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WORKSHOP ON FORESTS AND
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Accra, 28-30 January 2002

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**INTRODUCTION*****A. Background***

1. At its seventh meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) discussed in detail the elements for an expanded work programme on forest biological diversity. During the discussion, emphasis was laid on the need to achieve synergies and to avoid duplications between the work of the key international bodies and processes, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Forum on Forests and the members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.

2. In paragraph 4 of its recommendation VII/6, SBSTTA welcomed the offer by the Government of Ghana to host a workshop to explore opportunities for collaboration between the Convention on Biological Diversity, the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.

B. The mandate of the Workshop

3. The main objectives of the Workshop are:

(a) To share experiences and facilitate synergies between the draft programme of work on forest biological diversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the multi-year programme of work and plan of action of the United Nations Forum on Forests; and

(b) To consider ways and means for integrating conservation and sustainable use of forests into various national policies beyond the conservation and forestry sectors.

4. The expected results of the Workshop will be:

(a) A list of elements for possible joint programmes between the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Forum on Forests, and with the other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests; and

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(b) A short document or guidelines on ensuring successful cross-sectoral implementation of forest programmes and projects at the national level. These results will be forwarded to both the second meeting of the United Nations Forum on Forests, to be held in Costa Rica in March 2002, and to the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, to be held in The Hague in April 2002.

5. The Workshop on Forests and Biological Diversity will be held from 28 to 30 January 2002 at the M-Plaza Hotel, Borstal Avenue, Roman Ridge, Accra, Ghana.

6. Registration of participants will take place on Sunday, 27 January 2002 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and continue from 9 a.m. on Monday, 28 January 2002

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

7. A representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday, 28 January 2002. A representative of the United Nations Forum on Forests will make a statement.

1.1. Welcome address by a representative of the host country

8. The participants will be welcomed to the meeting by a representative of the Government of Ghana.

9. The participants and observers in the Workshop will be invited to introduce themselves.

1.2. Opening address by a representative of the Executive Secretary

10. The representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will outline the mandate for the Workshop as set out in SBSTTA recommendation VII/6, and review the goals, objectives and expected outputs of the Workshop.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of the Chair and Rapporteur;

11. The workshop on Forests and Biological Diversity will choose from among its members a Chairperson and a Rapporteur for the meeting.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

12. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/WS-Forests/1/1), will be before the Workshop for consideration and adoption.

2.3. Organization of work

13. The Workshop will be invited to consider the provisional organization of work for the meeting annexed to the present document.

ITEM 3. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**3.1. *Experience-sharing and the facilitation of synergies between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Forum on Forests, in particular, between the elements for an expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the multi-year programme of work and plan of action of the United Nations Forum on Forests***

14. Participants will be invited to share experiences and identify ways and means to facilitate synergies between the elements for an expanded work programme on forest biological diversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the multi-year programme of work and plan of action of the United Nations Forum on Forests. It will also be invited to identify elements for joint activities on forest biological diversity.

3.2. *Consideration of ways and means for integrating the conservation and sustainable use of forests into various national policies*

15. The Workshop is expected to gather information on best practices and share experiences with a view to considering ways and means for integrating the conservation and sustainable use of forests into various national policies beyond the conservation and forestry sector, i.e with the participation, as appropriate, of relevant sectors such as forestry, trade, energy and health.

3.3. *Exploration of possible joint activities between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Forum on Forests*

16. As a result of its work, the Workshop is expected to identify:

(a) A list of elements for possible joint programmes between the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Forum on Forests, and with the other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, and

(b) A short document or guidelines on ensuring successful cross-sectoral implementation of forest programmes and projects at the national level.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

17. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

18. Under this item, participants will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the Workshop, on the basis of the draft report and draft recommendations to be presented by the Rapporteur.

ITEM 6 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

19. The Workshop is expected to be closed on Wednesday, 30 January 2002 at 6 p.m.

Annex I

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE MEETING OF THE WORKSHOP ON
FORESTS AND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
<p><i>Monday</i> 28 January 2002</p> <p>9 a.m.</p> <p>9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Registration of participants</p> <p><i>Agenda items</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Election of the Chair and the Rapporteur 2.2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work 3. Substantive issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Experience-sharing and the facilitation of synergies between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Forum on Forests, in particular, between the elements for an expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity and the multi-year programme of work and plan of action of the United Nations Forum on Forests
<p>3 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda item 3.1 (<i>continued</i>)</p>
<p><i>Tuesday</i> 29 January 2002</p> <p>9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda item 3.2: Consideration of ways and means for integrating conservation and sustainable use of forests into various national policies</p>
<p>3 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda item 3.2 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Agenda item 3.3: Exploration of possible joint activities between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Forum on Forests</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> 23 January 2002</p> <p>9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda item 3.3 (<i>continued</i>)</p>
<p>3 p.m. to 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Agenda item 3.3 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Agenda item 4: Other matters</p> <p>Agenda item 5: Adoption of the report</p> <p>Agenda item 6: Closure of the meeting</p>

Annex II

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE MEETING OF THE WORKSHOP ON
FOREST AND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

A. Working documents

UNEP/CBD/WS-Forests/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/ WS-Forests/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
SBSTTA recommendation VII/6	Forest biological diversity
E/2001/42 (Part II)–E/CN.18/2001/3 (Part II)	UNFF MULTIPLE YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (contained in the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its first session, pp. 5-13)
E/2001/42/Rev.1- E/CN.18/2001/3/Rev.1	UNFF PLAN OF ACTION (contained in the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its first session, pp. 13-18)

B. Information documents

UNEP/CBD/ WS-Forests/1/INF/1	Analysis between the elements in the multiple year programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the elements of an expanded programme of work on forest biological diversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity (will be distributed at the opening of the meeting)
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/INF/5	Implementation of the work programme for forest biological diversity: synthesis of information from the thematic reports submitted by Parties: note by the Executive Secretary

C. Background material

COP decision V/4	Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work for forest biological diversity
COP decision V/6	Ecosystem approach
