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MEETING OF DONOR AGENCIES AND OTHER  
RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS TO DISCUSS  
OPTIONS FOR MOBILIZING NEW AND  
ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME  
OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS  
Montecatini, Italy 20-21 June 2005

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. **Opening of meeting**  
*Mr. Hamdallah Zedan, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity  
Italian Government representative*
2. **Organizational matters**
  - 2.1 Adoption of agenda;
  - 2.2 Organization of work.
3. **Substantive issues: Part I**
  - 3.1 **Outcome of the first meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas on agenda item 3.2 (Financial resources)**  
*Chair of Working Group or SCBD*
  - 3.2 **Overview of protected areas financing (factual position)**  
*Mr. Sheldon Cohen, Conservation Finance Specialist (on behalf of the Conservation Finance Alliance)*
    - Summary of estimates of global protected area funding needs, current funding levels, shortfalls and trends;
    - Overview of cost implications of implementation of the programme of work on Protected Areas, including costs of short-term targets;
    - Overview of major funding sources, finance mechanisms, and issues surrounding financial sustainability.
  - 3.3 **Presentations by Parties from developing countries including small island developing States and countries with economies in transition**

These presentations *inter alia* cover

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- Overviews of actions being taken to implement the programme of work on protected areas, including planning, policy and governance reforms and other actions;
- Overviews of funding needs to implement the programme of work on protected areas, including urgent funding needs for early actions under the programme of work;
- Steps being taken to expand national funding sources to support the programme of work on protected areas (e.g., tourism-based fees, options for redirecting perverse subsidies) and suggestions for steps that could be taken by international donor agencies.

### **3.4 Overview of Global Environment Facility (GEF) support for the programme of work on protected areas**

*Mr. Gonzalo Castro, Biodiversity Team Leader, Global Environment Facility*

- Summary of current GEF-3 period, highlighting support relevant to the protected areas programme of work;
- GEF response to guidance in Decision VII/20 – Further Guidance to the Financial Mechanism;
- Options for future GEF support.

### **3.5 Discussion**

## **4. Substantive Issues: Part II**

### **4.1 GEF Project: Supporting country early action on protected areas**

*Mr. Marcel Alers UNDP*

- Summary of new project in PDF-B design stage to support early actions under programme of work on protected areas;
- Discussion of opportunities for donor collaboration around this project.

### **4.2. Presentations by:**

- Other multilateral agencies
- Bilateral donors
- International non-governmental organizations

### **4.3 Way forward**

Bearing in mind:

- Linkages between protected areas (e.g., their goods and services), and the Millennium Development Goals and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;
- The upcoming MDG+5 meeting (United Nations, NY, September 2005), and possible linkages to protected areas and biodiversity;
- Relevant policy processes (e.g., EU Development Assistance Strategy);
- Integrating protected areas funding into national-level development assistance – some examples and recommendations.

## **5. Closure of meeting**