



**LIAISON GROUP MEETING ON CLIMATE-RELATED GEO-ENGINEERING AS IT RELATES TO THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

29 June - 1 July 2011
London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Mandate

The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) adopted decision X/33 which includes a section on climate-related geo-engineering and its impacts on the achievement of the objectives of the CBD.

In particular the decision requests the Executive Secretary to compile and synthesize available scientific information, and views and experiences of indigenous and local communities and other stakeholders, on the possible impacts of geo-engineering techniques on biodiversity and associated social, economic and cultural considerations, and options on definitions and understandings of climate-related geo-engineering relevant to the Convention on Biological Diversity and make it available for consideration at a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

As outlined in the above decision, in order to make significant progress on policy setting for geo-engineering, the liaison group is tasked with:

- (1) Developing proposals on definitions for climate-related geo-engineering,
- (2) Informing Parties of the known and expected impacts (positive, negative and neutral) of geo-engineering on biodiversity and associated social, economic and cultural considerations, and
- (3) Providing advice to Parties on assessing the potential and unknown impacts (positive, negative and neutral) of geo-engineering on biodiversity and associated social, economic and cultural considerations.

Outputs

The Liaison Group will produce a document for the consideration of Parties when they take up the issue of biodiversity and climate-related geo-engineering at the sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to be held the 30th April – 4th May, 2012. The report of the Liaison Group will also be published as a CBD Technical Series.

Prior to publication in either form, the report of the group will be subject to a scientific peer review as well as a peer review by Parties. At any point during the process participants are invited to provide further information on the issues discussed in the report.



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Draft Programme

| 29th June | | |
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| 1pm – 2 pm | Registration of participants | |
| 2pm – 2:30 pm | Opening of the meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome - Introduction of participants - Agreement on the work plan |
| 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm | Defining Geo-engineering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of existing definitions of climate-related geo-engineering¹ |
| 3:30 pm – 4 pm | Coffee break | |
| 4 pm – 6 pm | Defining Geo-engineering (cont.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drafting of proposal on a definition of climate-related geo-engineering |
| 30th June | | |
| 9 am – 11 am | Assessing the potential impacts of climate-related geo-engineering on biodiversity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature review on the potential impacts of climate-related geo-engineering on biodiversity² |
| 11 am – 11:30 am | Coffee break | |
| 11:30 am – 1 pm | Assessing the potential impacts of climate-related geo-engineering on biodiversity (cont) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Methodologies for assessing potential impacts of climate-related geo-engineering on biodiversity |
| 1 pm – 2 pm | Lunch | |
| 2 pm – 3:30 pm | Assessing the potential impacts of climate-related geo-engineering on biodiversity (cont) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gaps in information and possible ways to fill such gaps / manage for uncertainties |
| 3:30 pm – 4 pm | Coffee break | |
| 4 pm – 6 pm | Assessing the potential impacts of climate-related geo-engineering on biodiversity (cont) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Categorization of potential impacts of climate-related geo-engineering on biodiversity (geographic scale, time scale, etc) |
| 6:30 pm | Reception dinner (at IMO, 4 th floor) | |
| 1st July | | |
| 9 am – 11 am | Drafting of guidance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of known or expected impacts of climate-related geo-engineering on biodiversity |
| 11 am – 11:30 am | Coffee break | |
| 11:30 am – 1 pm | Drafting of guidance (cont) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Process for assessing impacts of climate-related geo-engineering on biodiversity |

¹ Background document prepared by the Secretariat

² Background document prepared by the Secretariat

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| 1 pm – 2 pm | Lunch | |
| 2 pm – 3:30 pm | Drafting of guidance (cont) | - Process for assessing impacts of climate-related geo-engineering on biodiversity |
| 3:30 pm – 4 pm | Coffee break | |
| 4 pm – 6 pm | Next steps and closing | - Identification of tasks - Establishment of timeline for work - Closing of the meeting |