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HEADS OF AGENCIES TASK FORCE ON THE 2010 BIODIVERSITY TARGET

First meeting
Gland, 15 September 2006

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Cooperation, signed by heads of biodiversity-related conventions, programmes and agencies of the United Nations and other international agencies in support of the achievement of the 2010, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity has convened a first meeting of the task force. The objective of the task force is to contribute to the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target, as part of the larger development agenda, by promoting complementarity among, and, where appropriate by coordinating, activities to support the efforts of the respective member countries and constituencies.
2. The present annotations to the provisional agenda for the first meeting of the Heads of Agencies Task Force on the 2010 Biodiversity Target have been prepared in consultation with participating agencies.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

3. Following the invitation by the Director General of IUCN – The World Conservation Union, the first meeting of the of the Heads of Agencies Task Force on the 2010 Biodiversity Target will be held at the offices of the world headquarters of IUCN, Rue Mauvernay 28, Gland, Switzerland.
4. The meeting will be opened by the Director General of IUCN – The World Conservation Union at 10 a.m. on Friday, 15 September 2006. Mr Achim Steiner, the Executive Director of UNEP will also address the opening session. The meeting will close before 4 p.m. on the same day.
5. The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will highlight the main issues to be addressed by the task force.
6. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary will be before the task force for consideration and adoption.



ITEM 2. OVERVIEW OF AGENCIES ACTIVITIES FOR ACHIEVING THE 2010 BIODIVERSITY TARGET

7. The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will introduce the background document (UNEP/CBD/TF.HOA/1/2) prepared on the substantive items under discussion.

8. Under this item, members of the task force will be invited to provide a brief update on the most relevant developments within their agencies relating to the 2010 biodiversity target. They may wish to inform the task force both on positive developments and obstacles in supporting countries and stakeholders in the achievement of the 2010 target.

9. Based on these presentations and suggested activities contained in the background document (UNEP/CBD/TF.HOA/1/2) the task force may wish to consider and refine the list of opportunities and options for enhancing the impact of each agency's activities in promoting and supporting the achievement of the 2010 target. The Task Force may thereby wish to consider activities that have short-term benefits as well as more strategic approaches.

10. The members of the task force may also wish to share their experience regarding the mechanisms for the provision of technical support to countries in support of the achievement of the 2010 target. This may facilitate a review of structures to facilitate complementarity of activities carried out in support of the achievement of the 2010 target and opportunities for increased coordination and joint implementation of activities.

ITEM 3. MODUS OPERANDI OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE

11. In accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Cooperation, the heads of agencies would meet at least once a year. Heads of agencies may wish to decide on the need for additional physical meetings and/or telephone/video conferences as need arises.

12. To facilitate ongoing communication and exchange of information between these meetings, each agency may wish to appoint a focal point who would be responsible for the identification and realization of opportunities for collaboration and the implementation of agreed elements of a joint work programme.

13. In addition, the task force may wish to discuss the need to establish a joint website or opportunities for a better integration of each agencies website as it relates to implementation of activities in support of the achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target. The latter may include a joint calendar of activities. The task force may also wish to consider the need for a corporate identity for activities related to the 2010 Biodiversity Target.

ITEM 4. TRIENNIAL WORK PROGRAMME OF THE TASK FORCE

14. The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and Global Biodiversity Outlook 2 concluded that the limited integration of biodiversity into sectoral planning and policies is a key shortcoming jeopardizing the achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target. In its work programme the task force may therefore wish to put particular emphasis on mainstreaming biodiversity.

15. The background document (UNEP/CBD/ TF.HOA/1/2) contains an indicative list of possible elements for a work programme until 2010 under two headings: (a) mainstreaming biodiversity and (b) supporting measures. The elements are largely based on activities already approved by the respective governing bodies of individual agencies and where implementation might benefit from increased coordination and collaboration between agencies.

16. The task force may wish to base its discussion on this elements and refine the work programme, noting that agencies may need to seek endorsement for specific activities from their governing bodies.

ITEM 5. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE

17. The Task Force may wish to discuss a possible date and venue for its second meeting, to be held in 2007. The Task Force may also wish to establish mechanisms to facilitate communication throughout the inter-sessional period. Possible options include regular teleconferences, a dedicated website, a listserv, the designation of focal points within each agency tasked with the identification and evaluation of opportunities for enhanced cooperation in support of decisions by heads of agencies.

18. Under this item, Task Force members will also be invited to raise any other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

19. It is expected that the meeting will close before 4 pm on 15 September.
