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Fourth Meeting  
Montreal, 21 - 25 June 1999

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1 Election of officers;
  - 2.2 Adoption of the agenda;
  - 2.3 Organization of work.
3. Reports:
  - 3.1 Cooperation with other bodies;
  - 3.2 Progress in the work programmes on thematic areas.
4. Priority issues:
  - 4.1 Programme of work of SBSTTA;
  - 4.2 Ad hoc technical expert groups: establishment of the terms of reference;
  - 4.3 Global Taxonomy Initiative: advice on its further advancement;
  - 4.4 Assessment of the status and trends and options for conservation and sustainable use of terrestrial biological diversity (drylands, Mediterranean, arid, semi-arid, grassland, and savannah ecosystems);

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- 4.5 Development of guiding principles for the prevention of impacts of alien species, by identifying priority areas of work on isolated ecosystems and by evaluating and giving recommendations for further development of the Global Invasive Species Programme (GISP), with a view to cooperation;
  - 4.6 Consideration of the consequences of the use of the new technology for the control of plant gene expression for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity;
  - 4.7 Incorporation of biological diversity considerations into environmental impact assessment;
  - 4.8 Development of approaches and practices for the sustainable use of biological resources, including tourism.
5. Draft provisional agenda for the fifth meeting of SBSTTA.
  6. Dates and venue of the fifth meeting of SBSTTA.
  7. Other matters.
  8. Adoption of the report.
  9. Closure of the meeting.

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