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GLOBAL WORKSHOP ON INTEGRATED IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY AND THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 31 October - 4 November 2016

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 Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety adopted the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020 (Strategic Plan) and urged Parties to review and align with the Strategic Plan, as appropriate, their national action plans and programmes relevant to the implementation of the Protocol, including their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs). In decision BS-VII/5, paragraph 10, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol further urged Parties and invited other Governments to integrate and prioritize biosafety within their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development plans and programmes, as appropriate.
2. Furthermore, in decision BS-VII/9, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, recognizing that the work under the Cartagena Protocol had increasingly become separated from the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity resulting in biosafety receiving less attention in implementation and funding, and recognizing also that limitations existed in the current organization of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol back-to-back with the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, in terms of achieving a meaningful integration of the work of the Cartagena Protocol into the work of the Convention, decided to hold its future ordinary meetings concurrently with the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in the same two-week period. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol also took note of recommendation 5/2 of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, regarding integrated approaches to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols with a view to improving efficiencies.
3. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention also recognized the need for integrated implementation of the Convention and its Protocols to improve efficiency and effectiveness and adopted a number of decisions in this regard. The Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties to integrate biosafety and access and benefit-sharing into NBSAPs, national development plans and other relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans and programmes, and to strengthen national coordination mechanisms to facilitate a coordinated approach to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols (decision XII/29, paragraphs 9 and 11).
4. Against this background, and with the generous support of the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the Secretariat developed the project entitled “Capacity-building to promote

integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level”. The project aims at strengthening capacity in pilot countries to develop and test practical actions to promote integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the Convention. Within the pilot countries, the project seeks to facilitate the integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and other sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans and programmes, and to strengthen national intersectoral coordination mechanisms.

5. Following a call for expression of interest and a selection process, nine Parties to the Cartagena Protocol are participating in the project and have carried out a number of national activities, including the development of national desk studies documenting the status of and experience with integrated implementation at the national level. Building on national experiences, a draft e-learning module and draft toolkit to facilitate integrated implementation at the national level have been developed.

6. In close collaboration with the Republic of Moldova as host, the Secretariat is organizing a global workshop, targeting the project countries, on integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the Convention at the national level, to be held from 31 October to 4 November 2016 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. Resource persons from the Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are providing support throughout the workshop.

7. The objective of the workshop is to enable focal points of the Cartagena Protocol and Convention, as well as national project coordinators, to present the desk study results and share experiences and lessons learned at the national level. The draft e-learning module on integrated implementation will also be presented at the workshop and participants will be invited to use it and provide input for its finalization. Participants will also provide feedback on the content of the associated draft toolkit. Finally, participants will be developing short national action plans, enriched by the discussions on national lessons learned and recommendations.

8. The workshop is being organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova, and is funded by the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund. At least 20 participants, including national focal points for the Cartagena Protocol and for the Convention, NBSAP coordinators and national project coordinators, have confirmed their attendance.

9. The workshop will be conducted in English only. Documents for the workshop will be made available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSMBWS-2016-02>.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

10. The workshop will be opened by a representative of the Government of the Republic of Moldova at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 31 October 2016. A representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will also make opening remarks.

ITEM 2. OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

11. Under this item, a presentation on the objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop will be made. Moreover, the provisional agenda and organization of work as contained in the annex to the present document will be introduced.

ITEM 3. PROJECT STATUS OVERVIEW

12. Under this agenda item, an overview will be presented on the status and the outstanding activities of the project entitled “Capacity-building to promote integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level”.

ITEM 4. MAINSTREAMING BIOSAFETY

13. Under this agenda item, a representative of the Secretariat will give a general introduction to mainstreaming, including the rationale, tools and best practices to facilitate mainstreaming. This will be used as a basis for a group discussion on key concepts including mainstreaming and integrated implementation.

ITEM 5. FINDINGS OF MAINSTREAMING AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL (PRESENTATIONS BY PARTICIPANTS)

14. Under this item, participants will be invited to make presentations of about 15 minutes each, providing a summary of the extent to which and ways in which mainstreaming has been addressed in laws, policies and institutional frameworks in their countries. The presentations will focus on (a) processes and practical steps taken to facilitate mainstreaming; (b) major challenges encountered and lessons learned to address them; (c) national capacity needs and gaps related to mainstreaming; and (d) recommendations to further improve mainstreaming at the national level.

ITEM 6. SYNTHESIS OF THE FINDINGS OF THE NATIONAL DESK STUDIES

15. Under this agenda item, a resource person will present a synthesis of the findings of the national desk studies, focusing on the issues indicated in paragraph 14 above.

ITEM 7. LESSONS LEARNED, CAPACITY NEEDS, SKILLS GAPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON MAINSTREAMING (GROUP DISCUSSIONS)

16. Under this item, participants will be divided in three groups to discuss, in further detail, the lessons learned, capacity needs, skills gaps and recommendations on mainstreaming at the national level. One group will focus on policy instruments, one group on legal instruments and one group on institutional frameworks. After the group discussions, a representative of each group will report to all participants on the discussions and findings of the respective group.

ITEM 8. E-LEARNING MODULE AND TOOLKIT ON MAINSTREAMING

17. Under this item, the draft capacity-building materials on mainstreaming, including the draft e-learning module and the draft toolkit, will be introduced and demonstrated. The presentation will focus on the objective and scope of the capacity-building materials, their expected use, as well as on their preparation and further development. Participants will have an opportunity to view and navigate through the e-learning module.

18. The demonstrations of the capacity-building materials will form the basis for the exercise under the next agenda item, in which participants will make use of the materials to develop a draft national action plan on mainstreaming.

19. On the last day of the workshop, discussions will take place on the further development and finalization of the capacity-building materials, in light of the input received during the workshop.

ITEM 9. DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT NATIONAL ACTION PLANS ON MAINSTREAMING (GROUP EXERCISE)

20. Under this item, participants from each of the nine countries participating in the project will be working together to develop draft national action plans on mainstreaming for their respective countries. The draft action plans are to be developed taking into account the findings and recommendations of the desk study reports, as well as the discussions on lessons learned, focusing on policy instruments, legal instruments and administrative frameworks, as discussed under agenda item 7.

21. Participants will be invited to make use of the e-learning module and the toolkit on mainstreaming to develop the draft national action plans. At the end of the exercise, a representative of each participating country will present the draft national action plan to all participants. The presentations of each national draft action plan will be followed by a group discussion on common approaches to mainstreaming of the draft national action plans, facilitated by a resource person.

ITEM 10. EVALUATION OF THE E-LEARNING MODULE AND TOOLKIT ON MAINSTREAMING (GROUP DISCUSSION)

22. Under this item, participants will be asked to provide their views and feedback on the use of the e-learning module and the content of the toolkit on mainstreaming, in light of the demonstration under item 8, and the use of these capacity-building materials during the development of the draft national action plan on mainstreaming under item 9. The discussion will be facilitated by a representative of the Secretariat.

ITEM 11. MAINSTREAMING AND SCOPE FOR REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL COLLABORATION

23. Under this item, participants will have an opportunity to discuss the importance of and scope for regional and subregional collaboration on mainstreaming and their possible role in sharing experiences on mainstreaming with other countries. In this context, the use of the NBSAP Forum (available at <http://nbsapforum.net/>) and involvement of parties participating in the project on “Capacity-building to promote integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level” in follow-up activities will be discussed.

ITEM 12. FURTHER GLOBAL AND NATIONAL PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND HIGH-LEVEL OUTCOMES

24. Under this item, a representative of the Secretariat will provide an overview of the further expected project activities at the global level and finalization of the national-level activities of the participating countries.

25. Based on the discussions of the workshop, participants will also discuss high-level recommendations and outcomes in preparation for the upcoming meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. Information will also be provided regarding a side event on the project, which is being organized at the margins of the eighth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, in Cancun, Mexico, and the possible involvement of workshop participants.

ITEM 13. OTHER MATTERS

26. Under this item, other matters relevant to the topic of the workshop may be discussed.

ITEM 14. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

27. During the final session, a representative of the Secretariat will provide a short overview of the results of the workshop and follow-up activities. A representative of the host country, the Republic of Moldova, will also address the workshop. The participants will be asked to complete a workshop evaluation form.

28. The workshop is expected to end at 12.30 p.m on Friday, 4 November 2016.

Annex

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Date and time	Agenda item
Monday, 31 October 2016	
9 – 9.30 a.m.	1. Opening of the workshop (Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova and Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, SCBD)
9.30 – 10.30 a.m.	2. Overview and objectives of the workshop (SCBD)
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 – 11.30 a.m.	3. Project status overview (SCBD)
11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	4. Mainstreaming biosafety (SCBD)
12.30 – 1.30 p.m.	Lunch Break
1.30 – 3 p.m.	5. Findings of mainstreaming at the national level (<i>presentations by participants</i>)
3 – 3.30 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.30 – 5 p.m.	5. Findings of mainstreaming at the national level (<i>presentations by participants</i>) (continued)
Tuesday, 1 November 2016	
9 – 10.30 a.m.	6. Synthesis of the findings of the national desk studies (Strathclyde Centre for Environmental Law and Governance)
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	7. Lessons learned, capacity needs, skills gaps and recommendations on mainstreaming (<i>group discussions</i>)
12.30 – 1.30 p.m.	Lunch
1.30 – 3 p.m.	7. Lessons learned, capacity needs, skills gaps and recommendations on mainstreaming (<i>reporting back and conclusions</i>) (moderated by SCBD and Strathclyde)
3 – 3.30 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.30 – 5 p.m.	8. E-learning module and toolkit on mainstreaming (Strathclyde)

Date and time	Agenda item
Wednesday, 2 November 2016	
9 – 10.30 a.m.	8. E-learning module and toolkit on mainstreaming (<i>demonstration</i>) (Strathclyde)
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 – 11.45 a.m.	8. E-learning module and toolkit on mainstreaming (<i>demonstration</i>) (Strathclyde)
11.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	9. Development of draft national action plans on mainstreaming (<i>group exercise</i>)
12.30 – 1.30 p.m.	Lunch
1.30 – 3 p.m.	9. Development of draft national action plans on mainstreaming (<i>continued</i>)
3 – 3.30 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.30 – 5 p.m.	9. Development of draft national action plans on mainstreaming (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 3 November 2016	
9 – 10.30 a.m.	9. Development of draft national action plans on mainstreaming (<i>reporting back</i>)
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 – 11.45 a.m.	9. Development of draft national action plans on mainstreaming (<i>reporting back</i>)
11.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	9. Development of draft national action plans on mainstreaming (<i>common elements and similarities</i>)
12.30 – 1.30 p.m.	Lunch
1.30 – 3 p.m.	10. Evaluation of the e-learning module and toolkit (<i>group discussion</i>)
3 – 3.30 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.30 – 5 p.m.	11. Mainstreaming and scope for regional and subregional collaboration

Date and time	Agenda item
<i>Friday, 4 November 2016</i>	
9 – 10.30 a.m.	12. Further global and national project activities and high-level outcomes (SCBD)
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 – 11.15 a.m.	12. Further global and national project activities and high-level outcomes (Strathclyde)
11.15 – 11.45 a.m.	13. Other matters
11.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	14. Closure of the workshop
12.30 – 1.30 p.m.	Lunch
