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### REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON BIODIVERSITY AND FINANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE NAGOYA OUTCOME

First meeting  
Cairo, 29-30 November 2010

#### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

##### Agenda item 1 Opening of the meeting

1. The meeting will be opened by the representative of the League of Arab States. The representatives of the League of Arab States, United Nations Environment Programme, and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will deliver brief opening statements.

##### Agenda item 2 Organizational matters

2. A *Provisional Agenda* for consideration by the Workshop has been circulated to all participants as document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/1. *The participants are invited to adopt the agenda for the workshop.*

3. Participants will introduce themselves. *The participants are also invited to note the provisional timetable for the workshop contained in UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/1/Add.1.*

##### Agenda item 3 The Nagoya Outcome and financial response in the Arab region: funding needs, gaps, priorities and planning

4. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/2, *Aichi Targets: Financial Implications for the Arab Region*, reports on the outcomes of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including all the global targets contained in the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the period 2011-2020. It further provides examples of necessary activities and suggested milestones for consideration at national and regional levels.

5. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/3, *Indicative Guidelines for Country-Specific Resource Mobilization Strategies*, was jointly developed by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Global Environment Facility and the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. It suggests the objectives, process of developing a country resource mobilization strategy, elements of a country resource mobilization strategy, exchange of experiences and capacity building.

6. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/4, *Experiences in Developing Integrated Financing Strategies*, was prepared by the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. It sheds light on how country resource mobilization strategies should evolve in the coming years.
7. *Participants are invited to discuss the following and present initial conclusions:*
  - (i) *Relevance of the 20 headline targets in the Arab region;*
  - (ii) *National and regional targets in light of the Aichi Target;*
  - (iii) *National and regional funding priorities for the period 2011-2020;*
  - (iv) *National and regional funding needs for the period 2011-2020.*
  - (v) *Updating national biodiversity strategy and action plans in light of the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan*
  - (vi) *Development of country-specific resource mobilization strategies in light of the strategy for resource mobilization of the Convention as well as the experiences gained in integrated financing strategies;*
  - (vii) *Revisions to the draft Indicative Guidelines for Country-Specific Resource Mobilization Strategies;*
  - (viii) *Opportunities for regional and subregional collaboration*

Agenda item 4 Exploration of innovative financing for biodiversity and ecosystem services

8. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/5, *Innovative Financial Mechanisms: Potentials in the Arab Region*, extracts relevant information on innovative financial mechanisms used in the International Workshop on Innovative Financial Mechanisms held in Bonn in January 2010. It offers basic information and knowledge on six major innovative instruments identified in the Strategy for Resource Mobilization of the Convention, and should assist in the consideration of the role of innovative financial mechanisms at national and regional levels.

9. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/5/Add.1, *Paying for Biodiversity: Enhancing the cost-effectiveness of payments for ecosystem services*, is a submission from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. It describes the definition of payment for ecosystem services (PES) and their role in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, design of PES to channel limited finance in the most cost-effective manner, use of inverse auctions to enhanced cost-effectiveness of PES, potential sources of PES finance, key criteria in PES programme design to enhance environmental and cost effectiveness, and lessons from existing PES programmes for international PES.

9. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/5/Add.2, *Biodiversity Offsets: a tool for Parties to consider and a briefing on the Business and Biodiversity Offsets Programme (BBOP)*, is a submission from the Business and Biodiversity Offsets Programme (BBOP). It describes what biodiversity offsets are, how biodiversity offsets may help Governments, BBOP Principles for Biodiversity Offsets, BBOP tools and information available to Parties to the Convention.

10. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/5/Add.3, *Green Development Mechanism - Toward a market-based financial mechanism to support biodiversity and development*, is a GDM 2010 Initiative Report. It provides answers to some twenty questions that have been raised in the past two years.

11. *Participants of the Workshop are invited to:*

- (i) *Share their experiences, examples, and case studies in developing and applying innovative financial mechanisms;*
- (ii) *Identify innovative financial mechanisms that have the highest potentials in generating financial resources for the Arab region;*
- (iii) *Define practical action for the next ten years to explore innovative financial mechanisms, in particular with respect to private sector resources and investment;*
- (iv) *Explore potential opportunities for regional and subregional collaboration.*

Agenda item 5 Role of external financing for biodiversity and ecosystem services

12. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/6, *Resource Mobilization at the National Level*, is an extraction from the 2010 Global Monitoring Report. It examines global experiences in mobilizing both revenue and expenditure sides of national budgets, including sectoral budgets, as a basis for mobilizing external financing for biodiversity and ecosystem services.

13. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/7, *Support of the Global Environment Facility to the Arab Region*, describes overall status of the GEF funding, funding opportunities under the GEF-5 biodiversity strategy, effectiveness in using the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR), and estimation of funding needs 2014-2018.

14. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/8, *Official Development Assistance to Biodiversity in the Arab Region*, analyzes the historic trends in official development assistance to biodiversity in the Arab region, and also identifies major funding programmes of external financial institutions and development agencies.

15. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/9, *Arab Environment Facility*, offers the latest information on development of the important initiative. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/9/Add.1, *Arab Regional Financial Organizations Pertaining to Biodiversity*, provides a snapshot of the activities of Arab regional financial organizations that may be in a position to extend financial support to biodiversity and ecosystem services.

16. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/10, *United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN REDD)*, contain the latest information on the innovative programme to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation that have direct biodiversity benefits. Document UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/11, *Lifeweb*, offers an update on the new initiative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which is aimed at enhancing financial support for protected areas systems.

17. *Participants of the Workshop are invited to:*

- (i) *Exchanges of views on national budgetary scenarios for biodiversity financing for the period 2011-2020;*
- (ii) *Develop steps to undertake assessments of economic values of biodiversity and ecosystem services at national and regional levels;*
- (iii) *Consider effectiveness of GEF-4 (2007-2010) in operating the financial mechanism of the Convention;*
- (iv) *Explore how to maximize the benefits of using the STAR allocations of GEF-5 (2010-2014) and regional and subregional projects designed for GEF funding;*

- (v) *Consider what funding needs are necessary to implement the Convention in Arab region from GEF-6 (2014-2018);*
- (vi) *Discuss the role of multilateral and bilateral financial and development agencies in achieving the Aichi Target for the period 2011-2020;*
- (vii) *Explore opportunities to integrate biodiversity and ecosystem services in the regional programmes of donor agencies for the Arab region;*
- (viii) *Develop future action to engage multilateral and bilateral financial and development agencies in the implementation of the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan and the Strategy for Resource Mobilization of the Convention;*
- (ix) *Explore the Arab Environment Facility and opportunities with Arab regional financial organizations;*
- (x) *Consider the role of UN REDD and Lifeweb*

Agenda item 6 Further regional actions on biodiversity and finance for the period 2011-2020

18. *Participants will discuss a summary document prepared on the basis of parallel discussions of the previous sessions and develop a coherent outcome for the workshop.*

Agenda item 7 Other matters

19. *Participants may raise any other business under this agenda item.*

Agenda item 8 Adoption of the report

20. The report and the results of the workshop will be presented for adoption by participants.

Agenda item 9 Closure of the meeting

21. The workshop will be closed at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, 30 November 2010.

### Provisional timetable

#### Monday, 29 November 2010

##### *Morning session*

- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Agenda item 1 Opening of the workshop  
 Agenda item 2 Organizational matters  
 Agenda item 3 The Nagoya Outcome and financial response in the Arab region: funding needs, gaps, priorities and planning (*continued*)

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Coffee break*

- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. Agenda item 3 The Nagoya Outcome and financial response in the Arab region: funding needs, gaps, priorities and planning (Parallel sessions for West Asia and North Africa)

12:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. *Lunch break*

##### *Afternoon session*

- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Agenda item 4 Innovative Financial Mechanisms (*continued*)

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Tea break*

- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Agenda item 4 Innovative Financial Mechanisms (Parallel sessions for West Asia and North Africa)

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. *Reception by the League of Arab States*

#### Tuesday, 30 November 2010

##### *Morning session*

- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Agenda item 5 Role of External Financing for Biodiversity (*continued*)

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Coffee break*

- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. Agenda item 5 Role of External Financing for Biodiversity (Parallel sessions for West Asia and North Africa)

12:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. *Lunch break*

##### *Afternoon session*

- 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Agenda item 6 Further regional actions on biodiversity and finance for the period 2011-2020 (*continued*)

- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Agenda item 6 Further regional actions on biodiversity and finance for the period 2011-2020 (Parallel sessions for West Asia and North Africa)

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Tea break*

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Agenda item 7 Other matters

Agenda item 8 Adoption of the report

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**Provisional list of documents**

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UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/6	Resource Mobilization at the National Level
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UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/10	United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN REDD)
UNEP/CBD/RW-BF/1/11	Lifeweb

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