

Informal Dialogue on CBD STRATEGY FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

17-18 September 2012

1. Achieving the Aichi targets is a difficult issue politically. It involves short-term costs for achieving long-term benefits. The danger of biodiversity loss seems distant and can be crowded out by more pressing concerns. It is therefore important to highlight the expected benefits associated with the implementation of the Aichi Targets, including sustainable development and poverty reduction benefits. At the same time, the severe risk of reaching tipping points in the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services must also be clearly stressed.
2. In order to do so, it is necessary to go beyond the national Governments and persuade sub-national/local Governments and the private sector that the threat of biodiversity loss to the economy is real, serious, and calls for a concerted response, in particular to mobilize resources to implement the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Targets.
3. At the request of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary circulated an Indicative Roadmap on the subject of Resource Mobilization at the fourth meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation.
4. The Roadmap proposed a logical sequence to achieving at COP11 the objectives of paragraph 8 (i) of decision X/3 by highlighting the required steps. Considering the minimal amount of data and information available, the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation focused its discussions and recommendations on baselines and effective reporting framework. The subject of targets itself was not discussed at WGRI4.
5. WRGI4 therefore requested both the Executive Secretary and the Parties to enhance the collection of information in preparation for COP11. This information will be contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/11/14 providing the basis for discussions on resource mobilization at COP11.
6. In order to deepen the understanding related to some of the key elements for consideration by COP11, an informal dialogue is being organized prior to COP11 to help identify and explore possible approaches to resource mobilization and types of targets, and how these would be related to baselines and financial needs.
7. The purpose of the informal dialogue is to explore and contribute to understanding on the various aspects of the document UNEP/CBD/COP/11/14, specifically reviewing the available information relevant to the reporting framework, identification of financial flows, possible baseline years, available baseline numbers and potential approaches and elements for target-setting that can be practically considered at COP11.
8. The discussion could additionally discuss possible sources of financing and financing mechanisms, such as fiscal policy instruments, mainstreaming of biodiversity, reform of perverse subsidies, positive incentives, role of the private sector, and so forth.

9. Resource mobilization for the Strategic Plan will need to continue throughout its entire duration and in this context the dialogue should be able to build a better understanding of the evolving nature of the work on resource mobilization for COP 11 and beyond.
10. The seminar will not draft any recommendations and will not engage in negotiation on targets but will seek to enhance understanding among participants on the various issues related to the strategy for resource mobilization with a view to facilitate discussions at COP11. The seminar will be limited to members of the COP Bureau and a regionally balanced group of Government nominated experts. In order to share the highlights of the discussion with all Parties, a chairman's summary would be provided to COP11.

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Venue: UNEP International Environment House, Salle 3 (MIE1)
9-15 chemin des Anémones
CH-1219 Châtelaine
Geneva, Switzerland.

Date and Duration: 17-18 September 2012

Tentative Agenda

Monday, 17 September 2012

9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m. Opening Session

- *Introductory remarks by the CBD Executive Secretary*
- *Explanation of the rules and objectives of the dialogue by Chair*
- *Introduction of participants*
- *Presentation on the relevant WGRI-4 discussions and COP-11 agenda items by the CBD Secretariat*

9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. Coffee break

10.15 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. SESSION I: Reporting Framework and Baselines

- *Brief presentation on the status of submissions, reporting and plans by CBD Secretariat*
- *Discussion*

Topics for discussion could include:

- Experiences with the reporting framework and how to improve it
- identification of financial flows and possible sources of financing, as well as financing mechanisms
- Improving the efficiency of available funding, enabling conditions for financing mechanisms, achieving co-benefits from sustainable development actions, etc.
- Approaches for defining baselines based on information on current financing flows

1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. Lunch

2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. SESSION II: Approaches and elements for target-setting

- *Presentation of background information on the potential approaches and elements for target-setting by CBD Secretariat*
- *Discussion*

Topics for discussion could include:

- Potential approaches and types of targets that could be practically considered for resource mobilization, and how these are related to available funding and financing needs

6.30 p.m. Reception

Tuesday, 18 September 2012

9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. PRESENTATION

- *Mr. Robert T. Watson on the report of the High-level Panel on resource needs to implement the Aichi Targets*
- *Mr. Guenter Mitlacher on the GEF6 Needs Assessment*

Topics for discussion could include:

- availability of information on financing needs assessments and ways to improve it

10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Coffee break

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. SESSION II contd.: Approaches and elements for target-setting and road map to COP12

Topics for discussion could include:

- Potential approaches and types of targets that could be practically considered for resource mobilization, and how these are related to available funding and financing needs
- Possible sequencing of further work beyond COP11, including improved information gathering, review of baselines/targets, connection to the Rio+20 process, etc.

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. CONCLUDING SESSION

- *Remarks by the Chair*
- *Statement from the COP10 Presidency (Japan)*
- *Statement from the COP11 host (India)*
