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**AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP  
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE**

Second meeting  
Montreal, Canada  
9 - 13 September 2002

**ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

*Note by the executive Secretary*

**INTRODUCTION**

1. At its fifth meeting in 2000, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity made a number of references to the interactions between climate change and biological diversity (decisions V/3, V/4, V/15, V/21). In addition, it requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to consider the impact of climate change on forest biological diversity and to prepare scientific advice in order to integrate biodiversity considerations into the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto protocol (decision V/4), in collaboration with the appropriate bodies of the UNFCCC and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

2. At its sixth meeting in March 2001, SBSTTA, in its recommendation VI/7, noted the inter-linkages between biological diversity and climate change and decided to promote, on the basis of the ecosystem approach, a wider assessment of those inter-linkages. An ad hoc technical expert group was therefore established by SBSTTA with a view to carry-out a pilot assessment to prepare scientific advice to integrate biological considerations into the implementation of the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol with the following specific mandate, to be carried out on the basis of the ecosystem approach :

(a) Analyse possible adverse effects on biological diversity of measures that might be taken or are being considered under the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol;

(b) Identify factors that influence biodiversity's capacity to mitigate climate change and contribute to adaptation and the likely effects of climate change on that capacity; and

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(c) Identify options for future work on climate change that also contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

3. The first meeting of the ad hoc technical expert group on biological diversity and climate change took place in Helsinki from 21 to 25 January 2002 and its report is contained in documents UNEP/CBD/COP/6/17/Add.2 and UNEP /CBD/COP/6/INF/6. The Group decided to prepare the following documents :

(a) Assessment report on interlinkages between biological diversity and climate change, building essentially on the IPCC Technical Paper and the review of the impact of climate change on forest biological diversity; and

(b) Advice on the integration of biodiversity considerations into the implementation of the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol.

4. The group noted that its work, would also provide a basis for the development of the activities mentioned in SBSTTA recommendation VII/6, in which the Subsidiary Body invited the Group to consider in its work activities relating to mitigation of the negative impacts of climate change on forest biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDCC/1/1/Add.1, paragraphs 9 and 10).

5. At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties welcomed in decision VI/20 the activities being undertaken with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including its Kyoto Protocol and requested the Subsidiary Body and the Executive Secretary to continue to cooperate with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including its Kyoto Protocol, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on relevant issues such as dry and sub-humid lands, agricultural biological diversity, forest biological diversity, marine and coastal biological diversity, especially coral reefs, and incentive measures and impacts of measures envisaged under the Kyoto Protocol with a view to maximizing synergies between these processes.

6. Furthermore, with regards to climate change, in its decision VI/20, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity :

a) Recognized that there is a need to take immediate actions under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce and mitigate the impacts of climate change on the biological diversity of coral reefs and their associated socio-economic effects;

b) Welcomed the conclusions of the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change regarding cooperation among the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Convention on Biological Diversity;

c) Welcomed the establishment of the joint liaison group among the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Convention on Biological Diversity and urges the joint liaison group to become fully operational in order to facilitate cooperation between the conventions both at national and international levels;

d) Took note of the terms of reference of the joint liaison group of the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the proposed programme of work agreed upon at the fifteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and encourage further coordinated work, especially on issues relating to the national level;

e) Invited Parties to provide views to the Executive Secretary on the need for further enhanced cooperation between the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including suggestions for specific actions by 30 May 2002;

7. In addition, the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in its decision VI/22 :

a) Invited the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme, in the context of its global change and terrestrial ecosystems global transect programme, and the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to enhance collaboration in research and monitoring activities on forest biological diversity and climate change, and explore possibilities of establishing an international network to monitor and assess the impact of climate change on forest biological diversity; and

b) Invited the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change to consider issues related to interlinkages between biological diversity and climate change in the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Forest Biological Diversity and the note by the Executive Secretary on consideration of specific threats to forest biological diversity, prepared for the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice as well as the outcome of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties with respect to forest biological diversity,

c) Adopted the expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity, recognizing that Parties should implement this expanded programme of work in the context of their national priorities and needs and,

d) Requested the Executive Secretary to initiate a number of actions addressing some initial focus areas which are identified as important first steps towards the implementation of regional and international activities of the expanded programme of work. These actions are covering a number of issues such as the ecosystem approach, the collaboration with other bodies, the protected areas, the forest law enforcement, the sustainable use/benefit sharing and the servicing capacity-building,

8. A list of documents for the meeting is attached in Annex I below. Working and information documents as well as relevant decisions of the sixth meeting of the COP will be sent to the Experts prior to the meeting.

9. Registration of participants will commence at 8:30 a.m. on 9 September 2002.

#### **ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

10. The co-chair of the expert Group will open the meeting at 9:00 am, on Monday 9 September 2002. The participants will be welcomed to the meeting by the Executive Secretary.

11. For the benefit of any new experts, the Expert Group members and the observers will be invited to briefly introduce themselves.

## **ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

### ***2.1. Adoption of the agenda***

12. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDCC/2/1), will be before the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group for consideration and adoption.

### ***2.2. Organisation of work***

13. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group will be invited to consider the provisional organization of work for the meeting annexed to the present annotated provisional agenda (see Annex II below). The group may wish to decide that the schedule adopted should remain flexible.

## **ITEM 3. REVIEW OF RELEVANT DECISIONS OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

14. A representative of the Executive Secretary will highlight elements of the decisions of the sixth meeting of the COP which are relevant to the work of the AHTEG. The Group may then wish to consider how these elements will be included in its reports.

## **ITEM 4. REPORT ON, AND FINALIZATION OF, THE INTERSESSIONAL WORK**

15. Under this item, the two chairs of the working groups will report in plenary on the results of the intersessional work. They will, *inter alia*, introduce the documents prepared by their respective groups and describe the remaining work to finalise the reports. Working Group 1 will address interlinkages between biological diversity and climate change; and Working group 2, advice on the integration of biodiversity considerations into the implementation of the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol.

16. The Group may then consider splitting into two working groups in order to finalise the documents. The two working groups will report their work in plenary as needed. The Group will finally wish to discuss any further need for revision of the reports, such as peer review, and for publishing.

## **ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS**

17. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

## **ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

### ***6.1. Consideration of a brief procedural report***

18. The Group will consider and adopt the report of its second meeting, on the basis of the report of the meeting to be presented by the Rapporteur.

## 6.2 *Closure of the meeting*

19. The meeting will be closed on Friday 13 September at 5 p.m.

### *Annex I*

#### **PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

##### **A. *Working documents***

UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDCC/2/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDCC/2/1/Add.1.	Annotations to the provisional agenda
AHTEG draft reports (both documents to be distributed as soon as they are received)	Interlinkages between biological diversity and climate change
	Advice on the integration of biological diversity considerations into the implementation of the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol.
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDCC/1/2	Review of the impact of climate change on forest biological diversity

##### **B. *Information documents***

	Information for participants
Bibliography	List and abstracts of articles on biological diversity and climate change since 1999.
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/6	Interlinkages between Biological Diversity and Climate Change. Report of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change, Helsinki, 21-25 January 2002. <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/cop/cop-06/information/cop-06-inf-06-en.doc">http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/cop/cop-06/information/cop-06-inf-06-en.doc</a>

**C. Background documents**

COP decision VI/20	Cooperation with other organizations, initiatives and conventions (paragraph 9 to 14) <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-06&amp;d=20">http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-06&amp;d=20</a>
COP decision VI/22	Forest Biological Diversity <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-06&amp;d=22">http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-06&amp;d=22</a>
COP decision V/3	Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (implementation of decision IV/5) <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=03">http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=03</a>
COP decision V/4	Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work for forest biological diversity <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=04">http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=04</a>
COP decision V/6	Ecosystem approach <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=06">http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=06</a>
SBSTTA recommendation VI/7	Biological diversity and climate change, including cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/recommendations/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=sbstta-06&amp;r=07">http://www.biodiv.org/recommendations/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=sbstta-06&amp;r=07</a>
SBSTTA recommendation VII/6	Forest biological diversity <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/recommendations/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=sbstta-07&amp;r=06">http://www.biodiv.org/recommendations/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=sbstta-07&amp;r=06</a>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/11	Biological diversity and climate change, including cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; Note by the Executive Secretary <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-06/official/sbstta-06-11-en.doc">http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-06/official/sbstta-06-11-en.doc</a>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/INF/13	Biological diversity and climate change, including cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: brief overview of the impact of climate change on forest biological diversity <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-06/information/sbstta-06-inf-13-en.doc">http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-06/information/sbstta-06-inf-13-en.doc</a>

- UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/6 Report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on forest Biological Diversity  
<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/official/sbstta-07-06-en.doc>
- UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/7 Consideration of specific threats to forest biological diversity: (a) climate change, (b) human-induced uncontrolled forest fires, (c) impact of unsustainable harvesting of non-timber forest resources, including bushmeat and living botanical resources: note by the Executive Secretary  
<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/official/sbstta-07-07-en.doc>
- UNFCCC COP-7 The Marrakech Accords & The Marrakech Declaration, advance unedited version, section IK: Matters relating to land-use, land use change and forestry., p. 118-127.  
[http://www.unfccc.int/cop7/documents/accords\\_draft.pdf](http://www.unfccc.int/cop7/documents/accords_draft.pdf)

#### IPCC SPECIAL REPORTS

- Land Use, Land-Use Change, and Forestry. 2000 Summary for Policymakers. IPCC, Geneva  
<http://www.ipcc.ch/pub/srlulucf-e.pdf>
- The Regional Impacts of Climate Change: An Assessment of Vulnerability. 1997 Summary for Policymakers. IPCC, Geneva.  
[http://www.ipcc.ch/pub/regional\(E\).pdf](http://www.ipcc.ch/pub/regional(E).pdf)
- Climate Change 2001: Impacts, Adaptation & Vulnerability (WG II) Summary for Policymakers. IPCC, Geneva.  
<http://www.ipcc.ch/pub/wg2SPMfinal.pdf>  
 Technical Summary.  
<http://www.ipcc.ch/pub/wg2TARtechsum.pfd>
- Climate Change 2001: Mitigation (WG III) Summary for Policymakers. IPCC, Geneva.  
<http://www.ipcc.ch/pub/wg3spm.pdf>  
 Technical Summary.  
<http://www.ipcc.cp/pub/wg3TARtechsum.pfd>

*Annex II*

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE AD  
HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND CLIMATE  
CHANGE**

<i>Date and time</i>	
<i>Monday 9 September 2002 8:30 to 9:00  9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>	Registration of participants <i>Agenda items:</i> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters 2.1 Adoption of the agenda 2.2 Organization of work 3. Review of relevant COP 6 decisions 4. Report and finalization of intersessional work
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	4. Report and finalization of intersessional work (continued) <i>The Group may split into two working group.</i>
<i>Tuesday 10 September 2002 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>	Agenda item 4 (continued)
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Agenda item 4 (continued)
<i>Wednesday 11 September 2002 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>	Agenda item 4 (continued)
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Agenda item 4 (continued)
<i>Thursday 12 September 2002 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>	Agenda item 4 (continued)
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Agenda item 4 (continued)
<i>Friday 13 September 2002 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>	Agenda items 4 (continued) 5. Other matters
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Agenda item 6: Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting

*NB: A one-hour plenary could be organized every morning from Tuesday for an update of progress in each working group.*

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