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EXPERT WORKSHOP ON
PROTECTED AREAS
Curitiba, Brazil, 17 –18 March 2006

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Executive Secretary

INTRODUCTION

1. In response to the request contained in paragraph 8 (d) of recommendation 1/4 of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, held in Montecatini, Italy, in June 2005, the Executive Secretary is convening, with financial support from the European Union, an expert workshop on protected areas on 17-18 March in Curitiba, Brazil, prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The main purpose of the Workshop is to pre-view the implementation of activities/elements of the programme of work on protected areas, to facilitate an informed review by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Workshop will also review the evaluation matrix contained in annex II to recommendation 1/4, pursuant to paragraph 8 (b) of the same recommendation. The report of the Workshop will be submitted to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties as an information document.
2. The Executive Secretary has prepared background documents to facilitate the tasks of this Workshop. A full list of documents for the Workshop is attached as annex I below.
3. The Workshop will be held at the Convention and Exhibition Centre (Expo Trade), in Curitiba, Brazil. The Secretariat has issued an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Participants for this workshop are invited to make use of this information note when planning their travel.
4. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Friday, 17 March 2006.

ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The Executive Secretary or his representative will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on Friday, 17 March 2006. A representative of the Secretariat will give an overview of the purpose of the Workshop and describe the expected outputs.

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ITEM. 2 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

6. After a brief self-introduction by the participants, the Workshop will be invited to elect its Chair based on proposals from the floor.

2.2. Adoption of agenda

7. Participants will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/EWS.PA/1/1).

2.3. Organization of work

8. The language of the Workshop will be English.

9. Participants will be invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting as contained in annex II below. Participants may wish to conduct the initial deliberations in plenary, but may decide to break into smaller groups for discussions and the drafting of specific recommendations as required.

ITEM. 3 PREVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES/ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS (PARAGRAPH 8 (d) OF RECOMMENDATION 1/4 OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON PROTECTED AREAS)

10. Pursuant to recommendation 1/4, paragraph 5 of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, the Executive Secretary sent out a notification (No. 2005-084, dated 12 July 2005) to Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities inviting them to submit information on implementation of the programme of work. The format attached to the notification contained 15 questions related to the programme of work on protected areas mainly incorporating those elements/activities that have a timeline of 2006. These activities are:

- 1.1.1. Establish suitable time-bound and measurable national and regional level protected area targets and indicators;
- 1.1.2. Establish or expand protected areas in any large, intact or relatively unfragmented or highly irreplaceable natural areas, or areas under high threat, as well as areas securing the most threatened species, and taking into consideration the conservation needs of migratory species;
- 1.1.3. Address the under-representation of marine and inland water ecosystems, taking into account marine ecosystems beyond areas of national jurisdiction, and transboundary inland water ecosystems;
- 1.1.4. Conduct national-level review of potential forms of conservation and their suitability for achieving biodiversity conservation goals;
- 1.1.5. Conduct protected area gap analysis taking into account Annex 1 of the Convention and other criteria such as irreplaceability, minimum effective size and viability requirements, integrity, and ecological processes ;
- 1.2.2. Identify and implement practical steps for improving the integration of protected areas into broader land and seascapes;
- 1.4.5. Integrate climate change adaptation measures in protected area planning;
- 1.5.1. Apply environmental impact assessment guidelines to projects for evaluating effects on protected areas;
- 1.5.5. Assess key threats and develop and implement strategies to prevent or mitigate such threats;

- 2.1.2. Promote broad set of protected area governance type;
- 2.2.1, 2.2.2 & 2.2.3. Undertake measures for participatory planning and involvement of indigenous and local communities and other stakeholders in protected area;
- 3.1.1. Identify legislative and institutional gaps and barriers that impede effective establishment and management of protected areas;
- 3.2.1. Undertake national protected area capacity needs assessment and establishing capacity building programmes;
- 3.4.2. Implement country- level sustainable financing plans that support national systems of protected areas; and
- 4.2.1. Implement appropriate methods, standards, criteria and indicators for evaluating the effectiveness of protected areas management and governance, taking into account the IUCN-WCPA framework and other relevant methods.

11. As of 5 January 2006, only 14 submissions from Parties, eight submissions from organizations, and four submissions from indigenous and local communities had been received. Supplementing this information with the information received through the third national reports, the Executive Secretary prepared document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/29 to facilitate the review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting. This document will be the background document for the consideration of this item.

12. The participants are invited to pre-view implementation of activities / elements of the programme of work on protected areas, identify gaps in the light of targets agreed upon in the programme of work and suggest possible measures for effective implementation of the programme of work.

ITEM. 4 REVIEW OF THE EVALUATION MATRIX (PARAGRAPH 8 (B) OF RECOMMENDATION 1/4 OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON PROTECTED AREAS)

13. In paragraph 2 of recommendation 1/4, the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas agreed to develop an evaluation matrix, which includes for each target of the programme of work the criteria for assessing implementation, the information needed to assess implementation, possible sources of information and the description of progress and main obstacles, taking note of the suggestions contained in annex II to that recommendation. In paragraph 8 (b) of the same recommendation, the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group requested the Executive Secretary to collect the views of the Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities on the proposed content of the evaluation matrix for the further consideration at the second meeting of the Working Group. However, due to lack of timely financial resources and logistic difficulties, the second meeting of the Working Group could not be organized prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Hence, the expert workshop is invited to review the evaluation matrix to facilitate consideration of this matter by the Conference of the Parties.

14. In response to the request in paragraph 8 (b) of recommendation 1/4 of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas, the Executive Secretary sent out a notification (No. 2005-084, dated 12 July 2005) to Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities inviting them to submit their views on the proposed content of the evaluation matrix. As of 5 January 2006, six submissions from Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, India, Thailand, and the United Kingdom and the European Commission on behalf of the European Community and its member States, and two submissions from organizations (MAB-UNESCO and IUCN) had been received. Based on these submissions, the Executive Secretary prepared a draft revised evaluation matrix contained in document UNEP/CBD/EWS.PA/1/2.

15. Participants are invited to review the draft revised evaluation matrix and suggest any further modifications.

ITEM 5 OTHER MATTERS

16. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 6 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

17. Participants will consider and adopt the report of the workshop on the basis of the draft report of the meeting to be prepared and presented by the Chair.

ITEM 7 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

18. It is expected that the Workshop will be closed at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 18 March 2006

*Annex I***LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE EXPERT WORKSHOP ON PROTECTED AREAS****Working documents**

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Titles

Provisional agenda

UNEP/CBD/ EWS.PA/1/1/Add.1

Annotations to the provisional agenda

UNEP/CBD/COP/8/29

Review of implementation of the programme of work on protected areas for the period 2004-2006

UNEP/CBD/ EWS.PA/1/2

Revised draft evaluation matrix

Other Documents

UNEP/CBD/COP/8/8

Report of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working group on Protected Areas

Compilation of submissions received from Parties on the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas

www.biodiv.org/world/reports.aspx,

Compilation of information contained in the third national reports received from Parties on the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas

www.biodiv.org/world/reports.aspx,

Compilation of information received from organisation on the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas

www.biodiv.org/world/reports.aspx,

Annex II

PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Friday, 17 March 2006

- 9 a.m. –1 p.m.** Opening of the meeting (agenda item 1)
 Organizational matters (agenda item 2)
 Pre-view of implementation of activities/ elements of the
 programme of work on protected areas (paragraph 8 (d) of
 recommendation 1/4 of the first meeting of the Open-Ended
 Working Group on Protected Areas) (agenda item 3).
- 2 – 5 p.m.** Continuation of agenda item 3
 Review of the evaluation matrix (paragraph 8 (b) of
 recommendation 1/4 of the first meeting of the Open-Ended
 Working Group on Protected Areas) (agenda item 4).

Saturday, 18 March 2006

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Continuation of discussions on agenda items 3 & 4 and
 drafting of recommendations
- 2 – 5 p.m.** Other matters (agenda item 5)
 Adoption of the draft report (agenda item 6)
 Closure of the meeting (agenda item 7)
