

**Capacity-building Workshop on Access and Benefit-sharing  
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Montreal, Canada  
4-5 June 2011**

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**BACKGROUND**

In paragraph 13 of Decision X/1, the Executive Secretary was requested to provide technical assistance to Parties, subject to the availability of financial resources, to support the early ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing.

In paragraph 14 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited the Global Environment Facility to provide financial support to Parties to assist with the early ratification of the Nagoya Protocol and its implementation.

Against this background, the Chief Executive Officer of the GEF has provided one million US dollars in financial support for a Medium Sized Project implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme and executed by the Secretariat in order to support the early ratification and entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol.

In addition, at the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties, the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (IT-PGRFA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to further enhance collaboration in areas of mutual interest within their mandates. The Memorandum foresees, *inter alia*, that both Secretariats will jointly organise workshops, seminars and other events on access and benefit-sharing as well as in other areas.

As part of the activities under the GEF Medium Sized Project, this capacity-building workshop is the first of a series of workshops being jointly organized by the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA). This first workshop is meant to contribute to the identification of the capacity-building needs and priorities of Parties in the implementation of their obligations under the Nagoya Protocol and to build on the experience and lessons learned from the implementation of the ITPGRFA.

In accordance with decision X/1, the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol (Intergovernmental Committee) will consider at its first meeting measures to assist in capacity-building, capacity development and strengthening of human resources and institutional capacities in developing countries. The outcomes of the workshop will be transmitted to the Intergovernmental Committee for its consideration.

## **Day 1: Morning Session (10:00-13:00)**

### **1. OPENING OF THE MEETING (10:00 – 10:30)**

The Workshop will be opened by Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and Dr. Shakeel Bhatti, the Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA).

The Secretariats of the CBD and ITPGRFA will provide an introduction to the workshop, including the methodology and organisation of work.

### **2. CAPACITY-BUILDING IN SUPPORT OF THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL (10:30-13:00)**

#### **2.1 *General presentation on awareness-raising and capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol***

The GEF Secretariat will provide an overview of its ongoing activities and plans to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

The CBD Secretariat will make a general presentation on its activities under the GEF Medium-sized Project on capacity-building to support the early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol.

Coffee break (11:00 –11:15)

#### **2.2. *General presentation on the obligations of Parties under the Nagoya Protocol***

The CBD Secretariat will provide a general overview on the obligations of Parties under the Nagoya Protocol as they relate to:

- Measures related to access, benefit-sharing and compliance
- Measures to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, including the establishment of National Focal Points, Competent National Authorities, the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, and awareness-raising.

#### **2.3 *General presentation on capacity-building for the implementation of the ITPGRFA***

The Secretariat of the ITPGRFA will provide an overview of the:

- Multilateral System of Access and Benefit Sharing of the ITPGRFA
- Capacity-building activities for the implementation of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit Sharing.

The presentations will be followed by a question and answer period. The presentations are meant to provide a basis for the discussions to be carried-out in the afternoon session on the obligations of Parties under the Nagoya Protocol.

Lunch (13:00–15:00)

**Day 1: Afternoon session (15:00-18:00)**

**3. GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE OBLIGATIONS OF PARTIES UNDER THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL (15:00 – 18:00)**

The participants will be invited to informally share information and exchange experiences on the process and measures planned to meet their obligations under the Nagoya Protocol as regards to:

- Measures related to access, benefit-sharing and compliance
- Measures to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, including the establishment of National Focal Points, Competent National Authorities, the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House, and awareness-raising.

The participants will also be invited to share their respective experiences and lessons learned with respect to capacity-building in support of the implementation of the ITPGRFA.

Coffee break (16:30 –16:45)

**Day 2: Morning Session (10:00 – 13:00)**

**4. IDENTIFICATION OF CAPACITY-BUILDING NEEDS AND PRIORITIES OF PARTIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL (10:00 – 13:00)**

Based on the outcomes of discussions carried out on the first day, and in light of the experience of the ITPGRFA, participants will be invited to identify their capacity-building needs and priorities in relation to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, including for ensuring complementarities between the Protocol and the ITPGRFA and pursuing their harmonious implementation.

**4.1 Breakout groups (10:00-11:15)**

With a view to facilitate the discussions, the participants will be divided into two breakout groups which will respectively:

- **Group 1:** Identify capacity needs and priorities of countries in order to meet their obligations under the Nagoya Protocol on access, benefit sharing, and compliance, as they relate to access to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge.
- **Group 2:** Identify capacity development needs and priorities regarding tools and mechanisms to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, including:
  - Designation of National Focal Points and Competent National Authorities
  - Establishment of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House
  - Awareness-raising.

Coffee break (11:15 –11:30)

#### **4.2      *Report to Plenary (11:30-13:00)***

The two groups will be invited to report back to plenary on the outcomes of their discussions. In light of the discussions carried-out during the workshop, the capacity-building needs and priorities identified with regards to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol will be transmitted to the Intergovernmental Committee for its consideration.

#### **5.      CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP**

The workshop will close at 1 p.m. on Sunday 5 June 2011.