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THIRD EXPERT WORKSHOP ON THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE CITY BIODIVERSITY INDEX
Singapore, 11-13 October 2011

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. At its tenth meeting, held in Nagoya in October 2010, the Conference of Parties to the Convention adopted decision X/22 on the Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2011-2020) which is intended to support Parties, their partners and local authorities in implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020,¹ including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and relevant decisions of the Conference of Parties, as well as paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6 of decision IX/28, consistent with each Party's specific governance arrangements and legislation.
2. The development of the City Biodiversity Index (CBI) arose from a discussion between the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaoui, and the then Minister for National Development of Singapore and host of the World Cities Summit of June 2008, Minister Mah Bow Tan, on the need for cities to share and pool their knowledge and to develop new approaches, methods and tools in order to better face the challenges of urbanization and sustainable development. As a follow up, at the high-level session of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, held in Bonn in May 2008, then Minister Mah Bow Tan offered to jointly facilitate the creation of a city biodiversity index that would allow cities to measure their progress in conservation of biodiversity.
3. There are currently no well established indicators or indices to measure biodiversity at subnational and local levels, including in cities. The CBI is being developed, tested and implemented by taking into account existing international tools and indicators, and within the framework of the Strategic Plan of the Convention and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The City Biodiversity Index will help cities to better plan and communicate to national governments any commitments and activities that will contribute to reaching those targets. Subnational (regional) governments and their associations such as the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD) have also manifested interest in developing specific planning and monitoring tools based on the experience of the CBI. By being available to Parties and cities, the index will further encourage collaboration between multiple levels of government in the interest of the Convention. A draft of the City Biodiversity Index (27 September 2010 version) is available at <http://www.cbd.int/authorities/doc/User's%20Manual-for-the-City-Biodiversity-Index27Sept2010.pdf>.
4. In light of the above, the Secretariat of the Convention and the Government of Singapore, represented by the National Parks Board (NParks) of Singapore, have to date organized two expert workshops in February 2009 and July 2010 on the development of the CBI. Information about these meetings can be found at <http://www.cbd.int/authorities/gettinginvolved/cbi.shtml>.

¹ Decision X/2, annex.

5. The Third Expert Workshop on the Development of the City Biodiversity Index will be held in Singapore from 11 to 13 October 2011. The workshop is organized in close consultation with the members of the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity, an open platform of cities, city networks, United Nations agencies and NGOs.

6. The objectives of the workshop are to:

- (a) Finalize the scoring of the indicators of the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity;
- (b) Discuss the roadmap of the contribution of the Singapore Index to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of Parties, including recommendations on its application and use for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting, through the Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to be further developed at the World Cities Summit 2012 and beyond;
- (c) Define ways to further expand the use of the City Biodiversity Index for cities (such as in planning and baseline-setting) and for other levels of sub-national government, and to provide for the governance of its standards and means of application;
- (d) Discuss the documentation on the experiences of cities in the application of the City Biodiversity Index; and
- (e) Provide inputs to the first edition of the City Biodiversity Outlook, in particular on the use of the City Biodiversity Index as an evaluation tool for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 at local and subnational levels.

7. An information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EWDCBI-03>.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

8. Registration of participants will take place on from 8.30 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 11 October 2011.
9. The workshop will be opened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 11 October 2011. Representatives of the host Government and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will welcome the participants and will be invited to make opening statements.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

10. The participants will be invited to elect a Chair and a Rapporteur for the meeting based on proposals from the floor.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

11. Participants will be invited to consider for adoption the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/EW-DCBI/3/1/Rev.1). A summary of the proposed programme of work is annexed hereto.

2.3. Organization of work

12. The language of the meeting will be English.
13. The workshop will feature discussions with question-and-answer and interactive sessions. Presentations by resource persons will set the background for participants to evaluate their common goals and objectives and discussions will allow participants to exchange experiences.
14. Following the opening statements by the host country and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, representatives of Singapore National Parks and the Secretariat will briefly present the objectives of the meeting.

ITEM 3. FINALIZING THE SCORING FOR THE CITY BIODIVERSITY INDEX

15. Participants will be invited to discuss the proposed scoring ranges for the following seven indicators that require statistical normalisation based on data received from cities:
 - (a) Indicator 2: Connectivity measures or ecological networks to counter fragmentation;
 - (b) Indicator 3: Native biodiversity in built-up areas (bird species);
 - (c) Indicator 9: Proportion of protected natural areas;
 - (d) Indicator 11: Regulation of quantity of water;
 - (e) Indicator 12: Climate regulation: carbon storage and cooling effect of vegetation;
 - (f) Indicator 15: Budget allocated to biodiversity;
 - (g) Indicator 16: Number of biodiversity projects implemented by the city annually.
16. Participants will also be invited to review the other indicators based on the test-bedding by cities of the revised version of the City Biodiversity Index (27 September 2010) with the view of finalizing the scoring of the indicators of the Index.

ITEM 4. ROADMAP OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CITY BIODIVERSITY INDEX TO THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AND BEYOND

17. Under this agenda item, participants will discuss and prepare recommendations on the use and application of the City Biodiversity Index for the consideration of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the Hyderabad Cities and Biodiversity Summit, to be held concurrently with the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
18. Building upon work in earlier sessions, workshop participants will examine ways forward and key next steps for implementing and updating the City Biodiversity Index, for the expansion of its application to other levels of subnational government, and for ways to manage its future evolution.
19. By the end of this session of the workshop, participants are expected:
 - (a) To have determined a process for implementing and scoring the City Biodiversity Index and ways to coordinate future input and expand the application of the Index to subnational governments; and

(b) To have defined recommendations and next steps on the use and governance of the City Biodiversity Index for the consideration of Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention at its fourth meeting, with a clear distribution of roles and responsibilities.

ITEM 5. DOCUMENTATION OF THE EXPERIENCES OF CITIES IN APPLYING THE CITY BIODIVERSITY INDEX

20. Participants will be invited to provide their comments on a proposal to document cities' experience on the application of the City Biodiversity Index; highlighting in particular best practices as well as both challenges and opportunities/benefits provided in applying the Index.

ITEM 6. OVERVIEW OF THE FIRST EDITION OF THE *CITIES AND BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK*

21. Under agenda item 6, participants will be invited to watch a presentation on the first edition of the *Cities and Biodiversity Outlook*. The presentation will provide background for participants to discuss the following sub-items.

6.1. Discussions on the framework

22. Participants will be invited to discuss the framework of the first edition of the *Cities and Biodiversity Outlook*.

6.2. Group discussion on the 10 key messages

23. Participants will work on small groups to discuss and provide their comments on the ten key messages of the first edition of the *Cities and Biodiversity Outlook*.

6.3. Revision of the plan

24. Participants will be invited to revise the communication and the dissemination plan of the first edition of the *Cities and Biodiversity Outlook*.

6.4. How to integrate the City Biodiversity Index into the first edition of the *Cities and Biodiversity Outlook* (Synthesis)

25. Under this sub-item, participants will discuss the integration of the City Biodiversity Index into the *Outlook*.

26. The resource materials for this session are available on the Convention website and can be downloaded through the link <http://www.cbd.int/authorities/cbo1.shtml>.

ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS

27. Prior to the closure of the workshop, participants will be invited to define outcomes and results of the session, and propose a mechanism for the adoption of the report.

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

28. The workshop is expected to close at 5 p.m. on 13 October 2011.

*Annex***PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK****Day 1: Tuesday, 11 October 2011**

8.30–9 a.m. Registration

ITEMS 1 AND 2. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

9–9.20 a.m. Opening programme:

- Welcome remarks;

Dr. Leong Chee Chiew Deputy
CEO, NParks

- Opening remarks.

Mr. Oliver Hillel, SCBD

9.20–9.45 a.m. Group photo session and tea-break.

9.45–10 a.m. Introduction and overview of the meeting. Dr. Lena Chan, NParks

ITEM 3. FINALIZING THE SCORING FOR THE CITY BIODIVERSITY INDEX

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Presentation and discussion on the scoring ranges for the seven indicators of the CBI; and finalization of the CBI.

Lunch

2–3.30 p.m. Continuation of the discussion.

3.30–4 p.m. *Tea-break*

4.00–5.30 p.m. Continuation of the discussion.

5.30–6 p.m. Summary of day 1 and preparation for day 2.

6–7 p.m. Welcome reception.

Day 2: Wednesday, 12 October 2011**ITEM 4. ROADMAP OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CITY BIODIVERSITY INDEX TO THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES AND BEYOND**

9–10.30 a.m. Presentation and discussion of the roadmap to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

10.30–11 a.m. *Tea-break*

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Continuation of the discussion.

Lunch

ITEM 5. DOCUMENTATION OF THE EXPERIENCES OF CITIES IN APPLYING THE CITY BIODIVERSITY INDEX

2–3.30 p.m. Discussion on the documentation of cities' experience on the application of the City Biodiversity Index.

3.30–4.00 p.m. *Tea-break*

ITEM 6. OVERVIEW OF THE FIRST EDITION OF THE *CITIES AND BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK*

4.00–5.30 p.m. Introduction on the first edition of the *Cities and Biodiversity Outlook* and presentation of the assessment contents.

5.30–5.45 p.m. Summary of day 2 and preparation for day 3.

Day 3: Thursday, 13 July 2011

9–10.30 a.m. Question and answer: discussions on the framework and approaches.

10.30–11 a.m. *Tea-break*

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Group discussion on the 10 key messages.

12:30 p.m.–1 p.m. Revision of the communication and dissemination plan of the first edition of the *Cities and Biodiversity Outlook*.

Lunch

2–3.30 p.m. Plenary: how to integrate the City Biodiversity Index in the first edition of the *Cities and Biodiversity Outlook* (Synthesis).

3.30–4 p.m. *Tea-break*

ITEMS 7 AND 8. OTHER MATTERS AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

4–5 p.m. Summary of the outcomes and the results of the session.

Discussion of a mechanism for the adoption of the report.

Concluding remarks.
