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MEETING OF THE INFORMAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE TO THE CLEARING-HOUSE
MECHANISM OF THE CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Nagoya, Japan, 17 October 2010

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

A. General information

1. The meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held on Sunday 17 October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan. The meeting will take place in room 144 located on the fourth floor of Building 1 of the Nagoya Congress Center (NCC). Registration of participants will commence at 9 a.m. and the meeting is expected to close at 5 p.m. Further details are available in the information note for participants (document UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/Info-Part).

B. Background

2. In decision VIII/11, the Conference of the Parties adopted the strategic plan of the clearing-house mechanism and its programme of work for the period 2005-2010, and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on progress made for consideration at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Furthermore, in decision IX/30, the Conference of the Parties highlighted priority activities for Parties, relevant partners, and the Executive Secretary, taking into account that full implementation of the strategic plan has been constrained by the limited capacity and resources available at national and global levels, including the Secretariat.

3. In parallel, recommendation 3/5 of Third Meeting of the Working Group on the Review and Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 3) contains the draft updated Strategic Plan of the Convention for the period 2011-2020, available in the annex of document UNEP/CBD/COP/10/4, and expected to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties. Paragraph 21 of this strategic plan describes the vision of the clearing-house mechanism as a support mechanism for the implementation of the Convention.

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4. Consequently, the Executive Secretary has prepared, in consultation with the Informal Advisory Committee, a note for consideration by the tenth Conference of the Parties under its agenda item 4.5 on scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism (UNEP/CBD/COP/10/15). This document contains the progress report, as well as recommendations for further developing the clearing-house mechanism in the context of the new Strategic Plan of the Convention. The corresponding draft decision is contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/10/1/Add.2.

C. Expected outcome

5. The main purpose of the meeting is to make recommendations on strategic and technical aspects of the clearing-house mechanism as presented in document UNEP/CBD/COP/10/15, and in the corresponding draft decision. The meeting will also be an opportunity to make additional contributions and share views on other issues related to the clearing-house mechanism.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

6. The meeting will be opened by a representative of the Executive Secretary at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 17 October 2010. New members and guests will be welcome and will be given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Adoption of the agenda

7. A provisional agenda has been prepared by the Executive Secretary (document UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/1). This provisional agenda proposes to start with presentations providing relevant background for the meeting. The participants will then engage in in-depth discussions on relevant issues, especially those related to the draft decision on the clearing-house mechanism. Finally, any other matters could be discussed before concluding and closing the meeting.

8. The Committee will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary.

2.2. Organization of work

9. The Committee will be invited to consider the proposed organization of work is contained in annex I to the present annotations. A list of relevant documents is provided in annex II.

ITEM 3. PRESENTATIONS

10. The first presentation will be made by the Secretariat to report on progress made and describe the recommendations for further development. It will be followed by other presentations from members and partners willing to make contributions or share their views. The presentations will be followed by brief questions and answers sessions.

ITEM 4. ISSUES FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION

11. The development of the clearing-house mechanism is a global collaborative process involving the Parties, the Secretariat, and many partner organizations. Under this item, the Committee is expected to provide expert advice and make sound recommendations on the issues for in-depth consideration.

4.1. Mission, goals and objectives for the period 2011-2020

12. Given that the Conference of the Parties is expected to adopt the updated strategic plan for the Convention for the period 2011-2020, it is timely to align the mission, goals and objectives of the clearing-house mechanism to this new CBD strategic plan. Further to the analysis in document UNEP/CBD/COP/10/15, a proposal is annexed to the draft decision and also available for ease of reference in document UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/2. The Committee is invited to review this proposal in preparation for the discussion of agenda item 4.5 by the Conference of the Parties.

4.2. Priority activities for the intersessional period

13. In addition to the above long-term mission, goals and objective, a list of priority activities for the clearing-house mechanism during the intersessional has been prepared and is available in annex II of document UNEP/CBD/COP/10/15, as well as in document UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/2 for ease of reference. The purpose of this list is to streamline past guidance from decisions VIII/11 and IX/30 and integrate it within the new proposed strategic framework.

14. The list of activities is organized under the three strategic goals at the central, national and partner levels. The Committee is invited to engage into a detailed brainstorming discussion about these activities and their implementation. This discussion is expected to be the most substantial part of the CHM IAC meeting.

15. The Committee is invited to refer to document UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/3 describing the information services to be provided by the central clearing-house mechanism. Additional documents to further support the discussion will be welcome:

4.3. Additional issues

16. Under this sub-item, the Committee can raise and discuss any technical issues that were not covered under the previous sub-items. For instance, the question of aligning translations of the term “clearing-house mechanism” could be discussed if suggested by the Committee. Background information on this issue is available in an information document on the translation of the clearing-house mechanism (UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/INF/1).

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

17. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider any other matters relevant to the clearing-house mechanism.

ITEM 6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

18. The Committee will be invited to formulate general conclusions and recommendations based on the outcomes of the discussions on the various issues considered during the meeting.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

19. The meeting is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Sunday 17 October 2010.

Annex I

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Sunday 17 October 2010

9 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.	<i>Welcome and registration</i>
9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Adoption of the agenda 2.2. Organization of the work 3. Presentations
10.30 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Presentations (<i>continued</i>) 4. Issues for in-depth consideration <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. Mission, goals and objectives for the period 2011-2020
12.30 p.m. - 2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Issues for in-depth consideration. (<i>continued</i>) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.2. Priority activities for the intersessional period 4.3. Additional issues
3.30 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.45 p.m. - 5 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Other matters 6. Conclusions and recommendations
5 p.m.	7. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

DOCUMENTATION

Working documents

UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/2	Draft decision and priority activities
UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/3	Information services of the central clearing-house mechanism

Information documents

UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/INF/1	Translations of clearing-house mechanism
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Other documents

UNEP/CBD/CHM/IAC/2010/1/Info-Part	Information note for participants
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