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WORKSHOP FOR ASIA ON UPDATING NATIONAL  
BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS  
AND THE PREPARATION OF THE FIFTH  
NATIONAL REPORT  
Beijing, 1-3 June 2016

### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### BACKGROUND

1. In its [decision XII/2](#), paragraph 4, the Conference of the Parties, urged those Parties that have not yet updated or revised their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, to do so as soon as possible and, in any event, no later than October 2015, and to submit their fifth national reports. Prior to that, the Conference of the Parties, in its [decision X/10](#), decided that all Parties should submit their fifth national reports by 31 March 2014. Aichi Biodiversity Target 17 requires that by 2015, each Party has developed, adopted as a policy instrument and commenced implementing an effective, participatory and updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan.
2. As of the end of April 2016, the Secretariat has received a total of 89 updated NBSAPs and 180 fifth national reports. To achieve Aichi Target 17 and the reporting by all Parties, and also in response to relevant requests contained in decision XII/2, the Executive Secretary is organizing a workshop for Asia on updating NBSAPs and the fifth national report to be held from 1 to 3 June 2016 in Beijing, China.
3. The overall objective of the workshop is to build capacities and provide practical suggestions on the finalization and adoption of updated NBSAPs and for the preparation of the fifth national report.
4. Governments were invited to nominate one representative to participate in this workshop. The nominee should be a representative or a technical expert involved in the updating of NBSAPs and/or the preparation of the fifth national report. The participant should be in a position to ensure that the updated NBSAP and/or the fifth national report will be completed and submitted within a few months after the workshop, preferably before the end of November 2016.
5. The working language of the workshop will be English. Annex I below contains the list of documents, which are available on the CBD website at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=NBSAPWS-2016-02>.
6. An information note has also been prepared for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the workshop. Registration of participants will be done on arrival of each participant at the venue of the workshop.

### **ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP**

7. The opening ceremony will be held at the workshop venue at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 1 June 2016. Representatives of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of China and the CBD Secretariat are expected to make opening remarks.

### **ITEM 2. BACKGROUND, OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMME OF THE WORKSHOP**

8. The CBD Secretariat will give an overview of the background, objectives, the programme and the expected outcomes of each workshop. Participants will be invited to briefly express their expectations.

9. The overall objective of the workshop is to strengthen the capacities for the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the preparation of fifth national reports. The workshop will provide specific suggestions for each participating country regarding the finalization of their draft updated NBSAP and/or fifth national report to enable them to finalize and submit their updated NBSAP and/or fifth national report within a few months after the workshop.

10. The workshop will also be an opportunity to share national experiences on the updating and implementation of NBSAPs.

11. The proposed programme for the workshop, or organization of work, is provided in annex II.

### **ITEM 3. GLOBAL STATUS AND ANALYSIS OF THE UPDATED NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS (NBSAPS) RECEIVED THUS FAR**

12. Under this item, the CBD Secretariat will present the global status and an analysis of updated NBSAPs received thus far and share some findings from the analysis that may help the participating countries finalize their draft updated NBSAPs.

13. Following the presentation, a plenary discussion will be arranged to allow participants to share general thoughts and observations concerning the updating of NBSAPs.

### **ITEM 4. COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS ON THE DRAFT UPDATED NBSAP STATUS, KEY CONTENT AND FUTURE PLAN**

14. Under this item, each participating country will be given 10 minutes to share the key content of its draft updated NBSAP, including key national targets, priority actions, and plans or mechanisms, as well as challenges encountered thus far and next steps for finalizing and adopting updated NBSAPs. Following each presentation, a few minutes of plenary discussions will be arranged to allow other participants and resource persons to share their thoughts and suggestions.

### **ITEM 5. ADDRESSING ISSUES RAISED BY COUNTRIES CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF UPDATED NBSAPS**

15. Under this item, the Secretariat and resource persons will share their thoughts and suggestions as to how to address the issues or challenges raised by countries in their presentations. These may include:

- (a) Setting and adopting national biodiversity targets in line with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- (b) Developing a monitoring and reviewing mechanism, including indicators;
- (c) Adopting updated NBSAPs as a policy instrument, including mainstreaming NBSAPs into relevant sectors;
- (d) Enhancing synergies in the implementation of relevant Conventions at national level.

16. Adjustments may be made to the topics listed above, depending on the issues or challenges raised by participating countries. The sessions will be a combination of presentations, plenary and group discussions, with a view to developing recommendations to help participating countries address these issues or challenges.

#### **ITEM 6. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE FIFTH NATIONAL REPORT**

17. This item is only for those countries that have not submitted the fifth national reports. A session will be arranged to provide suggestions for the preparation of the fifth national report, covering all parts of the report. This session will be undertaken with a combination of presentations, plenary discussions and group exercises.

18. Meanwhile, those countries that have submitted their fifth national report will be given time to work further on their draft updated NBSAP on the basis of the suggestions made during the first two days of the workshop.

#### **ITEM 7. INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNTRIES ON THE UPDATED NBSAPS AND/OR FIFTH NATIONAL REPORTS**

19. An individual discussion with each participating country will be arranged to provide specific suggestions to help them finalize and submit their updated NBSAP and/or fifth national report.

#### **ITEM 8. SYNTHESIS AND CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP**

20. A summary report of the workshop including recommendations from the workshop will be presented to participants for review and adoption.

21. The workshop is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 3 June 2016, with closing remarks by the representatives of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of China and the CBD Secretariat.

*Annex I*

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

<i>Document symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/WS/2016/2/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/2016/2/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
<a href="#">UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/2/Add.1</a>	Update on progress in revising/updating and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including national targets
	Information note for participants

## Annex II

## PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

	Wednesday, 1 June	Thursday, 2 June	Friday, 3 June
9 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	1. Opening of the workshop 2. Background, objectives and programme, including expectations from the workshop	5. Addressing issues raised by countries concerning the development and adoption of updated NBSAPs	6. Suggestions for the preparation of the fifth national report 7. <i>Countries that have submitted 5NRs to work further on their updated NBSAPs</i>
11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	3. Global status and analysis of updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) received thus far  Plenary discussions	5. Addressing issues raised by countries concerning the finalization and adoption of updated NBSAPs ( <i>continued</i> )	6. Suggestions for the preparation of the fifth national report ( <i>continued with some group exercises</i> ) 7. <i>Countries that have submitted 5NRs to work further on their updated NBSAPs</i>
2 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	4. Country presentations on draft updated NBSAP status, key content and future plan  Plenary discussions	5. Addressing issues raised by countries concerning the finalization and adoption of updated NBSAPs ( <i>continued</i> )	7. Individual discussions with countries on updated NBSAPs and/or fifth national reports ( <i>continued</i> )
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.	4. Country presentations ( <i>continued</i> )	7. Individual discussions with countries on updated NBSAPs and/or fifth national reports	8. Synthesis and closure of the workshop