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Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
World Heritage Convention

Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions
Seventh meeting, Paris, 9 April 2009

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting will take place in the Salle VIII in the main building of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, 7, place de Fontenoy, 75352 Paris 07 SP, France. It will be opened on Thursday, 9 April 2009, at 10 a.m. by the Francisco Bandarin, Director of the World Heritage Centre.

ITEM 2. REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS FROM PREVIOUS BLG MEETINGS

2. The two previous meetings of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions (BLG) agreed on a number of actions as contained in the respective reports of those meetings (<http://www.cbd.int/cooperation/BLG-5-rep-final-en.doc> and <http://www.cbd.int/cooperation/BLG-6-rep-final-en.doc>). Annex I lists the actions agreed at BLG-6 as well as those pending from BLG-5 and summarizes the status of implementation.

3. The meeting may wish to review the implementation of these decisions and decide how progress could be made on those actions that are not completed.

ITEM 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM RECENT MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTIONS' GOVERNING BODIES AND SCIENTIFIC BODIES

4. Since the last meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions held in May 2008, a number of relevant meetings took place including the following:

- (a) 32nd session of the World Heritage Committee (Quebec City, 2 – 10 July 2008);
- (b) 57th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee (Geneva, 14-18 July 2008);
- (c) Fourth IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, 5 - 14 October 2008);
- (d) Ramsar COP-10 (Changwon, Gyeongnam, 28 October - 4 November 2008);
- (e) Ad Hoc Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services (IPBES) (Putrajaya, 10 - 12 November 2008);

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- (f) GEF Council Meeting and consultations (Washington, 10 - 13 November 2008);
 - (g) First Donor Conference for the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (Rome, 10 - 11 November 2008);
 - (h) CMS COP-9 (Rome, 30 November - 5 December 2008), preceded by the 15th Meeting of the CMS Scientific Council (Rome, 27 - 28 November 2008);
 - (i) 18th Meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Plants Committee (Buenos Aires, 17-21 March 2009);
 - (j) Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (Paris, 2 - 8 April 2009).
5. The meeting may wish to review the outcomes and implications of these events for the future work of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions and its constituencies.

3.1 Strategic matters

3.1.1 Updating of the Conventions' Strategic Plans

6. The following Strategic Plans of BLG members are currently being implemented:
- (a) [CBD Strategic Plan 2002-2010](#), adopted at COP-6;
 - (b) [CMS Strategic Plan 2006-2011](#), adopted at COP-8;
 - (c) [CITES Strategic Vision: 2008-2013](#), adopted at COP-14;
 - (d) [Ramsar Strategic Plan 2009-2015](#), adopted at COP-10;
7. Both CBD and CMS are currently preparing the updating of their Strategic Plans and CITES agreed on a monitoring framework for its Strategic Vision.
- (a) In [CMS Resolution 9.2](#) the Conference of the Parties decided that the focus for the triennium 2009-2011 should be the implementation and operationalisation of the existing AGREEMENTS and agreements under CMS auspices and on taking forward the work on the future shape of CMS (para 1). Furthermore, in [CMS Resolution 9.6](#) the Conference of the Parties requested the CMS Secretariat and partners to develop additional processes to streamline and coordinate their relationship, such as agreed work programmes between CMS and partner organizations that align closely with the CMS Strategic Plan and that are regularly reviewed;
 - (b) In [CBD decision IX/9](#) the Conference of the Parties provided detailed guidance on the process for updating the Strategic Plan and agreed on an indicative timetable for intersessional work to revise and update the Strategic Plan. Particular attention is being placed on the post-2010 biodiversity target(s) and several meetings have emphasized the need to achieve ownership beyond the Convention on Biological Diversity, for example by integrating existing targets from other conventions, organizations and processes. Annex II provides a timetable of activities leading to the updating of the Strategic Plan at COP-10. In this context, the meeting may wish to be briefed about the outcomes of the first meeting of the Issue Management Group on the post-2010 biodiversity target established by the Environment Management Group.
 - (c) The 57th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee adopted [a limited number of indicators for each objective of the Strategic Vision 2008-2013](#). These would also be taken into account in CITES contribution to the work on indicators on the 'Status of species in trade' under the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership.
8. The meeting may wish to discuss practical ways that could increase compatibility and coherence among the Strategic Plans of members of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions as these are being developed.

3.1.2 *Report from the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership*

9. The fifth meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions agreed that the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership should be a standing item on the agenda of the next meetings of the Liaison Group and that UNEP-WCMC would be invited to report on progress made in the development and implementation of the indicators.

10. Accordingly, the director of UNEP-WCMC has been invited to report on developments within the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership.

3.2 *Options for enhanced cooperation*

3.2.1 *Capacity-building at regional and national level*

11. In [CMS Resolution 9.12](#) on a Capacity-Building Strategy, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat to focus on cooperation with CMS agreements and other MEAs, highlighting common strategies, needs and actions by using TEMATEA and through consultation work of the Biodiversity Liaison Group (para 5). The Conference of the Parties also requested UNEP to support the Secretariat in holding regional workshops and other capacity-building events in conjunction with meetings already scheduled for the region (para 6) and encouraged the Secretariat and UNEP to identify possible regional, multilateral, bilateral collaborations and involve relevant stakeholders including other MEAs and the private sector in order to secure funding and enhancing training capacity.

12. It should be noted in this context that the project on knowledge management for multilateral agreements discussed earlier was attempting to link with TEMATEA and make these projects mutually supportive. One aspect of the knowledge management project sought to ensure that TEMATEA would build capacity among secretariats.

13. The meeting may wish to comment on the provisions in this CMS resolution and consider ways to address the request to the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions.

3.2.2 *Options for enhanced cooperation with regard to work on cross-cutting issues, such as climate change and invasive alien species*

14. In [CBD decision IX/27](#) the Conference of the Parties invited the scientific bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions and the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions to address at their future meetings, options for enhanced cooperation with regard to work on cross-cutting issues, such as climate change and invasive alien species, in a manner consistent with their respective mandates, governance arrangements and agreed programmes and requests the Executive Secretary to inform the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions of this and to invite them to participate in relevant discussions (para 5).

15. Furthermore, through [CMS Resolution 9.7](#) the CMS Secretariat was instructed to continue its close cooperation with the Scientific Council, the secretariats and scientific bodies of the CMS daughter agreements, and other biodiversity organizations and biodiversity-related bodies, to produce scientific and technical advice to assist CMS Parties introduce adaptation measures to counteract the effects of climate change on migratory species (para 13 (i)).

16. The Convention on Biological Diversity has worked with the partner Rio conventions to identify options for enhanced collaboration. Annex III lists those elements from [CBD decision IX/16](#) that refer to or would benefit from collaboration. The meeting may wish to use these elements as a basis for discussion.

17. In [CBD decision IX/4](#) (section A, para 11) on invasive alien species the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue to collaborate with the secretariats of the International Plant Protection Convention, the World Organization for Animal Health, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and the World Trade Organization, as well as other international organizations, such as International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Maritime

Organization, with a view to filling gaps and promoting coherence in the regulatory framework, reducing duplication, promoting other actions to address invasive alien species at the national level and facilitating support to Parties including through capacity-building, and to prepare a report for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

18. To facilitate this task an interagency Liaison Group on IAS has been established. A meeting of the IASLG is scheduled to be held in June 2009, in Montreal. The Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions may wish to emphasize the need for continued communication on gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework on IAS. Besides activities in connection with IDB2009 discussed earlier the meeting may further wish to consider strengthening collaboration on capacity building to address the threat of IAS on biodiversity.

19. The meeting may also wish to identify additional cross-cutting issue of particular relevance for enhanced collaboration.

3.2.3 International Day for Biological Diversity 2009 and International Year of Biodiversity in 2010

20. The theme for the International Day on Biological Diversity (IDB) in 2009 is invasive alien species. In preparation for IDB (22 May 2009) and to facilitate activities by interested partner organizations the CBD has prepared the following:

(a) A booklet on IDB2009 with key messages and sections on the threat and impact of IAS, pathways of invasion, climate change, prevention and concrete suggestions for activities by stakeholders. The booklet is currently being printed;

(b) A booklet for teachers entitled “Living in an ecosystem near you: Invasive alien species” also currently in press;

(c) A [photo gallery](#) accessible on the IAS portal. The photos are submissions from the Parties and relevant organizations and can be downloaded at high resolution;

(d) [Web pages dedicated to IDB2009](#);

(e) A logo for IDB2009.

21. Information about the events taking place in various countries will be made available on the web pages on IDB2009.

22. At its sixty-first session (decision 61/203 of 20 December 2006) the United Nations General Assembly decided to declare 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) and to identify the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity as focal point for the Year. In decision 25/3, the UNEP Governing Council invited Governments and relevant organizations to plan and undertake appropriate activities to commemorate and celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity 2010 spirit and requested the Executive Director of UNEP to collaborate with the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to promote cooperation between and coordination of international organizations and non-governmental organizations, and thereby to maximize effectively contributions to the biodiversity agenda.

23. In light of these decisions, the Executive Secretary issued a letter to relevant United Nations agencies, including members of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions, and has called upon them to nominate focal points for an interagency task force that would coordinate activities at the international level for the International Year of Biodiversity.

24. Branding and messaging for the International Year of Biodiversity is currently being developed, with a goal of finalizing this for the middle of 2009. Members of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions will be consulted and kept informed on this process through the designated focal points, to ensure proper coordination of the messages, taking into account our common messaging goals.

25. A revised version of the International Year of Biodiversity action plan will be available at the beginning of April. The action plan identifies communication goals, target audiences, and messages as well as outlining possible activities for the year.

26. The meeting may wish to provide comments on the preparations and identify opportunities for maximizing the impacts of outreach activities and for collaborative action.

3.2.4 Knowledge management for multilateral environment agreements

27. The second phase of the project on knowledge management for multilateral agreements has not received the requisite funding from UNEP. Discussions among UNEP-DELC, UNEP-WCMC and CITES are ongoing and there is hope that funding will become available to complete the project.

28. The meeting may wish to invite CITES to report on the latest developments. The meeting may also wish to discuss the implications of the UNEP IT Task force report.

3.3 Environmental governance

3.3.1 International environmental governance

29. The United Nations Joint Inspection Unit conducted a [Management review of environmental governance within the United Nations system](#), which aimed to strengthen the governance of and programmatic and administrative support for Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) by United Nations organizations by identifying measures to promote enhanced coordination, coherence and synergies between MEAs and the United Nations system, thus increasing United Nations system's contribution towards a more integrated approach to international environmental governance and management at national, regional and international levels.

30. The report observes that the current framework of international environmental governance is weakened by institutional fragmentation and specialization and the lack of a holistic approach to environmental issues and sustainable development and the duplication and fragmentation of the work of United Nations system organizations stem principally from a blurred distinction in their work programmes between environmental protection and sustainable development and the absence of a single strategic planning framework. It notes that there is no single strategic-planning framework embracing the entire United Nations system and finds the separation of secretariats of UNEP/United Nations-administered MEAs exceptional.

31. Of the total of twelve concrete recommendations made in the report, those recommended for action by executive heads of MEAs (recommendations 1 and 6 through 12) are listed in annex IV.

32. The Governing Council of UNEP took note of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit and in decision 25/4 on International environmental governance decided to establish a regionally representative, consultative group of ministers or high-level representatives to present a set of options for improving international environmental governance to the 11th special session of the GC/GMEF in 2010. Also, in decision 25/13 on the programme and budget the endorsed environmental governance as one of six programmes of work for the future work of UNEP.

33. The meeting may wish to invite a report of the Chief Executives Board meeting of 6-7 April and deliberate on the consequences of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit. The meeting may also wish to further examine the report of third meeting of the [Ad Hoc Joint Working Group on Enhancing Cooperation and Coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions](#) with a view to identify options for improved implementation of and cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions, as requested by [CBD decision IX/27](#) (para 4).

3.3.2 Trade and the environment

34. At its last meeting, the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-Related Conventions decided to consider at its next meeting a joint approach to World Trade Organization (WTO). The meeting was informed that the Chair of the CITES Standing Committee (Chile) would visit WTO as a national representative and would report back.

35. The meeting may wish to invite CITES to report on the outcomes of the visit to WTO of the Chair of its Standing Committee. The meeting may further wish to identify issues of joint concern as a first step. These could include, *inter alia*, (i) observer status in WTO; (ii) technical cooperation on trade-related issues; (iii) informal information exchange among MEAs ahead of and after sessions of relevant WTO committees. Annex V proposes a number of practical steps that could be taken and the meeting may wish to consider these in its discussion.

ITEM 4. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

36. The meeting may wish to discuss relevant upcoming meetings and events, including information about intended participation to facilitate joint representation of biodiversity-related conventions at meetings of others.

ITEM 5. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

37. The meeting may wish to decide on the date and venue of the next meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions. It may thereby wish to take into account [CBD decision IX/27](#) (para 3) which underlines the important role of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions and encourages the executive heads of the secretariats to meet on a more regular basis.

ITEM 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

38. Under this item, the meeting may wish to discuss any other relevant issues.

39. The meeting is expected to be closed at 4 p.m. on 9 April 2009.

Annex I

OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIONS AGREED AT BLG-6 AS WELL AS THOSE PENDING FROM BLG-5

Actions agreed by BGL-6	Progress made (C-completed, O-ongoing, N-no progress)	
BLG members to send comments or nil returns to CITES on Addis Ababa CD-Rom. Content to be finalized at the end of June 2008 and the material to be posted on BLG website with links from individual conventions' websites in July.	CITES prepared and circulated in early 2008 a draft compilation of all relevant documents on the application of the Addis Ababa principles and guidelines within the conventions. This was updated to include developments that took place in the course of 2008. A CD-Rom was produced and disseminated at CMS COP-9. 100 copies of the CD-Rom were sent to each BLG member. The content of the CD is available for downloading from https://www.cbd.int/doc/programmes/socio-eco/use/aagp/AAGP.zip	C
CBD would prepare a response to the EMG paper, stressing BLG's achievements while recognizing that some improvements were possible	A letter was sent to Achim Steiner on 10 June 2008 and a response dated 15 August 2008 was received suggesting follow-up discussions, particularly with the EMG Secretariat and DELC	C
CMS to draft text for the public display	The CMS Secretariat has worked with all BLG members to produce a mobile roll-up information banner dedicated to the BLG, which was used <i>inter alia</i> during CMS COP-9. Modalities for making this available to BLG members during relevant meetings have not yet been discussed	C O
WHC to circulate paper on effective countrywide communication	WHC will introduce a model on how the BLG could operate and communicate more effectively in a country context at BLG-7	O
A minimum of one BLG meeting each year will be a high level which all 6 Heads of Agency will make a strong effort to attend, starting with BLG 7 in Rome	The BLG 7 meeting was postponed to take place on 9 April 2009, in Paris	O
BLG members to specify their needs on follow-up Knowledge Management project. CITES will take the lead and liaise with DELC and WCMC in finalizing the project document.	See agenda item 3 above The UNEP project on knowledge management focused on interlinking strategic information from conventions through a web portal and on harmonization of reporting. The first project phase has come to an end and a follow-up project has been formulated but no donors have been found yet.	O
BLG members to inform CBD of their priorities and provide their input and participate fully in the GBO process	BLG members have provided information through a variety of channels, including the 2010BIP and the processed linked to the updating of the Strategic Plan. Most importantly, BLG members will be invited to engage actively in the peer review process of the draft GBO-3 starting August 2009	O
MEAs to pursue establishing their specific indicators in full harmonization with WCMC and CBD framework.	This is an ongoing process with tangible progress in Ramsar and CMS. Participation in a technical workshop on recommendations for a framework of targets and indicators organized jointly by UNEP-WCMC and SCBD (Reading, UK, 1-4 July 2009) would be very welcome in this context.	O
MEAs to engage in process of designing a post-2010 target.	In addition to the technical workshop on a framework of targets and indicators, BLG members might wish to participate in the	O

	Issue Management Group on the post-2010 target established under the EMG	
All BLG members would try to increase their participation in International Biodiversity Day, starting in 2009. This would be a platform for BLG to be at the heart of preparations for the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010. All BLG members would participate in the IYB teleconference to be arranged by CBD (probable date September 2008) for Information officers.	See agenda item 3 above	O
Draw up a list of designated years and days as well as a joint calendar of meetings as agreed at the previous meeting in Gland.	A list of designated years and days , as well as weeks and decades is maintained by UN NY and accessible from http://www.un.org/events/ The joint calendar of meetings has been implemented through a filter from the global calendar accessible from.	C
Next meeting to be in Rome in December 2008 hosted by ITPGR	Postponed to 9 April 2009 hosted by WHC in Paris.	C
The next meeting to consider a joint approach to WTO to try to agree a better approach. The CITES Standing Committee chair (Chile) would visit WTO as a national representative and would report back.	See under item 4 above.	O
Actions agreed by BGL-5	Progress made (C-completed, O-ongoing, N-no progress)	
CBD will finalize webpage for the Liaison Group including a joint calendar of biodiversity-related conventions.	Most of the webpages (www.cbd.int/blg) have been updated. A specific BLG filter to the global calendar has now been implemented and is accessible from http://www.cbd.int/blg/calendar/default.shtml .	O
CBD, in collaboration with partners, will develop a new webpage for the 2010 Biodiversity Target.	A new web portal has been developed but is still incomplete and has not been made public.	N
The 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership will be a standing item on the agenda of the next meetings of the Liaison Group. UNEP-WCMC will be invited to report on progress made in the development and implementation of the indicators.	See under item 3 above. UNEP/WCMC has been invited to participate in BLG-7 and to report on the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership.	O

Consider a rotational scheme of meetings chairs of the scientific and technical bodies or advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions attached to relevant meetings of different conventions.	This was not specifically discussed at the Second meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions. The meeting decided that third meeting of Chairs of scientific advisory bodies should be held at the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC), 5-14 October 2008 in Barcelona but this turned out too ambitious. No proposal has been made for a date and venue of a third meeting	N
The next meeting of the Liaison Group will consider a concept note on the feasibility and contents of a common E-learning academy.	E-learning was not specifically discussed in the UNEP project but could be included as a component of a follow-up project. No concept note has been prepared yet.	N
The joint calendar of the Liaison Group should include a mechanism to inform each other about intended participation to facilitate joint representation.	This has not been implemented.	N
One of the agenda items will be funding strategies. Finance Officers of the biodiversity-related conventions will collectively prepare a short document by end of 2006.	This was not implemented as a collaborative activity. A CBD document "Towards a resource mobilization strategy for the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity" (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/22) is available.	N

Annex II

KNOWN AND EMERGING EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF POST 2010 TARGET

Date	Event	Scale	Status
Late 2008	Informal EU group established under WPIEI Biodiversity to begin consideration of the issues connected with the revision of the CBD Strategic Plan, including a post 2010 target.	Regional (EU)	Confirmed
Until end Jan 2009	E-forum established to allow stakeholders to exchange views on the current and future strategic plan of the Convention. The E-forum available at http://www.cbd.int/sp/post2010forum/	Global	Confirmed
14 February 2009	Environment Management Group (under UN system with UNEP as secretariat) decided to establish an Issue Management Group (IMG) on the 2010 biodiversity target with the objective to identify opportunities for synergies in the review of current and formulation of future biodiversity targets and the framework for its implementation. First meeting of the IMG scheduled for 8 April 2009	Global	Confirmed
15 February 2009	Brainstorming meeting on the development of post-2010 target organized by UNEP and involving the CBD Secretariat, members of the COP Bureau, and the EMG among others	Global	Confirmed
11 February 2009	High-level roundtable on the European Biodiversity Action Plan in the European Parliament: <i>Counting down to 2010: State of Play and the post 2010 vision for Europe.</i>	Regional	Confirmed
8-9 March 2009	Germany, as the current Chair of the CBD Conference of Parties to hold an eminent persons' seminar in early March 2009. This workshop, which would be similar to the Potsdam workshop held in December 2006, would focus on the post-2010 biodiversity target.	Global	Confirmed
Jan to April 2009	Italy as G8 presidency will hold informal meetings within the G8+5 (and possibly other) countries also on issues related to the post 2010 biodiversity target, in preparation to the G8 Environmental Ministers Meeting in April.	G8	Confirmed
8 April 2009	First meeting of the Issue Management Group on the post-2010 biodiversity target under UNEMG	Global	Confirmed
April 2009 (27-29)	EU Commission planning a conference on Biodiversity in the EU- Beyond 2010. The Conference in Athens, Greece, will be a follow up to Malahide, and focus on the post 2010 vision for the EU, within wider discussions on a global target.	Regional (EU)	Confirmed
Mid 2009 (most likely June)	Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy – possible meeting in Belgium, mid 2009. Agenda may include strategic plan and 2010 follow up, possibly SEBI2010 indicators (biodiversity indicators to assess and inform about progress towards the European 2010 targets)? EEA report on SEBI2010 indicators will be launched May 2009.	Regional (Pan European)	Confirmed (dates still tbc though)

Mid 2009 (Jun/Jul)	UNEP-WCMC technical workshop (as part of the work being undertaken for GBO3) to evaluate the 2010 target and indicator framework and to make recommendations regarding possible post-2010 targets and indicators.	Global	Unconfirmed
Mid 2009	Regional process in Southern Africa and Latin America to consider post 2010 target. IUCN expected to organize workshop (funded by EC)	Regional (Southern Africa and Latin America)	Confirmed
Sept 2009	Swedish Conference on i) Ecosystem Services, Biodiversity and Climate Change (to help prepare for UNFCCC in Dec 09), and ii) Develop clearer understanding of EU views on the CBD Strategic Plan.	EU?	?
Sept 2009	Pan-European workshop (possibly at Vilm?)	Regional (Pan-Europe)	Confirmed
late 2009	Japan intends to hold a (regional) workshop to discuss Post-2010 targets - Focus likely to be a regional Asian meeting.	Regional (Asia)	Confirmed
Nov 2009	CBD Secretariat has proposed to hold a workshop during the DIVERSITAS Open Science Conference (October 2009) on the scientific underpinning of possible post-2010 target(s)		Unconfirmed
Dec 2009	2010 EC BAP findings launched on Dec 16.	EU	Confirmed
Late 2009/ early 2010	UNEP are planning a multi stakeholder conference end of 2009 or beginning of 2010 so that the findings can feed into the discussions of the UN General Assembly	Global	Confirmed
1-5 February 2010	Sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity focusing on a post 2010 target and Strategic Plan, drawing on evidence from the draft GBO-3. The report from the Conference will be made available to SBSTTA14 and WGRI-3.	Global	Confirmed
May 2010	Consideration of draft revised strategic plan, including post 2010 targets, at CBD intersessional meetings SBSTTA 14 (13–21 May 2010), and WG-RI 3 (24–28 May 2010). GBO3 launched on International Day for Biological Diversity (22 May)	Global	Confirmed
Sept 2010 (22/9)	High level segment of 65 th Session of UNGA on achieving 2010 Biodiv Target (more than just Env't Ministers present so represents good opportunity to have target endorsed at highest poss level).	Global	Unconfirmed
Oct 2010	COP10 held in Nagoya Japan, 11-29 October 2010	Global	Confirmed

Annex III

**SELECTED ELEMENTS THAT REFER TO COOPERATION FROM CBD DECISION IX/16
ON BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

(paragraph numbering maintained from original decision)

B. Options for mutually supportive actions addressing climate change within the three Rio conventions

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Recognizing* the distinct mandates and independent legal status of each convention and the need to avoid duplication and promote cost savings, *requests* the Executive Secretary to collaborate with the secretariats of the other Rio conventions in order to:

(a) Continue with the activities that are already ongoing or have been called for by Parties in the framework of the three Rio conventions, including those activities listed in annex I to the present decision;

(b) Implement the following, making full use of existing tools, such as the clearing-house mechanism:

(i) Publish an electronic bulletin on synergies between the three Rio conventions, including reports on progress from Parties;

(ii) Create tools to inform Parties about relevant activities on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, on combating environmental degradation, desertification/land degradation and climate change, including through updating existing tools and publications such as the clearing-house mechanism under the Convention and national biodiversity information systems;

(iii) Produce educational materials bearing in mind cultural circumstances and delivery methods based on the needs of the target audiences; and

(iv) Develop Web-based communication tools;

(c) Identify further opportunities for mutually supportive activities and continue deliberating on streamlining reporting;

(d) Pursue opportunities to support activities linked to national capacity self-assessment projects towards implementation of the three Rio conventions;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue discussions within the Joint Liaison Group on the following activities:

(a) Make available relevant notifications to other conventions' focal points through the Web;

(b) Compile, where available, lessons learned and case-studies on national mechanisms for coordination among focal points in order to enhance cooperation;

(c) Share reports and reviews of national planning processes, where available, and highlight lessons learned that may be relevant across conventions in order to improve integrated planning;

(d) Provide case-studies and lessons learned on the integration of biodiversity and desertification / land degradation issues within national adaptation plans of action under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);

(e) Improve ways to communicate to the scientific community the three Rio conventions' research needs on synergies; and

(f) Provide the focal points of all three conventions with up-to-date information on relevant assessments, research programmes and monitoring tools;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, recalling the Memorandum of Cooperation with the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention, to enhance cooperation with regard to changing risk for biodiversity resulting from climate-change impacts on plant pests, in order to gather relevant scientific information so as to inform policy;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to explore with the United Nations Environment Programme, and as far as possible in collaboration with the Joint Liaison Group, the nature and scope of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-Building with a view to identifying how it might support the achievement of synergies between the three Rio conventions in national implementation, and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting;

10. *Invites* relevant organizations to provide support to Parties, as appropriate and based on national circumstances, in implementing the activities laid out in annex II to the present decision in order to enhance cooperation and coordination between the three Rio conventions and other relevant multilateral environmental agreements;

C. Ocean Fertilization

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to bring the issue of ocean fertilization to the attention of the Joint Liaison Group;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to disseminate the results of the ongoing scientific and legal analysis under the London Convention and London Protocol, and any other relevant scientific and technical information, to the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

D. Summary of the findings of the global Assessment on Peatlands, Biodiversity and Climate Change

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Encourages* Parties and other Governments to strengthen collaboration with the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and promote the participation of interested organizations in the implementation of the Guidelines for Global Action on Peatlands and other actions, such as the ones listed in the global Assessment of Peatlands, Biodiversity and Climate Change, that could contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of peatlands;

2. *Welcomes* the initiative of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention to consider wetlands and climate change as an important emerging issue, *invites* the Secretariat and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention, subject to available resources, to further assess the contribution of biodiversity to climate-change mitigation and adaptation in peatlands and other wetlands and *further invites* the Secretariat and the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention to make the reports on these assessments available, for example through its website;

3. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to explore ways to engage with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in planning and preparing its next assessment reports and *invites* the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to participate in the Convention on Biological Diversity and Ramsar processes of preparing future technical studies on climate change and biodiversity, particularly on wetlands;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention, and subject to available resources, to conduct an analysis of the potential of incentive measures and funding mechanisms under climate-change adaptation and mitigation in supporting biodiversity conservation and sustainable use in wetlands as well as in supporting local livelihoods and contributing to poverty eradication and *further requests* the Executive Secretary to explore ways to

engage with those national and international research centres (e.g. CGIAR centres) addressing climate-change adaptation and mitigation in relation to wetlands biodiversity;

6. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention, at its tenth meeting, to consider appropriate action in relation to wetlands, water, biodiversity and climate change in view of the importance of this subject for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and human welfare.

*Annex IV***RECOMMENDATIONS OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO MEAS FROM THE
MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE WITHIN THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM CONDUCTED BY THE UN JOINT INSPECTION UNIT**

(numbering maintained from original report)

Recommendation 1

The Secretary-General should submit to the General Assembly for its consideration through the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environmental, a clear understanding on the division of labour among development agencies, UNEP and the MEAs, outlining their respective areas and types of normative and operational capacity-building activities for environmental protection and sustainable development.

Recommendation 6

The Secretary-General - on the basis of a proposal of the Executive Director of UNEP and consultations with MEA secretariats - should submit to the General Assembly, for its consideration and approval, guidelines on the establishment of national and, where appropriate, regional platforms on environmental protection and sustainable development policies which can integrate the implementation of MEAs into the CCA and UNDAF processes.

Recommendation 7

The Secretary-General as Chairman of the Chief Executive Board should encourage the executive heads of the organizations and the MEAs:

(a) To develop a joint system-wide planning framework for the management and coordination of environmental activities, drawing on the results-based management framework endorsed by General Assembly resolution 60/257, and to this end,

(b) To draw up an indicative-planning document serving for joint programming of their activities in the environment sphere.

Recommendation 8

The Secretary-General should undertake, in consultation with the MEAs and relevant United Nations system organizations, a review of the adequacy and effectiveness of funding environmental activities focusing on the concept of incremental costs and submit a report thereon to the General Assembly through the relevant intergovernmental bodies.

Recommendation 9

The General Assembly, upon receipt of the above Secretary-General's report and the views on it of the intergovernmental bodies concerned, should redefine the concept of incremental cost funding applicable to the existing financial mechanisms.

Recommendation 10

The Secretary-General, on the basis of a proposal of the Executive Director of UNEP and consultation with UNEP-administered MEA secretariats, should:

(a) Develop and/or review the delegation of authority, division of roles and responsibilities of the entities providing administrative, financial and human resources management services to the Conferences of Parties, and;

(b) Draw up a clear service level agreement defining the level and type of services to be delivered by the United Nations offices in Nairobi and Geneva to MEA secretariats.

Recommendation 11

The Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Executive Director of UNEP and in consultation with the MEA secretariats, should undertake a review of UNEP and UNON practices concerning the recruitment of staff for MEA secretariats, and propose steps to improve the staffing situation and geographical distribution of staff.

Recommendation 12

The Secretary-General should:

(a) Increase transparency in the use of the programme-support cost resources on an actual cost basis and in the services delivered to MEAs administered by the United Nations and UNEP, and to this end ensure that programme-support costs charged for such services are budgeted and applied against actual expenditures incurred;

(b) Instruct the United Nations Controller to undertake consultations with United Nations entities that deliver administrative services to the Conferences of the Parties and on the basis thereof submit to the General Assembly for its adoption proposals for setting up a common budget for administrative support services provided to MEAs and inform each Conference of the Parties on the administrative and budgetary implications arising from this arrangement.

Annex V

ELEMENTS FOR A POSSIBLE JOINT APPROACH OF BLG MEMBERS VIS-À-VIS WTO

1. Observer status: MEAs have various requests at various WTO committees pending. For the CBD the status is as follows: CTE-R granted; CTE-SS, TRIPS Council, Agriculture, SPS, TBT committees: pending. For CITES the status is as follows: CTE-R granted; CTE-SS pending; General Council and committees on SPS, TBT, trade and development and regional trade agreements to be requested.

Proposed Action item 1: Compile for each MEA a list of relevant WTO committees in which observer status has been achieved, is pending or is to be requested.

Proposed Action item 2: Invite specific Committee chairs to follow the ‘special invitee’ model of the CTE-SS. This could be done by a joint letter of the Executive Secretaries, or COP Presidents. However, this would probably be sensible only if several MEAs have applied for observer status in one particular committee.

2. Technical cooperation: Various MEAs, including the CBD and CITES, have in the past participated in the WTO regional workshops on trade and environment. Cooperation among MEAs could be strengthened with a view to have the MEA representative(s) attending a particular workshop also representing other MEAs (e.g. by delivering a joint presentation at the workshop). In light of the time and resource constraints of individual responsible officers in MEA secretariats, this could be an interesting option for realizing synergy. Consideration could also be given to a national authority, which serves as focal point for more than one MEAs, delivering a joint presentation.

Proposed Action item 3: Each interested MEA to prepare slides of relevant trade issues under the MEA, for joint perusal at upcoming technical cooperation/capacity building events

Proposed Action item 4: MEAs to nominate a (rotating?) focal point for liaising with the WTO Secretariat on a regular basis in order to keep abreast with the latest calendar of planned events

Proposed Action item 5: Coordinate among MEAs in order to secure representation of at least one representative in these events

3. Information exchange: The UNEP Economics and Trade Branch in Geneva (which in the past informally organized meetings with the WTO Secretariat after CTE sessions) already provides information on an informal basis. We also had in the past an email list of officers following WTO developments (they could probably be updated). CITES and WTO have discussed organizing further, informal discussions among members of both organizations, perhaps in the margins of the CITES SC, on issues of common interest identified by the secretariats. Details about the discussions held between the Chairman of the CITES Standing Committee and one of the Deputy Directors General of WTO are contained in the SC57 Summary Record, under agenda item 12 on cooperation with WTO.

Proposed Action item 6: Update email lists of officers following WTO developments and consider joint organization of an informal discussion.
