participants will be invited to undertake practical exercises to register their national information (if available) as test records. In this regard, participants are urged to bring their own computers/laptops and bring along available national information relating to the various common formats. The records registered during the workshop will be only for training and testing purposes. They will not be published on the official website of the ABS Clearing-House.

33. At the end of the session, participants will be invited to provide feedback, through a questionnaire and an open discussion, to facilitate the further development and adaptation of the ABS Clearing-House to national circumstances and users’ needs and to improve future training on the ABS Clearing-House.

ITEM 8. THE WAY FORWARD

8.1 Mobilization of resources for implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

34. Under this item, the Secretariat will make a presentation on potential opportunities and strategies for mobilizing resources to support the implementation of the Protocol. The presentation will, among other things, discuss strategies for accessing funding from the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund and the Nagoya Protocol Implementation Fund and highlight potential opportunities to mobilise funding from other sources. After the presentation, participants will be invited to share experiences and discuss ways and means of improving access to GEF funds during the GEF-6 funding cycle, taking into account the previous experiences and lessons learned. The participants will also be invited to explore potential opportunities for mobilizing resources (including financial, human and technical resources) from various sources and discuss how resource needs for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol have been or could be incorporated into the national resource mobilization plans currently being developed as part of the NBSAP revision process, taking into account decisions IX/1 and XI/4 of the Conference of Parties regarding the global strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

8.2 Roadmaps/action plans towards ratification of/accession to the Nagoya Protocol and the development or amendment of domestic legislative, administrative or policy measures

35. Under this item, each country will be invited to present its revised roadmap/ plan of action towards the ratification of/accession to the Protocol and the development of new or amendment of existing legislation to meet the obligations set out in the Protocol with the aim to meet Aichi Target 16, i.e. to become Parties to the Nagoya Protocol and have the Protocol operational at the national level in line with the national legislation, by 2015. The participants will be invited to provide feedback and advice on each other' revised roadmap and the plan to implement the roadmaps.

8.3 Regional and subregional cooperation on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

36. Under this item, regional and international organizations will be invited to identify areas or activities in the roadmaps presented by the participants, which they might potentially assist countries to implement.

37. The Participants will then discuss possible strategies and mechanisms to enhance regional and subregional cooperation in the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, including the possibility of initiating a process to develop a regional capacity-building strategy and establish technical support networks for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

38. Under this item, participants will be invited to share what they have learned from the workshop and how they would apply and/or transfer to others the new knowledge and skills acquired. They will also be invited to complete a workshop evaluation form.

39. After the above exercise, a representative of the Secretariat will give closing remarks and a representative of the host government will officially close the workshop.

*Annex I***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

DATE AND TIME	SESSION/ITEM
Monday, 9 June 2014	
9 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	<p>Item 1. Opening of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Statement by a representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity • Opening remarks by the Executive Secretary Uganda National Council for Science and Technology • Opening remarks by the Executive Director of the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) • Official opening of the workshop by the Hon. Minister for Water and Environment of the Government of Uganda • Group photo
9.45 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Icebreaker
10.00 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	<p>Item 2. Workshop objectives and expected outcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the workshop objectives, the expected outcomes and the organization of work • Participants' expectations from the workshop
10.15 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
10.30 a.m. – 10.50 a.m.	<p>Item 3. Introduction to the core provisions of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Overview of the core provisions of the Nagoya Protocol, including the obligations of Parties under the Nagoya Protocol Questions and Answers
10.50 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion of a hypothetical case on access and benefit-sharing within the context of the Nagoya Protocol
11.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation of reports from the group discussions
11.45 am – 12.00 pm	<p>Item 4. Updates on the recent developments and initiatives regarding preparations for the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Outcomes of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol and relevant inter-sessional activities Questions and Answers
12.00 pm – 12.15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes of the 8th Pan African Workshop on Access and Benefit-Sharing

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	held 10-14 March 2014 in Cotonou, Benin
12.15 pm – 1.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefs by regional and international organizations on their initiatives to support African countries to prepare for the entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol, including the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ABS Capacity Development Initiative ○ United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) ○ United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) ○ African Union Commission (AUC) ○ New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) ○ East African Community (EAC) ○ Southern African Development Community (SADC) ○ Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) ○ Commission des Forêts d'Afrique Centrale (COMIFAC)
1.00 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	<p>Item 5. Current status, experiences and the way forward towards ratification or accession to the Nagoya Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: The rationale and basic procedures/modalities for ratification or accession to the Nagoya Protocol, including key points to consider in the preparation of documents to facilitate the ratification/accession process <p>Question and Answers</p>
2.30 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussions (English and French): Experiences and lessons learned from countries that have already ratified/acceded to the Protocol
3.15 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
3.30 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Groups Exchange of information by countries that have not yet ratified/acceded to the Protocol on the steps/actions taken so far towards ratification, the challenges encountered, the capacity/technical support needed and identification of opportunities and potential sources of support for the next steps
4.15 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Group reports: Reports from the break-out groups and plenary discussion on general follow-up actions, including identification of potential opportunities and sources of technical support to facilitate ratification/accession of the Protocol by all African countries by 2015
4.45 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual country exercise: Review/further development of the country roadmaps/plans of action towards ratification/ accession to the Nagoya Protocol (by countries that have not yet ratified/acceded to the Protocol)

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Tuesday, 10 June 2014	
8.45 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of the first day's work
9.00 a.m. – 9.20 a.m.	<p>Item 6. Laying the foundation for national implementation of the Nagoya Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Aichi Target 16 and key fields of action for its achievement and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in general Question and answers
9.20 a.m. – 9.50 a.m.	<p>6.1. Development of access and benefit-sharing policies and strategies and their integration into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development policies and plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: The rationale for, and key points to consider in the development of ABS policies and strategies and their integration into NBSAPs and national development policies and plans Question and answers
9.50 a.m. – 10.20 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Overview of the proposed African Union Policy Framework and Guidelines for a Coordinated Approach to the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing Question and answers
10.20 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenary discussion: Exchange of views on ways and means of improving the integration of ABS measures into the revised NBSAPs and national development policies, plans and programmes
10.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
11.00 a.m. – 11.30 p.m.	<p>6.2. Development or amendment of domestic regulatory frameworks to meet the obligations set out in the Nagoya Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Overview of access and benefit sharing laws and regulations in Africa Questions and Answers
11.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Key elements of existing ABS legislative frameworks and the experience and lessons learned in the development and implementation of such frameworks in various countries Questions and Answers

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12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussions: Exchange of information on the steps taken towards the development or amendment of domestic regulatory frameworks to meet the obligations under the Protocol and identification of strategies and opportunities for support to ensure that all African countries have such frameworks in place by 2015 <p>Questions and Answers</p>
1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.	<p>Item 5.2. (Continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the group discussion outcomes
2.45 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<p>Item 5.2. (Continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual country exercise Development or review, as appropriate, of country roadmaps/plans of action towards the enactment or amendment of domestic legislative frameworks to meet the obligations set out in the Nagoya Protocol
3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
3.45 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<p>6.3. Establishment or strengthening of institutional arrangements and administrative systems for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Key elements of existing institutional arrangements and administrative systems for access and benefit-sharing (including the responsibilities of key regulatory bodies) and examples of ABS procedures and administrative tools Presentation Experience and lessons learned in the implementation of access and benefit-sharing in Uganda: issues and challenges <p>Questions and Answers</p>
4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussions Key points to consider in setting-up or reviewing/updating institutional arrangements and administrative systems for implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
<i>Wednesday, 11 June 2014</i>	
8.30 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of the previous day's work
8.45 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	<p>Item 6.3. (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation The European Union Regulation on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization in the Union <p>Questions and Answers</p>

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9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	<p>6.4. Development of measures to implement the provisions of the Nagoya Protocol on access to, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of, traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation Overview of the Nagoya Protocol provisions regarding access to and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of traditional knowledge associated to genetic resources Questions and answers
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study presentation The current status and possible measures to protect and advance traditional herbal medicinal knowledge and ensure equitable benefit-sharing with the communities holding such knowledge in Uganda Questions and answers
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary discussion Key points to consider in developing, as appropriate, measures and mechanisms for implementing the Nagoya Protocol provisions regarding access to, and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of, traditional knowledge associated to genetic resources
11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	<p>6.5. Measures for promoting synergy and mutual supportiveness in the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and other relevant international agreements and instruments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation Overview of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the experiences and lessons learned in its implementation at the national level Question and Answers
12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary discussion Possible measures for promoting synergy and mutual supportiveness in the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and relevant international agreements and instruments at the national level
1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	FIELD TRIP
<i>Thursday, 12 June 2014</i>	
9 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of the previous day's work
9.15 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Item 7. Hands-on Training on the Pilot Phase of the Access and Benefit-

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Sharing Clearing-House</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Introduction to the pilot phase of the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House: Key features, core functions and modalities of operation Question and answers
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical demonstration: Finding and registering information in the Central Portal of the ABS Clearing-House Question and answers
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11.00 a.m. – 11.40 a.m.	<p>Hands-on training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registering national focal points and/or publishing authorities (ABSCH-NFP) <p>Question and answers</p>
11.40 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registering Competent national authorities (ABSCH-CNA) <p>Question and answers</p>
12.20 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registering Legislative, administrative and policy measures on access and benefit-sharing (ABSCH-MSR) <p>Question and answers</p>
1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 p.m. – 2.40 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registering Permits or their equivalent constituting an internationally recognized certificate of compliance (ABSCH-IRCC) <p>Question and answers</p>
2.40 p.m. – 3.20 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registering Checkpoints (ABSCH-CP) <p>Question and answers</p>
3.20 p.m. – 3.40 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
3.20 p.m. – 4.20 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registering Checkpoint Communiqué (ABSCH-CPC) <p>Question and answers</p>
4.20 p.m. – 4.40 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registering a National ABS website or database (ABSCH-NDB) <p>Question and answers</p>
4.40 p.m. – 5.20 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registering a Virtual Library Record (ABSCH-VLR) <p>Question and answers</p>
5.20 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Feedback on the pilot phase of the ABS Clearing-House
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8.45 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of the previous day's work
9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	<p>Item 8. The way forward</p> <p>8.1. Mobilization of resources for implementation of the Nagoya Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation Opportunities and strategies for mobilizing resources to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol <p>Questions and answers</p>
9.45 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussion Exchange of views on ways and means to improve access to GEF funds during GEF-6 to support implementation of the Protocol and potential innovative strategies for mobilizing resources from other sources, taking into account relevant elements of the strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<p>8.2. Roadmaps/action plans towards ratification of the Nagoya Protocol and development or amendment of domestic legislative, administrative and policy measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual country presentations of the updated roadmaps/action plans towards the ratification of the Nagoya Protocol and the development or amendment of domestic ABS regulatory frameworks
12.30 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<p>Plenary discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible sources of technical support for the country roadmaps towards the ratification of the Protocol and development or amendment of domestic ABS legislative frameworks
1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.	<p>8.3. Regional and subregional cooperation on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible integration of the country roadmaps activities into the existing capacity-building initiatives for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in Africa, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) UNEP project for assisting countries to ratify and implement the Nagoya Protocol (b) The ABS Capacity Development Initiative (c) COMIFAC subregional project on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their use (d) Other initiatives
2.45 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenary discussion

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	<p>Strategies and mechanisms to strengthen regional and subregional cooperation on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development of a regional capacity-building strategy ○ Establishment of technical support networks for the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
3.45 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General conclusions and recommendations on the next steps
4.30 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.	<p>Item 9. Closure of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participants' self-assessment and evaluation of workshop (completion of the evaluation form)
4.45 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Closing remarks by a representative of the CBD Secretariat and a representative of the host government

Annex II

DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCE MATERIALS FOR THE WORKSHOP

A. Working documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/ABS/WS/2014/6/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/ABS/WS/2014/6/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
B. Information documents	
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/6	Report of the third meeting of Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol (ICNP-3), held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 24 - 28 February 2014
UNEP/CBD/ICNP/3/6	Report on Progress in the Implementation of the Pilot Phase of the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House
UNEP/CBD/ICNP/2/INF/1	Outcomes of the Second Capacity-Building Workshop on Access and Benefit-sharing, held in Montreal on 29-30 October 2011
UNEP/CBD/ICNP/2/INF/9	Outcomes of the third Capacity-Building Workshop on Access and Benefit-sharing, held in New Delhi on 30 June and 1 July 2012

Annex III

PREPARATORY AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES TO WORKSHOP

1. In preparation for the workshop, participants are requested to undertake the following activities:
 - (e) Prepare a short report (2-3 pages) about the process and current status of ratification/accession of the Nagoya Protocol of your country and the lessons learned based on the questions in the appendix below. Participants will be invited to share their experiences during the workshop;
 - (f) Review your country's national biodiversity strategy and action plan and summarize the elements making reference to access and benefit-sharing, if any, or identify areas where access and benefit-sharing issues could be integrated;
 - (g) Identify key stakeholders (individuals and institutions/entities) in your country who are involved, or should be involved, in the ratification process;
 - (h) Identify the entity or individuals in your government who are/would be responsible for drafting the legal framework for implementing the Protocol.

2. During the workshop, participants will be invited to prepare:

- a. A draft roadmap or action plan towards ratification/accession to the Nagoya Protocol;
- b. A roadmap towards the development or amendment of domestic legislative, administrative or policy measures and establishment of institutional mechanisms to support the implementation of the Protocol.

3. After the workshop, participants will be urged to carry out consultations with relevant stakeholders and finalize their roadmaps/action plans.

Appendix
Questionnaire

1. What is the legal process for ratification/accession to international treaties in your country?
2. What steps has your country taken, or is planning to take, towards ratification/accession to the Nagoya Protocol?
3. What entity is responsible for initiating and spearheading the national process towards ratification of/accession to the Protocol (including development of the necessary policy briefs/cabinet memos or their equivalent and providing briefings to the Cabinet or parliament)?
4. What entity is responsible for taking the final decision (Cabinet or Parliament)?
5. Who are the other key stakeholders that have been, or need to be, involved/consulted in the ratification process (e.g. Parliamentarians, officials in different ministries, local governments, indigenous and local communities, etc.)?
6. What steps have you taken to identify and involve various actors in the ratification process (e.g. have you set up inter-ministerial committees, organized stakeholders consultations, etc.)?
7. What are some of the challenges or difficulties, concerns and obstacles that your country has encountered in the process towards the ratification of the Nagoya Protocol?
 - a. At a practical level (e.g. lack of capacity or poor coordination)
 - b. At a legal/technical level (e.g. conflict with existing domestic rules or lack of clarity of responsibilities)
 - c. At a political level (e.g. low priority given to the Nagoya Protocol)
8. How have, or could, those difficulties, concerns and obstacles be addressed?
9. What lessons have you learned from the national process for ratification/accession to the Nagoya

Protocol that might be useful to other countries?

10. What technical support would you need from the Secretariat and other partners to facilitate the ratification of the Nagoya Protocol by your country?
11. Are there legislative, administrative or policy measures already in place in your country that need to be revised/updated in order to meet the obligations set out in the Nagoya Protocol?
12. What type of new/additional legislative, administrative or policy measures need to be developed in your country in order to meet the obligations set out under the Nagoya Protocol?
