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REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR EAST AFRICA ON
UPDATING NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY
AND ACTION PLANS
Kigali, Rwanda 27 – 30 June 2011

DRAFT ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. In decision X/2, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and other Governments to develop national and regional targets, using the Strategic Plan as a flexible framework, and to review, update and revise, as appropriate, their national biodiversity strategies and action plans in line with the Strategic Plan and the guidance adopted in decision IX/9. The Conference of the Parties also urged Parties and other Governments to support the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans as effective instruments to promote the implementation of the Strategic Plan and to use the revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans as effective policy instruments for the integration of biodiversity targets into national development and poverty reduction policies and strategies, national accounting, economic sectors and spatial planning processes.

2. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also emphasized the need for capacity-building activities and the effective sharing of knowledge to support all countries, especially developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States, and the most environmentally vulnerable countries, as well as countries with economies in transition, and indigenous and local communities, in the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

3. In response, the Executive Secretary is organizing a series of regional and sub-regional workshops on updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) in 2011 and 2012. These workshops build on a series of regional and sub-regional NBSAP capacity-building workshops that were organized during 2008 and 2009, in response to paragraph 6 of decision VIII/8, with the purpose to strengthen national capacity for the development, implementation, review and update of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors and cross-sectoral strategies. With financial support from the Government of Japan and other donors, and in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of the Government of Rwanda, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is organizing a workshop for East Africa from 27 June to 1 July 2011 in the city of Kigali, Rwanda.

4. The specific objectives of the Regional Workshop on Updating and Revising NBSAPs are to:

(a) Facilitate national implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including by assisting Parties to develop national biodiversity targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

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(b) Assist Parties in reviewing, updating, revising and implementing the national biodiversity strategy and action plan, with consideration given to how it can serve as an effective tool for mainstreaming biodiversity into broader national policies;

(c) Raise awareness to stimulate early actions to implement other Aichi-Nagoya outcomes, in particular, the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing and the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

(d) Support countries in making use of the findings of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-3) and the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) study, and in considering how the findings could be integrated into updated and revised NBSAPs;

(e) Facilitate active learning opportunities and peer-to-peer exchanges for National Focal Points and persons in charge of implementing and revising NBSAPs.

5. Further to the agreement reached among heads and representatives of five international conventions on biodiversity (CBD, CMS, CITES, Ramsar Convention, WHC) and major conservation organizations on a common approach to address the biodiversity crisis, based on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 as an umbrella framework for all MEAs, the workshop will also be an opportunity to promote synergies amongst the MEAs and reflect commonalities in the national biodiversity strategy and action plan.

6. Expected outcomes of the workshop include:

(a) Adoption of national targets in line with the Strategic Plan by 2012;

(b) A new generation of updated and revised NBSAPs, adopted as policy instruments and fully integrated into national planning processes by 2014;

(c) Early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing and the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

(d) Effective implementation of other decisions from the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, particularly as it relates to the promotion of the TEEB findings and positive incentive measures for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity; and

(e) Effective sharing of knowledge, practices and technologies in support of the implementation of the Convention.

7. The following countries are invited to participate in the workshop: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, the Comoros, and Uganda.

8. Participants in the workshop comprise officials and experts from each of the countries in the region responsible for the development, updating and/or implementation of NBSAPs and integrating biodiversity into national development strategies and planning processes. As indicated in the notification for this workshop, the nominated participants “should be in a position to translate the capacity gained into concrete actions in support of national implementation”.

9. The Secretariat is issuing an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the workshop. The information note is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops2/east-africa/>. The language of the workshop will be English.

10. Participants are requested to bring copies of their country’s fourth national report and national biodiversity strategy and action plan, both in printed and electronic formats, to the workshop. Participants are also requested to provide the Secretariat at secretariat@cbd.int with any useful documents (e.g., electronic files, web addresses) prepared by their country in relation to the national biodiversity strategy and action plan and its implementation. This might include information on tools and guidelines for

NBSAP implementation, reviews or progress reports generated at the national level on the national biodiversity strategy and action plan for the purposes of monitoring and evaluation, communication strategies, case studies illustrating how biodiversity has been integrated into economic sectors and national strategies for sustainable development, poverty eradication and to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as well as strategies to address the threats posed by invasive alien species. We will be drawing on these national examples and experiences throughout the workshop, and will also incorporate information provided in the Convention's Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM).

11. Registration of participants will commence on site at 8 a.m. on Monday, 27 June 2011.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

12. The workshop will be opened on Monday, 27 June at 8.30 a.m. by representatives of the host Government and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), followed by self-introductions of participants.

13. Following that, the representative of the Convention on Biological Diversity will give an overview of the objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop.

14. The provisional agenda of the workshop prepared by the Executive Secretary is available in document UNEP/CBD/CBW-NBSAP/EA/2/1. The proposed organization of the workshop is provided in annex I.

15. The emphasis of the workshop will be on exchange and active learning. With this in mind, the workshop format features a mix of presentations with question and answer sessions, discussions in small working groups, and interactive sessions to introduce relevant tools and training modules. A field study visit will be organized on Thursday, June 30 2011 illustrating the mainstreaming of biodiversity. In addition, there will be opportunities for one-on-one discussions between participants and members of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

16. A list of documents for the workshop is provided in annex II.

ITEM 2. REVIEW OF FINDINGS OF GBO-3 AND OVERVIEW OF THE AICHI -NAGOYA OUTCOMES

17. The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties adopted a total of 47 decisions. Among them are the three decisions by which the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Strategy for Resource Mobilization were adopted. In addition, COP-MOP-5 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety adopted a Strategic Plan for the Protocol and the Kuala Lumpur – Nagoya Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress.

18. Under this agenda item, the representative from the Secretariat will introduce:

- (a) The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in particular the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- (b) The Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing;
- (c) The Kuala Lumpur – Nagoya Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress;
- (d) The main findings from the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook;
- (e) The United Nations Decade on Biodiversity.

19. Participants will be invited to share their initial thoughts on plans to implement these important outcomes.

20. Following a question and answer session, participants will discuss early actions needed to follow up on the Aichi-Nagoya outcomes, with particular focus on:

(a) The early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing and the Kuala Lumpur – Nagoya Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress;

(b) Initiation of the process of updating NBSAPs, including application for resources available from the Global Environment Facility for eligible countries.

ITEM 3. REVIEW AND UPDATING OF NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS: LESSONS LEARNED AND NEXT STEPS

21. In decision VIII/8, the Conference of the Parties decided to conduct an in-depth review of the implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan, with focus on “the status of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, their implementation and updating, and the extent to which biodiversity concerns are effectively integrated into relevant sectors and have been effectively mainstreamed in accordance with Article 6(b) of the Convention” (para. 10 (a) (ii)). The Secretariat organized a series of regional and sub-regional workshops during 2008 and 2009 to contribute to such a review. The review of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan 2002-2010 was presented to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties which adopted, in its decision IX/8, guidance for the development, updating and implementation of NBSAPs.

22. With the understanding that a review of lessons and experiences learned in the past will inform future actions, the Secretariat will introduce:

(a) Findings from the first round of regional and sub-regional workshops on NBSAPs and mainstreaming of biodiversity (a total of 12 held from 2008 to 2009);

(b) Guidance for NBSAPs adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting;

(c) The series of training modules developed by the Secretariat, focussing initially on Modules 2 and 3.

23. Countries will be invited to share their national reviews of implementation of NBSAPs and their plans for next steps.

24. Participants will be invited to undertake a rapid assessment exercise that would allow them to quickly assess NBSAP effectiveness and identify potential gaps and strategies to move forward.

ITEM 4. SETTING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TARGETS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AICHI – NAGOYA BIODIVERSITY TARGETS

25. While adopting the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and other Governments to develop national and regional targets, using the Strategic Plan as a flexible framework. Parties were also requested to report to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties on their national targets adopted in line with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

26. Under this item, the Secretariat will, at the outset, introduce a review of national targets beyond 2010 contained in the fourth national reports. The representative from the Secretariat will present a guide to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and a training module on the development of national targets for implementing the Strategic Plan and the Convention (Module 4).

27. Countries in the region that have developed national biodiversity targets will be invited to share these with other participants.

28. As a learning exercise, participants will work in groups to undertake diagnostic assessments of potential contributions to achieving global strategic goals and targets in the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Following group exercises, participants will be invited to propose examples of potential national targets and present their rationales for such targets.

29. This agenda item will be considered together with agenda items 5, 6 and 7 taking the targets of the Strategic Plan goal by goal (see Proposed Organisation of Work in annex I).

ITEM 5. INTEGRATING BIODIVERSITY INTO RELEVANT NATIONAL AND LOCAL PLANNING PROCESSES

30. The importance of integrating biodiversity considerations into relevant national and local planning processes is underlined in Article 6 (b) of the Convention and has been stressed in many decisions of the Conference of the Parties, including the eighth meeting, when, in considering the implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, Parties and other Governments were urged to promote dialogue among different sectors, to mainstream biodiversity, at the regional and national levels including, when appropriate, through the processes of the Convention, to address linkages between the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and, among others, international trade, finance, agriculture, forestry, tourism, mining, energy and fisheries. This was reflected in the guidance for NBSAPs adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting. At its tenth meeting, in its decision on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the Conference of the Parties called for NBSAPs to be adopted as policy instruments.

31. Under this item, participants will hear a number of presentations on processes and tools for mainstreaming biodiversity into relevant national and local planning processes, including strategic environmental assessments, landscape and spatial planning. The representative from the Secretariat will also present a training module on mainstreaming of biodiversity (Module 3).

32. Some countries will be invited to share their success stories or cases in mainstreaming biodiversity into various relevant sectors and cross-sectoral strategies, including strategies for poverty alleviation, achieving the MDGs and sustainable development, as well as into local planning processes.

33. The representative from the Secretariat will introduce key findings from the Economics of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity (TEEB) study, and make a presentation on how to use evaluation of biodiversity and ecosystem services as a tool for mainstreaming.

34. Participants will discuss, in groups, ways and means to mainstream biodiversity into relevant national and local planning processes, including sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies, plans and programmes.

35. A field trip will be arranged by the Government of Rwanda on 30 June 2011. The field trip will include visits to local agencies and sites to demonstrate issues related to mainstreaming biodiversity into planning processes.

ITEM 6. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION FOR NBSAP IMPLEMENTATION

36. While reviewing progress towards targets 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan 2002-2010, a majority of Parties identified lack of financial, technical and human resources as the biggest challenge faced in the implementation of the NBSAP and the Convention. According to the guidance on NBSAPs adopted at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Parties should develop a plan to mobilize national, regional and international financial resources in support of priority activities, considering existing and new funding sources, during the process of revising and updating NBSAPs. The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in its decision X/3, adopted the strategy for resource mobilization in support of the achievement of the Convention's three objectives. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties reiterated that national implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization should include, as appropriate, the design and dissemination of a country-specific resource mobilization strategy, with the involvement of key stakeholders, in the framework of updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans. The tenth meeting also stressed the importance of mobilizing the necessary resources for mainstreaming biodiversity in national strategies for sustainable development and poverty reduction strategies in order to better integrate biodiversity in national, regional and local decision-making processes.

37. Under this agenda item, participants will undertake a preliminary assessment of resources needed for implementation of the NBSAP, including the costs to address additional issues in an updated NBSAP. Participants will have a plenary discussion to identify opportunities for funding from various sources, including innovative funding mechanisms. Participants will also discuss, in plenary, incentives that are harmful to biodiversity as well as positive incentives and biodiversity funding gaps.

38. Finally, participants will work in groups to analyze the potential funding needs for NBSAPs.

ITEM 7. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

39. Stakeholder engagement and involvement are crucial to ensure that relevant stakeholders have the ownership of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and voluntarily take actions to achieve goals and targets identified in the NBSAP. To do this, strategic communication of the NBSAP for wider acceptance and ownership by relevant stakeholders is very important for revising and implementing the NBSAP. The Conference of the Parties in its many decisions, particularly decision IX/8, encouraged Parties and Governments to engage indigenous and local communities, all relevant sectors and stakeholders, including representatives of society and the economy, that have a significant impact on, benefit from, or use biodiversity and its related ecosystem services.

40. Under this agenda item, the representative from the Secretariat will introduce Modules 5 and 7 and participants will hear presentations on how to engage relevant stakeholders in the process of revising, updating and implementing NBSAPs. Participants will also undertake group exercises on identifying ways and means to communicate the NBSAP.

ITEM 8. SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION – STRENGTHENING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE REGION

41. Most countries report that they lack sufficient human resource capacity for the implementation of the Convention, and that responsible staff often have only limited access to both required information and the means to analyze it. At the same time, the first round of NBSAP workshops (2008-2009) and the fourth national reports have revealed that there exists, in fact, a wealth of information, expertise and experience among the Parties to the Convention and partner organizations. The challenge is to marshal this knowledge to support implementation of the Convention. This requires enhancing the Clearing-House Mechanism at global, regional and national levels, enabling it to facilitate scientific and technical cooperation, developing a biodiversity knowledge network and promoting technology transfer and cooperation as envisaged in Article 18 of the Convention.

42. Under this agenda item, relevant institutions, including regional and/or national centres of excellence, will share their experiences in supporting scientific and technical cooperation in the region. Some countries will share their national experiences in this field, particularly on how to use national and regional CHMs for this purpose. Participants will share their approaches and practices in promoting scientific and technical cooperation in the region and sub-regions. Participants will discuss ways and means to promote scientific and technical cooperation at various levels to facilitate the implementation of NBSAPs.

ITEM 9. SYNTHESIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE WORKSHOP

43. Under this agenda item, participants will elaborate on the next steps required to revise the NBSAP, including relevant plans, activities and timetables.

44. Participants will also look at all the points and recommendations that have emerged from various plenary and group discussions and, if applicable, adopt the conclusions of the workshop.

45. Prior to the closure of the workshop, participants will be invited to discuss the results of the workshop in relation to their expectations expressed at the beginning of the workshop. Participants will

also be asked to anonymously complete an evaluation form. The feedback provided in these forms is used to improve the planning and organization of subsequent workshops.

ITEM 10. CLOSING OF THE WORKSHOP

46. The workshop is expected to close at approximately 5 p.m. on Thursday, 30 June 2011.

Annex I
PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK: OVERVIEW

| | Monday 27 June | Tuesday 28 June | Wednesday 29 June | Thursday 30 June |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|
| 08.30 a.m. – 10 a.m. | Opening Official Opening Introductions of participants Overview of Workshop Aims | Setting national and regional targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (Goal A – Targets 1 to 4) Integrating biodiversity into national and local development planning processes The economics of ecosystems and biodiversity Examples from the region Group exercises | Setting national and regional targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (Goal C – Targets 11 to 13 and Goal D – Targets 14 to 16) Improving the status of biodiversity and enhancing the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem services Relevant experience Group exercises | The Roadmap for NBSAP revision: national level post-workshop activities to be undertaken in revising NBSAPs Group exercise: preparing draft outlines of NBSAPs Plenary discussion |
| 10.30 a.m.-12.30 a.m. | Review of the findings of GBO-3 and overview of the Aichi-Nagoya Outcomes Focus on early actions: Entry into force of protocols NBSAP review Q&A | | | Synthesis and conclusions of the workshop Closing of the Workshop |
| 1.30 p.m.-3 p.m. | Review and updating of NBSAPs – lessons learned and next steps Introduction to COP-9 guidance and the NBSAP training modules Group exercises Q&A | Setting national and regional targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (Goal B - Targets 5 to 10) Reducing pressures on biodiversity and promoting sustainable use: addressing drivers of biodiversity loss Relevant national and regional experience Group exercise One-to-one discussions with participants on their NBSAP and target setting processes | Setting national and regional targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (Goal E – Targets 17 to 20) Resource Mobilisation for NBSAP Implementation: funding mechanisms Access to GEF Resources for NBSAP Preparation Strengthening scientific and technical cooperation in the region. | Field Study Visit (with focus demonstrating integration of biodiversity in district-level planning) |
| 3.30 p.m.-5 p.m. | Setting targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets National Target Setting using Target 11 as an example Group exercises Q&A | | Stakeholder engagement and Strategic Communication Developing and implementing effective CEPA programmes as an integral part of NBSAP Engaging stakeholders in the implementation of NBSAPs Group exercises and feedback | |

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

| Document Number | Document Title |
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| UNEP/CBD/CBW-NBSAP/WA/2/1 | Provisional agenda. |
| UNEP/CBD/CBW-NBSAP/WA/2/1/Add.1 | Annotations to the provisional agenda. |
| Information and background documents (previously available) | |
| UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/2 | Status of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan focussing on implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and availability of financial resources - an overview. |
| UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/2/Add.1 | Synthesis and analysis of obstacles to implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, lessons learned from the review, effectiveness of policy instruments and strategic priorities for action. |
| UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/2 | Regional preparatory meetings on implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans and mainstreaming biodiversity. |
| UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/9 | National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: A Meta-Analysis of Earlier Review. |
| UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/10 | Review of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, Biodiversity Mainstreaming and Implementation of the Convention: A Bibliography. |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/9/14/Rev.1 | Implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan. |
| UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/3/INF/7 | National Biodiversity Targets for 2010 and beyond 2010. |
| UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/8 | The third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook: Implications for Future Implementation of the Convention. |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/10/INF/2 | Updated analysis of the fourth national reports. |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/10/INF/11 | Assessment of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans. |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/10/INF/15 | Innovative Financial Mechanisms. |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/10/8 | Implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan and Progress towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target. |
| UNEP/CBD/COP/10/INF/23/24/25 | TEEB for Business/Policy Makers/Local and Regional Policy Makers. |
| Decision VIII/8 | Implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan. |
| Decision VIII/9 | Implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. |
| Decision IX/8 | Review of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan. |
| Decision X/2 | The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. |
| Decision X/3 | The Strategy for Resource Mobilization in support of the achievement of the Convention's three objectives. |
| Decision X/8 | United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. |
| Decision X/4 | The third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook: implications for the future implementation of the Convention. |

CBD Training modules:

1. An Introduction to National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (2010)
2. How to Prepare or Update a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2010)
3. Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Sectoral and Cross-Sectoral Strategies, Plans and Programmes (2010)
4. Setting National Biodiversity Targets & Using the CBD's Framework for the Post 2010 Targets (2010)
5. Ensuring stakeholder engagement in the development, implementation and updating of NBSAPs
6. Getting political support for the NBSAP and financing its implementation
7. Communication Strategy for Issues in NBSAPs

Other Resources:

Reports of the First and Second Regional Workshops on NBSAPs and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity

Guide to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

Brochure: "Action for Biodiversity: Towards a society in harmony with nature"

Brochure: "Mainstreaming of biodiversity: Workshops on national biodiversity strategies and action plans"
