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Puerto de la Cruz (Tenerife), Canary Islands, Spain
6–10 September 2004

ORGANIZATION OF WORK: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) adopted in decision VII/31 its multi-year programme of work up to 2010. Island biodiversity was identified as the new thematic area to be developed under the Convention and as the item for in-depth consideration at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held in Brazil in the first half of 2006.

2. To this end, in paragraph 8 of decision VII/31, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop a preparatory process for the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on island biodiversity which should include, *inter alia*, electronic forums, an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group meeting in mid-2004, and a liaison group to be held immediately after the International Meeting for the Review of the Barbados Programme of Action (BPoA), which will take place in Port Luis, Mauritius in January 2005.

3. In response to this request, the Executive Secretary has convened, with the support of the Government of Spain, a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity, to be held in Puerto de la Cruz (Tenerife), Canary Islands, Spain, from 6 to 10 September 2004. The mandate of the Group, as described in the annex to decision VII/31, is to:

(a) Consider the outcomes of the regional and interregional preparatory meetings for the 10-year review of the Barbados Programme of Action, and the status and trends of, and major threats to, island biological diversity, and identify those characteristics based on material provided by the Secretariat;

(b) Review how ongoing work on the different thematic areas and cross-cutting issues under the Convention on Biological Diversity and related work being carried out in the framework of other processes, in particular the Barbados Programme of Action, are contributing to the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention in island ecosystems; identify significant gaps and constraints, paying

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particular attention to mechanisms used to support implementation (e.g. financial mechanism, clearing-house mechanism, technology transfer and capacity-building);

(c) Develop proposals for a programme of work on island biological diversity incorporating priority actions to enhance conservation of island biodiversity, sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the utilization of genetic resources from islands.

4. Following a notification by the Secretariat, participants in the expert group meeting will be selected from among government-designated experts, taking into account the need for a balanced regional and gender distribution. In addition, representatives of competent intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations will participate as observers.

5. A provisional list of the documents for the meeting is provided in annex I below.

6. The Secretariat will distribute an information note containing details about registration and logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

7. The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary or his representative at 10 a.m. on Monday, 19 July 2004. The representative of the host country and the Executive Secretary will make introductory remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

8. Participants will be invited to elect a Chair for the meeting on the basis of proposals from the floor.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

9. The meeting will adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-IB/1/1), which has been prepared by the Executive Secretary on the basis of decision VII/31 of the Conference of the Parties.

2.3. Organization of work

10. The language of the meeting will be English.

11. Participants may wish to carry out part of their work in plenary and establish working groups to consider different aspects of item 5 of the provisional agenda. A suggested timetable for the workshop, indicating the allocation of work between the two working groups, is provided in annex II below. The suggested organization of work assumes that, in developing its proposals for the programme of work, the Group will use the same format as for recently adopted programmes of work, such as the programme of work on mountain biodiversity with the following three programme elements: (i) programme element 1: direct actions for the conservation, sustainable use and benefit-sharing; (ii) programme element 2: means of implementation for conservation, sustainable use and benefit-sharing; and (iii) programme element 3: supporting actions for conservation, sustainable use and benefit-sharing.

12. A member of the Secretariat will subsequently summarize the outcome of the Island Biodiversity Electronic Forum and introduce the documentation prepared by the Secretariat. The Electronic Forum was launched in March 2004 to gather information from the widest possible range of participants on issues pertaining to island biodiversity and the development of its programme of work.

ITEM 3. REVIEW OF: (i) THE OUTCOMES OF THE REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR THE 10 YEAR REVIEW OF THE BARBADOS PROGRAMME OF ACTION AND; (ii) THE STATUS AND TRENDS OF, AND MAJOR THREATS TO, ISLAND BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY; AND (iii) IDENTIFICATION OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ISLAND BIODIVERSITY

13. For the consideration of this agenda item, the Executive Secretary prepared the following two documents:

(a) Review of the outcomes of the regional and inter-regional preparatory meetings for the 10 year review of the Barbados Programme of Action, (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-IB/1/2) with a specific focus on issues pertaining to island biodiversity. These preparatory meetings include:

- (i) The three preparatory regional meetings to review implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from 6 to 10 October 2003; Praia, Cape Verde, from 1 to 5 September 2003; and Apia, Samoa, from 4 to 8 August 2003;
- (ii) The Inter-Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10-Year Review of the Barbados Programme of Action on the Sustainable Development of SIDS, held in Nassau, the Bahamas, from 26 to 30 January 2004); and
- (iii) The Preparatory Meeting held from 14 to 16 April 2004 in New York, as part of the twelfth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

(b) Status and trends of, and major threats to, island biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-IB/1/3).

14. Drawing on these documents, the experts will be invited to identify the elements for consideration in the development of proposals for the programme of work on island biodiversity in light of the specific characteristics of island biodiversity.

ITEM 4. REVIEW OF ONGOING WORK ON DIFFERENT THEMATIC AREAS AND CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND RELATED WORK CARRIED OUT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF OTHER PROCESSES, AND IDENTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT GAPS AND CONSTRAINTS TO IMPLEMENTATION

15. For the consideration of this item, the Executive Secretary prepared a review (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-IB/1/4) which summarizes: (i) how ongoing work on thematic areas and cross-cutting issues of the Convention, and (ii) the work carried out in the framework of other processes, with particular focus on the Barbados Programme of Action, are contributing to the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention in island ecosystems.

16. The experts will be expected: (i) to provide comments on the review prepared by the Executive Secretary, and (ii) identify significant gaps and constraints in the implementation of ongoing work carried out in island ecosystems in the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other processes. Experts may wish to pay particular attention to mechanisms used to support implementation, such as financial mechanisms, the clearing-house mechanism, technology transfer and capacity-building.

ITEM 5. DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSALS FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON ISLAND BIODIVERSITY

17. Under this agenda item, the representative of the Secretariat will introduce a document containing proposals for the programme of work on island biodiversity UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-IB/1/5 derived, *inter alia*, from the outcome of the electronic forum on island biodiversity.

18. The experts will be invited to further elaborate on proposals for the programme of work, contained in document (UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-IB/1/5), taking into account the outcomes of their work under items 3 and 4 above. In particular, participants will be requested to identify priority actions to enhance conservation of island biodiversity, sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources from islands. As indicated in the terms of reference of the AHTEG, in carrying out this work, experts are expected to:

(a) Develop global outcome- and process-oriented targets and related indicators pertaining to the priority actions;

(b) Identify relevant actors and partners for the implementation of the programme of work, synergies with other programmes and ways to draw on existing best practices;

(c) Propose ways to link with the Secretary General's WEHAB (water, energy, health, agriculture, and biodiversity) initiative, and support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and other relevant objectives identified by the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS

19. Under this item, participants may wish to raise for discussion other issues related to the subject-matter of the meeting.

ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

20. The meeting will consider and adopt its report on the basis of the draft report to be prepared and presented by the Chair. This report will be submitted to SBSTTA at its tenth meeting. In addition, prior to the tenth meeting of SBSTTA, the report of the meeting will be disseminated at the Meeting for the 10-year Review of the Barbados Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States to be held in January 2005 in Mauritius for information. A liaison group will be convened on that occasion in order to seek more views on the draft programme of work prepared by the AHTEG on Island Biodiversity. The views of the participants in the liaison group meeting will be synthesized in a note to be submitted to SBSTTA at its tenth meeting.

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

21. The meeting will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 10 September 2004.

Annex I

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT
GROUP ON ISLAND BIODIVERSITY***

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-IB/1/1	Provisional agenda.
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG- IB/1/1/Add.1/Rev.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda.
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-IB/1/2	Review of the outcomes of the regional and inter-regional preparatory meetings for the 10-year review of the Barbados Programme of Action.
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-IB/1/3	Status and trends of, and major threats to, island biodiversity.
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-IB/1/4	Review of ongoing work on the different thematic areas and cross-cutting issues under the Convention on Biological Diversity and related work being carried out in the framework of other processes.
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-IB/1/5	Proposals for a programme of work on island biodiversity.

* Documents will be posted on the website of the Convention on Biological Diversity as they are finalized and will be available at www.biodiv.org, under “Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Island Biodiversity”.

Annex II

PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON ISLAND BIODIVERSITY

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group 1</i>	<i>Working Group 2</i>
<i>Monday, 6 September 2004</i>			
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	<i>Agenda items</i> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters		
11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Break		
11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	3. Review of BPoA preparatory process; and status and trend of, and major threats to, island biodiversity 4. Review of ongoing work under the CBD and other work on other processes.		
2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	5. Development of main goals and targets under each of the proposed programme elements*/ of the programme of work.		

*/ The proposed programme elements are: (i) programme element 1: Direct actions for the conservation, sustainable use and benefit sharing; (ii) programme element 2: Means of implementation for conservation, sustainable use and benefit sharing; and (iii) programme element 3: Supporting actions for conservation, sustainable use and benefit sharing.

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group 1</i>	<i>Working Group 2</i>
4 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Break		
4.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	5. Development of main goals and targets under each of the proposed programme elements of the programme of work.		
<i>Tuesday, 7 September 2004</i> 9 a.m.– 11 a.m.		5. Under programme element 1: Development of process-oriented targets and related indicators, including identification of priority actions	5. Under programme elements 2 and 3: Development of process-oriented targets and related indicators, including identification of priority actions
11 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Break		
11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.		5. Under programme element 1: Development of process-oriented targets and related indicators (<i>continued</i>)	5. Under programme elements 2 and 3: Development of process-oriented targets and related indicators (<i>continued</i>)
2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.		5. Under programme element 1: Development of process-oriented targets and related indicators (<i>continued</i>)	5. Under programme elements 2 and 3: Development of process-oriented targets and related indicators (<i>continued</i>)
4 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Break		
4.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.		5. Under programme element 1: Development of process-oriented targets and related indicators (<i>continued</i>)	5. Under programme elements 2 and 3: Development of process-oriented targets and related indicators (<i>continued</i>)
<i>Wednesday, 8 September 2004</i> 9 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.	Report of the working groups		
9.30 a.m.-11 a.m.		5. Under programme element 1: Identification of priority	5. Under programme elements 2 and 3: Identification of

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group 1</i>	<i>Working Group 2</i>
		actions)	propriety actions
11 a.m. -11.30 a.m.	Break		
11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.		5. Under programme element 1: Identification of priority actions (<i>continued</i>)	5. Under programme elements 2 and 3: Identification of propriety actions (<i>continued</i>)
2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.		5. Under programme element 1: Identification of priority actions (<i>continued</i>)	5. Under programme elements 2 and 3: Identification of propriety actions (<i>continued</i>)
4 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Break		
4.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.		5. Under programme element 1: Identification of priority actions (<i>continued</i>)	5. Under programme elements 2 and 3: Identification of propriety actions (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 9 September 2004 9 a.m.–9.30 a.m.	Report of the working groups		
9.30 a.m.-11 a.m.		5. Under programme element 1: Identification of actors and synergies and proposed links with WEHAB	5. Under programme elements 2 and 3: Identification of actors and synergies and proposed links with WEHAB
11 a.m. -11.30 a.m.	Break		
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.		5. Under programme element 1: Identification of actors and synergies and proposed links with WEHAB (<i>continued</i>)	5. Under programme elements 2 and 3: Identification of actors and synergies and proposed links with WEHAB (<i>continued</i>)

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group 1</i>	<i>Working Group 2</i>
2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.		5. Under programme element 1: Identification of actors and synergies and proposed links with WEHAB (<i>continued</i>)	5. Under programme elements 2 and 3: Identification of actors and synergies and proposed links with WEHAB (<i>continued</i>)
4 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Break		
4.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.		5. Under programme element 1: Identification of actors and synergies and proposed links with WEHAB (<i>continued</i>)	5. Under programme elements 2 and 3: Identification of actors and synergies and proposed links with WEHAB (<i>continued</i>)
<i>Friday, 10 September 2004</i> 9 a.m.– 11 a.m.	Report of the working groups Finalization of the draft programme of work		
11 a.m. -11.30 a.m.	Break		
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Finalization of the draft programme of work (<i>continued</i>)		
2.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	6. Other matters. 7. Adoption of the report		
4 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Break		
4.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	7. Adoption of the report (<i>continued</i>) 8. Closure of the meeting		
