



**Convention on
Biological Diversity**

Distr.
GENERAL

UNEP/CBD/BS/AHTEG-SEC/1/1/Add.1
20 January 2014

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

**AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON
SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS**

First meeting

Seoul, 17-21 February 2014

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) adopted decision BS-VI/13 on socio-economic considerations. The decision includes requests for the Executive Secretary to undertake a series of activities which were ultimately intended to contribute to the development of conceptual clarity on socio-economic considerations.
2. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary convened online discussion groups and regional online real-time conferences to facilitate and synthesize the exchange of views, information and experiences on socio-economic considerations among Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities in the context of paragraph 1 of Article 26 of the Protocol. The Secretariat also commissioned a consultant to compile, take stock of and review information on socio-economic considerations in order to develop a global overview.
3. The COP-MOP had also decided to establish an ad hoc technical expert group on socioeconomic considerations to (i) examine the outcomes of the online discussion group, the regional online real-time conferences, and the global overview of information, in order to develop, drawing upon the outcomes, conceptual clarity on socio-economic considerations; and (ii) submit its report for consideration by the seventh meeting of COP-MOP. The report from the technical expert group is intended to enable the COP-MOP to deliberate and decide upon appropriate further steps towards fulfilling operational objective 1.7 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020.
4. With generous financial support from the Governments of Norway and the Republic of Korea and the further offer by the latter to host it, the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Socio-economic Considerations will be held in Seoul from 17 to 21 February 2014.

* UNEP/CBD/BS/AHTEG-SEC/1/1.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The meeting of the AHTEG will be opened by a representative of the Republic of Korea at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 17 February 2014. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will also make opening remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

6. The AHTEG will be invited to elect its co-chairs from among its members.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

7. The meeting may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda proposed by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/BS/AHTEG-SEC/1/1). The provisional agenda has been prepared in line with the terms of reference of the AHTEG specified in decision BS-VI/13.

2.3. Organization of work

8. The AHTEG may wish to consider the proposed organization of work as contained in annex I below. The language of the meeting will be English.

9. The list of documents for the meeting as contained in annex II below will be made available on the Secretariat's website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BS-AHTEG-SEC-01>.

ITEM 3. CONCEPTUAL CLARITY ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS ARISING FROM THE IMPACT OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS ON THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO THE VALUE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY TO INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

3.1. Examining the outcomes of the activities undertaken in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of decision BS-VI/13 of the sixth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

10. The Secretariat convened an online discussion group from 11 March 2013 to 16 April 2013. The online discussion was followed by regional online real-time conferences which were convened on 13, 17, 20 and 27 June 2013 for the five regions – Western Europe and Others Group and Central and Eastern Europe, Asia – Pacific, Africa, and the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean, respectively. The Secretariat also commissioned a consultant for the purpose of compiling, taking stock of and reviewing information on socio-economic considerations arising from the impact of living modified organisms on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

11. Under this agenda item, the meeting will, therefore, examine, in accordance with the terms of reference of the AHTEG specified in decision BS-VI/13, the outcomes of the (i) online discussion, (ii) regional online real-time conferences, and (iii) review of information on socio-economic considerations, in order to develop conceptual clarity.

12. The Secretariat will provide an overview of the activities undertaken in accordance with the decision of the sixth meeting of the COP-MOP. Experts who facilitated the discussions of the online real-time conferences in their respective region and are attending the present meeting will be invited to provide their assessment of the outcome of the conference in their region.

13. Participants will have before them (i) a summary of the online discussion held from 11 March 2013 to 16 April 2013 (UNEP/CBD/BS/REGCONF-SEC/2/INF/1),¹ and (ii) a global overview of information on socio-economic considerations arising from the impact of living modified organisms on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/BS/AHTEG-SEC/1/2). The transcripts of the interventions made at each of the regional online real-time conferences could also be accessed online through the portal on socio-economic considerations available in the Biosafety Clearing-House: http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art26/about_realtime.shtml.

3.2. *Developing conceptual clarity*

14. Under this agenda item the meeting is expected to develop conceptual clarity on socio-economic considerations on the basis of its examination of the outcomes of the activities described in 3.1 above. The AHTEG may wish, among other things, to invite each expert to provide a limited number of core elements, which, on the basis of the informed view of the expert, will contribute to the attainment of conceptual clarity on socio-economic considerations as provided in Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety² The meeting may review each or a group of the proposed elements with a view to identifying commonalities, if any, and understanding the diversities. The AHTEG may wish to endeavor to develop a set of minimum elements that may provide clarification to the concept of socio-economic considerations.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

15. Members of the AHTEG may also wish to raise and discuss any other matters relevant to the task of developing conceptual clarity on socio-economic considerations as specified in the terms of reference provided in decision BS-VI/13.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

16. The AHTEG will be invited to adopt its report for submission to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol for its consideration and appropriate action.

ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

17. The meeting is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 21 February 2014.

¹ The summary, which was initially prepared and made available for the regional real-time online conferences, presents the core issues raised and the views expressed in response to a set of guiding questions. It also contains a compilation of relevant information shared by the participants of the online discussion.

² This agenda item is central to the mission of the AHTEG. In that regard, each member of the AHTEG is kindly encouraged to come to the meeting prepared with some specific elements (e.g. up to five core elements) believed to clarify the concept of socioeconomic considerations and to contribute to the fulfilment of the group's task that was entrusted by the Parties to the Protocol. The materials available in the socioeconomic portal of the BCH, including the archived ones, may be informative and beneficial in this exercise: http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art26/se_archive.shtml.

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

Monday <i>17 February 2014</i>	
9.30 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 1. Opening of the workshop
10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 2. Organizational matters: 2.1. Election of officers; 2.2. Adoption of the agenda; 2.3. Organization of work.
10.30 a.m.– 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 3. Conceptual clarity on socio-economic considerations arising from the impact of living modified organisms on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, especially with regard to the value of biological diversity to indigenous and local communities: 3.1. Examining the outcomes of the activities undertaken in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of decision BS-VI/13 of the sixth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch Break
2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.1 (continued)</i>
3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.45 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.1 (continued)</i>
Tuesday <i>18 November 2014</i>	
9 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 3.2. Developing conceptual clarity.
10.45 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.2 (continued)</i>
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.2 (continued)</i>
3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.45 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.2 (continued)</i>

Wednesday <i>19 February 2014</i>	
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.2 (continued)</i>
10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.2 (continued)</i>
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.2 (continued)</i>
3.30 p.m. – 3.45	Coffee/Tea Break
3.45 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.2 (continued)</i>
Thursday <i>20 February 2014</i>	
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.2 (continued)</i>
10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.2 (continued)</i>
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.2 (continued)</i>
3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.45 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 3.2 (continued)</i>
Friday <i>21 February 2014</i>	
9 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	<i>Agenda item:</i> 4. Other matters
10.45 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<i>Agenda item</i> 5. Adoption of the report
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda item</i> 5. Adoption of the report (continued)
3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.45 p.m. – 5 p.m.	6. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/BS/AHTEG-SEC/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/AHTEG-SEC/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/BS/AHTEG-SEC/1/2	Global overview of information on socio-economic considerations arising from the impact of living modified organisms on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/BS/REGCONF-SEC/2/INF/1	Socio-economic Considerations: Summary of the Online Discussions of March-April 2013

For further reading in preparation for the meeting please also visit the Online Portal on Socio-economic Considerations at: http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art26/se_main.shtml.

A number of documents prepared in connection with activities carried out from 2008 to 2012 with respect to socioeconomic considerations are archived in the Online Portal.
