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CARIBBEAN SUBREGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON MAINSTREAMING BIOSAFETY INTO NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, 9-13 March 2015

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. In its decision BS-V/16, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted a Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety covering the period 2011 to 2020. In paragraph 2 of that decision, Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations were invited to: (a) review and align, as appropriate, their national action plans and programmes relevant to the implementation of the Protocol, including their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), with the Strategic Plan and; (b) allocate adequate human and financial resources necessary to expedite the implementation of the Strategic Plan. In decision BS-V/11, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties also adopted the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and encouraged Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to ratify or accede to it as soon as possible and to embark on its implementation.

2. The second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol, which was considered at the sixth meeting of the Parties (Hyderabad, India, October 2012), noted that, while progress had been made in the implementation of some of the core elements of the Protocol, a number of barriers had impeded its full implementation (see UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/6/17/Add.1). These included: lack of human, financial and technical resources; a continuing lack of awareness of biosafety issues among the public and policymakers; and limited integration of biosafety considerations into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans and programmes, including NBSAPs, national development plans and development cooperation policies and programmes.

3. In the light of the above, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is organizing the Caribbean Subregional Capacity-Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization, in collaboration with the UNEP/GEF Regional Project for Implementing National Biosafety Frameworks (NBFs) in the Caribbean and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda. The workshop will be held in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, from 9 to 13 March 2015, back-to-back with the Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee for the Biosafety Implementation project. The workshop is funded by the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

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4. The goal of this workshop is to enhance the capacity of Parties in the Caribbean subregion to advance the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and its Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress through effective integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans in line with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol and the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets (1-4, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 20). It also aims to increase the capacity of Parties to identify and mobilize sufficient and predictable resources for the implementation of the Protocol and facilitate public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms (LMOs).

5. The workshop will provide an opportunity for the participants to share experiences and identify strategies to improve the integration of biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development plans and mobilize additional resource for the implementation of Strategic Plan for the Protocol. They will also review the progress with the implementation of the Protocol and the status of ratification of Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress in the subregion. Furthermore, the workshop will provide a platform for participants to share experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation and discuss ways and means of fostering regional cooperation.

6. Specifically with regard to the learning objectives, it is expected that, at the end of workshop, participants will be able to:

(a) Describe the status of the implementation of the Protocol in the Caribbean subregion and the extent to which biosafety is integrated in the NBSAPs and national development planning processes;

(b) Identify tools, strategies and opportunities for improving the integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans;

(c) Define strategies for mobilization of additional resources to support the implementation of the Protocol and how to incorporate them into the national resource mobilization plans being developed in the context of the NBSAP revision process, taking into account the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in support of the achievement of the objectives of the Convention;

(d) Identify good practices and lessons learned in the implementation of the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning living modified organisms and describe how the programme of work contributes to the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 1;

(e) Describe the objective and core requirements of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, identify measures that could be taken at the national level to implement those requirements, and assess potential challenges and opportunities for the ratification and implementation of the Supplementary Protocol.

7. More than 30 participants, including the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety national focal points, CBD national focal points, National Coordinators of the UNEP/GEF Project for Implementing National Biosafety Frameworks in the Caribbean and NBSAP Coordinators from the 14 of the countries in the sub-region,¹ as well as representatives from regional organizations and other partners, are expected to attend.

8. The workshop will be conducted in English. Documents for the workshop will be made available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSRWMB-CAR-01>.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

9. The workshop and the meeting of the Regional Steering Committee of the UNEP/GEF Biosafety Implementation project in the Caribbean will be opened by the Minister of Health and the Environment of Antigua and Barbuda at 9 a.m. on Monday, 9 March 2015. The representatives of the Secretariat of the

¹ The countries invited to attend are: Antigua and Barbuda; Bahamas; Barbados; Belize; Dominica; Grenada; Guyana; Haiti; Jamaica; Saint Kitts and Nevis; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Suriname; and Trinidad and Tobago.

Convention on Biological Diversity and the UNEP/GEF Regional Project for Implementing National Biosafety Frameworks in the Caribbean will also make opening remarks.

ITEM 2. WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

10. Under this item, the Secretariat will present the objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop, and introduce the provisional agenda and 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. STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY IN THE CARIBBEAN

11. Under this item, the participants will be invited to exchange information on the current status of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety at the national and regional levels and share the experiences and lessons learned, including updates on the activities under the UNEP/GEF Regional Project for Implementing National Biosafety Frameworks in the Caribbean.² The Secretariat will provide an overview of the status of implementation at the regional level based on the information provided by Parties in their second national reports.

ITEM 4. INTRODUCTION TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (2011-2020) AND THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION IN THE CARIBBEAN

12. Under this agenda item, the participants will review key elements of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2011-2020 and its linkages with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The participants will be invited to share information on how the national measures for the implementation of the Protocol are being aligned with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol and the Strategic Plan for the Biodiversity and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

ITEM 5. INTEGRATION OF BIOSAFETY INTO NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

13. Under this item, the participants will be introduced to the rationale, tools, good practices and potential opportunities and challenges of integrating biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development plans. This will include discussions on the meaning and importance of integration of biosafety; key areas/sectors into which biosafety issues could or should be integrated; and the possible ways and means through which integration could be achieved (including entry points, tools, methods and institutional strategies) and the role of various actors.

14. After the presentation, participants will be divided into group to exchange information on how biosafety is integrated in their NBSAPs and national development planning processes; share practical experiences, good practices and lessons learned in the integration process; identify the capacity-building needs and opportunities for integration and discuss possible ways and means for improvement. They will also be invited to identify possible elements of a road map towards achieving integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level within the context of the revised NBSAPs and the national plans for sustainable development.

² Prior to the workshop, participants will be requested to submit to the Secretariat brief reports on the status of implementation of the Protocol in their countries, the opportunities and challenges encountered.

ITEM 6. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION FOR ADVANCING NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

15. Under this item, the participants will be introduced to key resource mobilization concepts, strategies and initiatives in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including recent developments with regard to the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in support of the achievement of the three objectives of the Convention which was adopted by the Conference of the Parties in its decision IX/11 and decisions on resource mobilization taken by the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. They will also be introduced to key steps involved in the development of a national resource mobilization strategy.

16. The Secretariat will also present GEF funding opportunities for biosafety during the GEF sixth replenishment period (GEF-6), including Program 5: Implementing the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety under the Biodiversity Focal Area Strategy, the Biodiversity Focal Area Set-Aside funds and the integrated approach pilots.

17. After the presentation, participants will engage in group discussions to identify possible strategies and mechanisms for mobilizing additional resources to support national implementation of the Protocol and discuss how these could be incorporated into the national resource mobilization plans being developed in the context of the NBSAP revision/update process. They will discuss ways to improve the level of support for biosafety projects in the programming of the GEF-6 country allocations under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR).

ITEM 7. PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION CONCERNING LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS

18. Under this item, participants will review the key concepts, tools and methods relevant to public awareness, education, access to information, and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms (LMOs) and share the experiences, good practices and lessons learned in the implementation of the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning LMOs and discuss how the implementation of the programme of work is contributing to the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 1.

19. The participants will also engage in a group exercise to identify key elements of a national biosafety communication strategy and thereafter develop individual draft biosafety communication strategies for their respective countries.

20. Furthermore the participants will discuss the key concepts and core elements of national regimes on public access to information and share the good practices and lessons learned in the implementation of the Aarhus Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters and its GMO Amendment.

21. Finally, the participants will discuss the key concepts, emerging good practices and lessons learned with regard to public participation in decision-making concerning LMOs, including the basic principles and conditions for achieving effective participation, the different levels/degrees of public participation, and key points to consider in selecting public participation methods and techniques for a given decision-making process. They will also identify key elements of, and steps involved in developing, a public participation plan.

ITEM 8. RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAGOYA – KUALA LUMPUR SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS

22. Under this item, the participants will be introduced to the objective and core requirements of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on

Biosafety. They will also be briefed on the status of ratification of the Supplementary Protocol and the possible advantages of ratification or accession to the Supplementary Protocol.

23. Following the presentations, the participants will take part in group discussions to identify and describe measures that may need to be taken at the national level to implement the requirements of the Supplementary Protocol and identify potential challenges and opportunities for the ratification or accession to, and implementation of, the Supplementary Protocol.

ITEM 9. THE WAY FORWARD

24. Under this item, participants will be invited to discuss the way forward towards promoting integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Convention on Biological Diversity through the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in line with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

ITEM 10. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

25. During the closing session, the participants will be invited to reflect on the knowledge acquired from the workshop and how it will be shared and applied. They will also be requested to complete an evaluation form. It is expected that the workshop will close on Friday, 13 March 2015, at 4.30 p.m.

Annex

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

DATE AND TIME	SESSION/ACTIVITY
Monday, 9 March 2015	
8.45 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Item 1. Opening of the workshop (jointly with opening of UNEP-GEF Project meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening remarks by a representative of the UNEP/GEF Project for Implementing NBFs in the Caribbean • Opening remarks by a representative of the CBD Secretariat • Opening remarks by a representative of UNEP • Opening of the workshop by the Minister of Health and the Environment of Antigua and Barbuda Group photo
9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Item 2. Workshop objectives and expected outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop objectives and expected outcomes • Participants' expectations
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
10.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) for the UNEP/GEF Project for Implementing NBFs in the Caribbean (for project participants)
1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) for the UNEP/GEF Project for Implementing NBFs in the Caribbean (for project participants)
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) for the UNEP/GEF Project for Implementing NBFs in the Caribbean (for project participants)
Tuesday, 10 March 2015	
9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session on the ANUBIS project management system (for project participants)
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session on the ANUBIS project management system (for project participants)
1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK

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2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Item 3. Status of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in the Caribbean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Status of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol in the Caribbean sub-region based on the synthesis of the second national reports, <i>by Erie Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country presentations: National experience, good practices and lessons learned in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country presentations (Cont'd)
Wednesday, 11 March 2015	
9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Item 4. Introduction to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020) and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and their implementation in the Caribbean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Interlinkages between the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020) and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, <i>by Charles Gbedemah, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenary discussion: Alignment of national measures for the implementation of the Protocol with the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	Item 5. Integration of biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: The rationale, good practices and tools for the integration of biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and national development plans, <i>by Erie Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Current status and level of integration of biosafety into existing national biodiversity strategies and action plans in the Caribbean; <i>by Worku Yifru, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus group discussions: Practical steps and key points to consider in integrating biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans, taking into account previous country experiences and lessons learned
12.30 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the focus group discussion reports and identification of key action points

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1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual exercise: Identification of potential entry points for the integration of biosafety into the (draft) revised NBSAPs
2.45 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenary Discussion: Potential entry points for the integration of biosafety into the (draft) revised NBSAPs (based on the results of the individual exercises)
3.15 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	<p>Item 6. Resource mobilization for advancing national implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation – Resource mobilization in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols: Recent developments, including review of the CBD Strategy for Resource Mobilization and decisions by the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol), <i>by Charles Gbedemah, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and Answers</p>
4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group Discussions: Ways and means of mobilizing additional resources to support national implementation of the Protocol and key elements on a national resource mobilization strategy for the Protocol
5.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the group discussion reports
Thursday, 12 March 2015	
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. – 9.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Funding opportunities for biosafety from the Global Environment Facility during the sixth GEF replenishment period, <i>by Eriq Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
9.30 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussions: Ways and means of increasing the level of GEF support for biosafety from the STAR Country Allocations
10.15 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the group discussion reports
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	<p>Item 7. Public awareness, education and participation concerning living modified organisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Overview of the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning LMOs and the good practices and lessons learned in the implementation of the Aarhus Convention and its GMO Amendment, <i>by Charles Gbedemah, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>

DATE AND TIME	SESSION/ACTIVITY
11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussions: Strategies for enhancing public awareness and political support for biosafety at the national level in line with efforts towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 1
12.30 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the discussion group reports
1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH
2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Key concepts and elements of national regimes on public access to information, <i>by Erié Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenary discussions: Good practices and lessons learned in facilitating public access to biosafety information in the Caribbean and suggestions for improvement
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Public participation in biosafety and environmental decision-making: Key concepts, emerging good practices and lessons learned, <i>by Erié Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussions: Key issues to consider in developing a public participation plan for decision-making regarding an LMO
5.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the group discussion reports
Friday, 13 March 2015	
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. – 9.30 a.m.	<p>Item 8. Ratification and implementation of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Overview of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the progress towards its entry into force, <i>by Worku Yifru, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussion – Measures that could be taken to expedite the ratification and entry into force of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol in the Caribbean
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Measures and capacities that may be needed to implement the Supplementary Protocol at the national level, <i>by Worku Yifru, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
11.30 a.m. – 12.30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussions: Potential challenges and opportunities for implementation of the Supplementary Protocol at the national level
12.30 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of the group discussion reports

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1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH
2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Item 9. The way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenary discussion: Strategic steps to foster integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level through the revised NBSAPs and the national resource mobilization plans to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	Workshop review and evaluation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants' reflection on the knowledge acquired from the workshop and how it will be shared and applied Completion of the workshop evaluation form
4.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Item 10. Closure of the workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing remarks by a representative of the CBD Secretariat Closing remarks by a representative of the UNEP-GEF Biosafety Project Closure of the workshop by the representative of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda