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### AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON BIODIVERSITY AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

First meeting

Helsinki, 13-16 September 2005

Item 2.2 of the provisional agenda\*

### ORGANIZATION OF WORK

*Annotations to the provisional agenda*

### INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Biodiversity and Adaptation to Climate Change is to further assist the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) in its work on the interlinkages between biodiversity and climate change by undertaking a review on the integration of biodiversity considerations in the implementation of adaptation activities to climate change and preparing advice or guidance under the thematic areas of the Convention for planning and/or implementing activities to address adaptation to climate change.

2. The Executive Secretary is convening, with the generous support of the Government of Finland, a meeting of the ad hoc technical expert group on, to be held in Helsinki, from 13 to 16 September 2005. The mandate of the Group, as described in SBSTTA recommendation X/13, is to:

(a) Undertake a supplementary assessment on the integration of biodiversity considerations in the implementation of adaptation activities to climate change at the local, subnational, national, subregional, regional, and international levels, whenever appropriate drawing on case-studies and seeking also to identify and avoid duplication in activities between the Rio conventions. In particular, the assessment shall contemplate:

- (i) The identification of the major biological factors that contribute to ecosystem resilience under the current and projected impacts of climate change, and the identification of particular adaptation activities carried out under the current thematic areas of the Convention: agricultural biodiversity, dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity, forest biodiversity, inland waters biodiversity, marine and coastal biodiversity, mountain biodiversity, and island biodiversity;

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- (ii) The potential consequences for biodiversity of those particular adaptation activities, taking into account, but not limited to, technical and technological interventions, highlighting gaps in current scientific knowledge and identifying research needs; and
- (iii) The role of biodiversity as an adaptation element by itself;

(b) Based on existing work, including the information contained in the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change and the above supplementary assessment, as well as other relevant sources referred to in the chapeau to the present paragraph, prepare advice or guidance under the thematic areas of the Convention, for use at local, national, regional and international level as appropriate, for planning and/or implementing activities to address adaptation to climate change and that interlink across climate change, biodiversity conservation and sustainable use and land degradation and desertification. The draft advice or guidance may include relevant tools and technologies, including those under the Convention, and take into account traditional knowledge, innovations, and practices of indigenous and local communities, on the integration of biodiversity considerations in the design, implementation, and monitoring of projects aimed at addressing climate change.

3. A list of documents for the meeting is provided in annex II below.

4. Registration of participants will commence at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 13 September 2005 at the premises of the Finnish Environment Institute, Mechelininkatu 34 A, Helsinki.

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

5. The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, or his representative, will open the meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 13 September 2005. A representative of the Government of Finland will welcome the participants. The representative of the Secretariat will then explain the purpose of the meeting, its mandate, and the expected outputs.

6. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group members and observers will be invited to introduce themselves.

## **ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

### **2.1. Election of Chairpersons**

7. Under this agenda item the Group will be invited to elect its Co-Chairs.

### **2.2. Adoption of the agenda**

8. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDCC/1/1) will be before the Group for consideration and adoption.

### **2.3. Organization of work**

9. The Group is invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting contained in annex I to the present annotated provisional agenda. The Group may wish to start its work in plenary, and subsequently break into working groups as required, for more detailed deliberations and drafting.

## **ITEM 3. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

10. Agenda item 3 is the main substantive item of the agenda and it contains two sub-items, each corresponding to the main outputs as related to the mandate of the Group. To initiate the discussion, a representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will review the mandate of the Group, as well as the expected outputs.

**3.1. *Integration of biodiversity considerations into the implementation of adaptation activities to climate change***

11. Under this agenda item, the Group will consider a note by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDACC/1/2). It is expected that the Group will hold a general discussion on the scope of the document, taking into account the comments and observations from expert reviewers. Based on this discussion the Group is invited to work on producing a revised version.

**3.2. *Advice or guidance for use at local, national, regional, and international level as appropriate, for planning and/or implementing activities to address climate change, biodiversity conservation, and land degradation and desertification***

12. Under this agenda item, the Group is invited to consider a proposed framework (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDACC/1/3) on how to present the information derived from the decision under item 3.1 above in a practical format. The proposal, derived directly from the information contained in document UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDACC/1/2, and also from chapter 4 of the CBD Technical Series No. 10 on biodiversity and climate change, contains likely impacts of adaptation activities on biodiversity along with potential risks to biodiversity including suggested actions for risk management and includes an indicative list of mitigation activities as they are considered to act in synergy with adaptation activities.

**ITEM 4. PREPARATION AND ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

**4.1 *Determination of need for follow-up work***

13. The Group is invited to evaluate the status of its expected outputs, and identify areas that might still require further work and outline a strategy for finalization of the work.

**4.2 *Preparation of report***

14. Based on the strategy identified in paragraph 12 above, the Group will work towards finalizing its report and other outputs.

**4.3 *Adoption of report***

15. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group will consider and adopt its report, on the basis of a draft to be presented by the Co-Chairs with the support of the Secretariat.

**ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS**

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

**ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

17. It is expected that the meeting will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 16 September 2005.

*Annex I*

**PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL  
EXPERT GROUP ON BIODIVERSITY AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

***Tuesday, 13 September 2005***

9.30 a.m.	Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)
Morning	Organizational matters (agenda item 2)
Afternoon	Integration of biodiversity considerations into the implementation of adaptation activities at the local, subnational, regional, and international levels (agenda item 3.1)

***Wednesday, 14 September 2005***

9 a.m.	Review of progress made during the previous day and matters to be covered today
Morning	Continuation of “biodiversity considerations into the implementation of adaptation activities” (agenda item 3.1)
Afternoon	Continuation of “biodiversity considerations into the implementation of adaptation activities” (agenda item 3.1)

***Thursday, 15 September 2005***

Morning	Development of practical guidance (agenda item 3.2).
Afternoon	Development of practical guidance (agenda item 3.2)

***Friday, 16 September 2005***

Morning	Review of progress made during the previous day, assessment of need to follow up, and preparation of the report (agenda items 4.1 and 4.2)
Afternoon	Adoption of the report (agenda item 4.3) and other matters (agenda item 5)
5 p.m.	Closure of the meeting (agenda item 6)

*Annex II*

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT  
GROUP ON BIODIVERSITY AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

***Working documents***

UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDACC/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDACC/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDACC/1/2	Integration of biodiversity considerations in the implementation of adaptation activities to climate change at the local, subnational, national, regional and international levels.
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDACC/1/3	Risk assessment and management from adaptation projects on biodiversity-practical guidance.

***Background documentation***

CBD Technical Series No. 10:	Interlinkages between biological diversity and climate change. Available at: <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-10.pdf">http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-10.pdf</a>
SBSTTA Recommendation X/13	Climate change: terms of reference of an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Available at: <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/cop/cop-08/official/cop-08-02-en.doc">http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/cop/cop-08/official/cop-08-02-en.doc</a>
Decision VII/15	Biodiversity and climate change Available at: <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.aspx?m=COP-07&amp;id=7752&amp;lg=2">http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.aspx?m=COP-07&amp;id=7752&amp;lg=2</a>

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