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AFRICAN REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING  
FOR THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE  
OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON  
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
Nairobi, 19–21 March 2002

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA****INTRODUCTION**

1. In paragraph 33 of decision V/20, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity recognized that activities at the subregional and regional levels have an important role to play in preparing for meetings under the Convention and enhancing its implementation, and called upon Parties to participate actively in suitable subregional and regional activities, as well as on the Executive Secretary, subject to necessary voluntary contributions, to facilitate the involvement in such subregional and regional activities of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States, and other Parties with economies in transition.
2. The Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and Implementation of the Convention, convened in Montreal from 19 to 21 November 2001, pursuant to paragraph 38 of decision V/20, also acknowledged the important role that regional and subregional mechanisms and networks play in promoting the implementation of the Convention and providing forums for the preparation of regional inputs to meetings of the Convention and for translating decisions of the Conference of the Parties into regional actions.
3. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary is convening an African regional preparatory meeting for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Nairobi from 19 to 21 March 2002.

**ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

4. The meeting will take place at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON). It will be opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 19 March 2002. Registration of participants will commence on Monday, 18 March 2002 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and will continue on Tuesday, 19 March 2002 at 8 a.m.

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## **ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

### *2.1. Officers*

5. Participants will be invited to elect a Chairperson and a Rapporteur for the meeting.

### *2.2. Adoption of the agenda*

6. The meeting is invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda contained in document UNEP/CBD/Prep.Cop6.Afr/1, which has been prepared by the Executive Secretary.

### *2.3. Organization of work*

7. The meeting may wish to consider carrying out its deliberations only in plenary. The languages of the meeting will be English and French.

8. Participants are invited to consider the suggested timetable for its deliberations as proposed in the provisional organization of work annexed to the present document.

9. The documents prepared for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in particular draft decisions recommended by inter-sessional meetings and proposals by the Executive Secretary, will form the basis of discussions at the meeting. All national focal points for the Convention on Biological Diversity have been sent the relevant pre-session documents for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and participants are, therefore, requested to bring their own copies of these documents. These documents can also be down-loaded from the Secretariat's website at <http://www.biodiv.org>.

## **ITEM 3. ISSUES FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION AT THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

10. At its fourth meeting, the Conference of the Parties by its decision IV/16 adopted a programme of work for the period from the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties until the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties as contained in annex II to the decision. In accordance with the decision, the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will focus on the following as issues for in-depth consideration: forest biological diversity; alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species; and access and benefit-sharing. In addition, the Conference of the Parties will consider the report and recommendations of the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and the Implementation of the Convention as one the key issues. The regional preparatory meeting may wish to further review the respective recommendations contained on these issues in documents prepared for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The following pre-session documents for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be relevant to the discussions:

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/3	Report of the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/4	Report of the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/5	Report of the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and Implementation of the

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UNEP/CBD/COP/6/6	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/17	Forest biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/18	Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/19	Access and benefit-sharing as related to genetic resources

**ITEM 4. SELECTED CROSS-CUTTING AND IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES**

11. The Conference of the Parties will also be considering a number of cross-cutting and implementation issues. Most of these issues have been discussed in inter-sessional meetings held under the Convention. Specific recommendations have been made by such meetings for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties. The Executive Secretary has also proposed several recommendations regarding the way forward on these agenda items for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties. Cross-cutting and implementation issues of specific interest to the region on the agenda of the Conference of the Parties include: Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention; financial resources and mechanism; biological diversity and tourism; and biodiversity education and public awareness. Under this agenda item, the meeting may wish to further consider the various proposals regarding these agenda items as contained in the documents prepared for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The following pre-session documents for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be relevant for the discussions:

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/7	Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/12	Progress report on cross-cutting issues
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/13	Progress report on mechanisms for implementation
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/13/Add.2	Education and Public Awareness
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/14	Financial resources and mechanism

**ITEM 5. ISSUES OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO THE REGION**

12. Under this agenda item, the meeting may wish to identify and underline specific issues of concern to the region and possible action by the Conference of the Parties to be drawn to the attention of the Conference at its sixth meeting.

**ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS**

13. Under this item, the meeting will have the opportunity to consider any other items proposed and accepted for discussion.

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**ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

14. At the end of the meeting, the meeting will be invited to adopt its report, which will be presented to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting for consideration.

**ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

15. The African regional preparatory meeting for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be closed on Thursday, 21 March 2002.

*Annex*

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE AFRICAN REGIONAL  
PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON  
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

<i>Tuesday</i> <i>19 March 2002</i> 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening of the meeting</li> <li>2. Organizational matters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Officers;</li> <li>2.2 Adoption of the agenda;</li> <li>2.3 Organization of work.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Issues for in-depth consideration at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Forest biological diversity;.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
3 – 6 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.2. Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species;</li> <li>3.3. Access and benefit-sharing.</li> </ol>
<i>Wednesday,</i> <i>20 March 2002</i> 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.4. Strategic Plan, national reporting and implementation of the Convention</li> <li>4. Selected cross-cutting and implementation issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
3 – 6 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.2. Financial resources and mechanism;</li> <li>4.3. Biological diversity and tourism;</li> <li>4.4. Biodiversity education and public awareness.</li> </ol>
<i>Thursday</i> <i>21 March 2002</i> 10 a.m to 1 p.m	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Issues of special concern to the region.</li> </ol>
3 p.m to 6 p.m	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Other matters</li> <li>7. Adoption of the report</li> <li>8. Closure of the meeting</li> </ol>

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