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COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR THE GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE

Eleventh meeting
Montreal, 3-4 June 2011

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. In decision X/39 the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary:

(a) With the assistance of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI), and in collaboration with relevant international organizations, to hold capacity-building training workshops in all subregions and regions as needed (paragraph 7);

(b) In consultation with the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI, national focal points for the Initiative, and relevant institutions, bodies and organizations, to develop a comprehensive capacity-building strategy for the GTI (paragraph 16) at global and regional levels that addresses the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, taking into account:

- (i) The need for consistency between the planned activities relevant to capacity-building in the programme of work for the GTI and the outcome-oriented deliverables contained in decision IX/22;
- (ii) Taxonomic needs and capacities as already reported;
- (iii) The relevant stakeholders and resources required as well as possible funding mechanisms; and
- (iv) Taxonomic needs and priorities for the thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues for the Convention, in particular for the work on protected areas and invasive alien species;

and present the draft progress report to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting, and requests the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to review the draft strategy prior to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (paragraph 16);

(c) In consultation with the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI and the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Post-2010 Indicators, to consider developing an indicator in order to assess the progress on the implementation of the programme of work for the GTI as needed (paragraph 18).

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2. The tenth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI was held in the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Coordination Mechanism noted that implementation of decision X/39 requires strengthening the Coordination Mechanism. Accordingly, the Coordination Mechanism requested the Executive Secretary to draft amended terms of reference for the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI with a view to submitting these to the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) for its consideration (UNEP/CBD/GTI-CM/10/3).¹

3. Pursuant to decision X/39, the SBSTTA Bureau reviewed the draft terms of reference, and notification 2011-081 (ref. No. SCBD/STTM/JM/RH/JSH/75785) was sent to the Convention on Biological Diversity's National Focal Points, SBSTTA focal points and GTI National Focal Points to invite further comments on the draft as well as to invite nominations for members of the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI during the inter-sessional period between the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

4. In consultation with the SBSTTA bureau, the members of the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI will be selected and the eleventh meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI will be convened by the Executive Secretary from 3 to 4 June 2011 at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Montreal, Canada, based on the interim terms of reference mentioned in paragraph 3 above, with generous support from the Government of Japan.

5. The documents for the meeting are listed in annex I. They are available on the Secretariat's website at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=GTICM-11>. An information note for participants is also available. It provides details regarding logistical arrangements for the meeting, including registration, information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

6. The meeting is aimed at developing effective mechanisms for the implementation of decisions relevant to the GTI through the coordination of existing expertise, outcome-oriented deliverables and opportunities for capacity-building during the period between the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

7. The Coordination Mechanism is expected to produce:

- (a) A final draft of the strategy for taxonomic capacity-building in 2011-2020;
- (b) An information (INF) document on taxonomic indicators to submit to the AHTEG on indicators;
- (c) An action plan for collaboration in training activities planned for 2011;
- (d) An outline and editorial process for outreach material on the GTI;
- (e) A suggestion to the Executive Secretary regarding possible establishment of a Steering Committee for the Global Taxonomy Partnership.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

8. The meeting will be opened by a representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity at 1:00 p.m. on Friday 3 June 2011.

¹ <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=GTICM-10>

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1 Officers

9. In accordance with the interim terms of reference for the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI, the Chair of the Coordination Mechanism will be elected by the Coordination Mechanism members. One of the members of the Coordination Mechanism will act as Rapporteur.

2.2 Adoption of the agenda

10. The Coordination Mechanism may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/GTI-CM/11/1) prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with decision X/39 and other relevant matters raised at the tenth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI (annex II).

2.3 Organization of work

11. The work of the Coordination Mechanism will conduct its work in plenary. Some members may participate via videoconference. Members who are unable to participate in the meeting may submit written comments to express their views on any of the documents and decisions.

ITEM 3. SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS

3.1 Presentation of the GTI logo prepared by Germany

12. Mr. Christoph Haeuser will present the logo of the GTI prepared by Germany in kind. The Coordination Mechanism may wish to welcome this initiative and to consider appropriate ways to promote the use of the logo.

3.2 Overview of decision X/39 and other decisions related to the GTI, including the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

13. The Secretariat will introduce decisions relevant to the implementation of the GTI, including the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

14. The Coordination Mechanism will be invited to discuss priority needs in taxonomy and the technical rationale for the strategy for taxonomic capacity-building in light of the decisions of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

15. The Coordination Mechanism may wish to identify stakeholders, including end-users of taxonomy, sectors involved in capacity development, experts who can provide training and donors to support the activity, in order to provide a realistic scope to review the draft strategy for taxonomic capacity-building 2011-2020.

3.3 Review of draft strategy for taxonomic capacity-building 2011-2020

16. The Coordination Mechanism will be invited to review the draft strategy for taxonomic capacity-building 2011-2020, prepared by the Executive Secretary, and if necessary a small drafting group may be established to revise the draft strategy based on the discussion under agenda item 3.2.

3.4 Taxonomic indicators to monitor the progress of implementation of the GTI 2011-2020

17. In response to paragraph 18 of decision X/39 a preliminary information document on draft taxonomic indicators was prepared by a small group of Coordination Mechanism members. It will be introduced and the Coordination Mechanism will be invited to review the document (UNEP/CBD/GTI-CM/11/INF/1).

3.5 Training courses planned for 2011

18. The Secretariat will present possible training opportunities in taxonomy in the African region, supported by the Japan fund, and training for GTI National Focal Points.

19. In response to paragraph 7 of decision X/39, the Coordination Mechanism will be invited to discuss possible collaboration between the Secretariat and the organizations represented in the Coordination Mechanism to organize the training workshops, which may include training of GTI National Focal Points.

3.6 Outreach materials for the GTI, including guidance on non-commercial research under the Nagoya Protocol

20. Recalling the discussion made by the Coordination Mechanism at its tenth meeting, participants may wish to discuss the outreach materials to be used at the training events/workshops mentioned under item 3.5 above.

21. Participants are invited to identify potential contributors and editors, and to establish a timeline for the publication.

3.7 Global Taxonomy Partnership

22. Under this item, BioNET International will be invited to introduce the roadmap envisaged to make the Global Taxonomy Partnership operational.

23. The Coordination Mechanism may wish to consider whether or not a steering committee should be convened in accordance with paragraph 14 (b) of decision X/39.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

24. Under this item, participants may wish to raise any other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

25. The Coordination Mechanism will be invited to adopt its report on the basis of the draft report of the meeting.

ITEM 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

26. The meeting is expected to be closed at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday 4 June 2011.

Annex I

**DOCUMENTATION FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE COORDINATION
MECHANISM FOR THE GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/GTI-CM/11/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/GTI-CM/11/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/GTI-CM/11/INF/1	Proposal for a CBD indicator for taxonomy. Prepared by UNEP-WCMC and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
UNEP/CBD/GTI-CM/10/3	Report of the tenth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative

*Annex II***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR THE GLOBAL TAXONOMY INITIATIVE (GTI)**

	<i>Plenary</i>
<p><i>Friday 3 June 2011</i></p> <p>1 p.m. to 9 p.m.</p>	<p>Item 1. Opening of the meeting.</p> <p>Item 2. Organizational matters:</p> <p>2.1 Officers;</p> <p>2.2 Adoption of the agenda;</p> <p>2.3 Organization of work.</p> <p>Item 3. Substantive matters:</p> <p>3.1 Presentation of the GTI logo prepared by Germany;</p> <p>3.2 Overview of decision X/39 and other decisions related to the GTI, including the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;</p> <p>3.3 Review of draft strategy for taxonomic capacity-building 2011-2020;</p> <p>3.4 Taxonomic indicators to monitor the progress of implementation of the GTI 2011-2020;</p>
<p><i>Saturday 4 June 2011</i></p> <p>9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p>3 p.m. to 9 p.m.</p>	<p>3.5 Training courses planned for 2011;</p> <p>3.6 Outreach materials for the GTI, including guidance on non-commercial research under the Nagoya Protocol;</p> <p>3.7 Global Taxonomy Partnership.</p> <p>Item 4. Other matters.</p> <p>Item 5. Adoption of report.</p> <p>Item 6. Closure of the meeting.</p>
