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Seventeenth meeting
Montreal, 14-18 October 2013
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) established under Article 25 of the Convention will take place in Montreal, at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), from 14 to 18 October 2013. Registration of participants will commence at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 13 October 2013.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

2. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on 14 October 2013. The Chair of the Subsidiary Body and the Executive Secretary will make opening remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

3. Pursuant to rule 26, paragraph 3, of its rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting, held in Hyderabad, India, in October 2012, elected Mr. Gemedo Dalle Tussie (Ethiopia) as the Chair of SBSTTA for a term of office extending until the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/35, paragraph 45).

4. Following the elections held at the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of the Subsidiary Body, the Bureau of the seventeenth meeting of SBSTTA will comprise the following members, in addition to its Chair: Mr. Alexander Shestakov (Russian Federation), Ms. Ivna Vukšić (Croatia), Ms. Risa Smith (Canada), Mr. Jean-Patrick Le Duc (France), Mr. Maadjou Bah (Guinea), Ms. Brigitte Baptiste (Colombia), Mr. Floyd Homer (Trinidad and Tobago), Ms. Nenenteiti Teariki-Ruatu (Kiribati) and Mr. Yousef Al-Hafedh (Saudi Arabia).

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5. In order to achieve staggered terms of office within the Bureau, the Subsidiary Body will elect four new members to serve on the Bureau for a term commencing at the end of the seventeenth meeting and ending at the end of the nineteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, to replace the members from Guinea, Kiribati, Trinidad and Tobago and Canada.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. The Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of SBSTTA, prepared the draft provisional agenda for the seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body.

7. The Subsidiary Body will be invited to consider the provisional agenda for its seventeenth meeting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/1 and UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/1/Add.1, annex I) for adoption and to agree on the proposed organization of work.

8. A list of pre-session documents for the meeting is provided in annex II. Preparation of documents benefitted from a peer-review process which was carried out in June and July 2013.

9. The Conference of the Parties, at its eighth, tenth and eleventh meetings, discussed ways and means to improve the effectiveness of SBSTTA, based on recommendations provided by the Subsidiary Body itself. The Conference of the Parties, in decision XI/13, repeated its request to the Subsidiary Body, contained in decision X/12, to focus its work on the scientific and technical aspects of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the multi-year programme of work. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and the Bureau of SBSTTA, the Friends of the CBD at their meeting in Bogis-Bossey (Switzerland) held in February 2013, as well as the Executive Secretary in his statements, repeatedly acknowledged the need to implement this request by the Conference of the Parties and to adapt the format of meetings of the Subsidiary Body accordingly.

10. The Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau, proposes to consider all agenda items in plenary, using a range of formats during the plenary sessions, including panel presentations and discussions. As the substantive items on the agenda of the seventeenth meeting of SBSTTA are all interrelated, it appears beneficial for SBSTTA to develop conclusions and recommendations on all agenda items together, under item 7. To allow for this joint consideration, the first three days of the meeting would be devoted to sharing information and exchanging views on all substantive agenda items, whereas the last two days would provide sessions for discussions and agreement on the outcome of the meeting. This should allow Parties to engage more comprehensively and openly in scientific and technical discussions during the first days of the meeting.

11. To facilitate the consideration of the substantive agenda items, it is proposed to structure the consideration of agenda items 3 and 4 by Strategic Goal of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The following format is proposed for each three-hour session:

- Chair's remarks and introduction;
- Introduction to background document(s) by the Secretariat;
- 3 presentations by experts (10 minutes each);
- Time for questions and answers;
- Discussion and statements (90 minutes);
- Summary by the Chair.

12. The last two days would provide the Subsidiary Body with the opportunity to consider the outcomes of the different discussions of the first days in an integrated manner and to develop coherent recommendations to Parties, IPBES, further sessions of the Subsidiary Body itself, other stakeholders such as the research community and, where required, to the Conference of the Parties. The agenda of SBSTTA-17 supports this format, as it includes a separate agenda item, item 7, to develop conclusions and recommendations for further work.

13. Parties should prepare to share their national experience and examples and engage in the technical and scientific discussions on the different agenda items.

**ITEM 3. FACILITATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN
FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 AND THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY
TARGETS THROUGH SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL MEANS**

14. In decision XI/13 B, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare information and report on progress, *inter alia*, on policy support tools, observations and data systems for monitoring, and scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, and requested the Subsidiary Body, on the basis of its analysis of this report, to identify scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting.

15. Proposals for new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, provided in accordance with the consolidated *modus operandi* for SBSTTA (decisions VIII/10 and IX/29), may include suggestions that also reveal scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and for which requests to the Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) for follow-up may be considered. Proposals made since the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties for new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity are therefore also considered under this agenda item.

16. The Executive Secretary has prepared a document on Facilitating the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets through scientific and technical means (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/2) to provide general observations and considerations regarding the adequacy of policy support tools (item 3(a)); the adequacy of data, observations and indicators (item 3 (b)); new and emerging issues (item 3 (c)); the effects of the types of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention (item 4) and on that basis, draws general conclusions on scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan and to each of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (item 3(d)).

17. This document is complemented by a more detailed analysis, for each of the four Strategic Goals of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, of available information on the Aichi Targets relating to policy support tools (item 3(a)); the adequacy of data, observations and indicators (item 3(b)), effectiveness of measures (item 4) and a concluding section on scientific and technical needs (item 3 (d)):

- Strategic Goal A: Address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss by mainstreaming biodiversity across government and society (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/2/Add.1)
- Strategic Goal B: Reduce the direct pressures on biodiversity and promote sustainable use (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/2/Add.2)
- Strategic Goal C: Improve the status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems, species and genetic diversity (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/2/Add.3)
- Strategic Goal D: Enhance the benefits to all from biodiversity and ecosystem service (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/2/Add.4)

**(a) *Policy support tools and methodologies developed or used under the
Convention and their adequacy, impact and gaps***

18. In decision XI/13 B (paragraph 1 (a) (ii)), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare information relating to existing policy support tools and methodologies developed or used under the Convention and their adequacy, impact and obstacles to their uptake, as well as gaps and

needs for the further development of such tools and methodologies and to report on progress on this matter (paragraph 1 (b)).

19. To facilitate its consideration of the item, the Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the adequacy of the policy support tools or methodologies developed or used by the Convention, their application at the national level and ways in which other tools developed nationally or by other organizations should be brought to the attention of Parties separately for each Strategic Goal. On the basis of this consideration the Subsidiary Body may wish to provide guidance on the further development of policy support tools and methodologies under the Convention and on ways to enhance their effectiveness.

(b) *The adequacy of observations, and of data systems, for monitoring the biodiversity attributes addressed in the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the use and development of indicators for the Aichi Biodiversity Targets*

20. In decision XI/13 B (paragraph 1 (a) (iii)), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare information relating to the adequacy of observations, and of data systems, for monitoring the biodiversity attributes addressed in the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, drawing, *inter alia*, upon information in the report of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/INF/6) and the report on the adequacy of biodiversity observation systems to support the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/INF/8).

21. In decision XI/3 (paragraph 12), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, the Group on Earth Observation Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO-BON), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and other partners, including the Indicators Working Group of the International Indigenous Forum for Biodiversity, to undertake a number of activities related to the use and further enhancement of the Indicator framework for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and to report on progress.

22. To facilitate the consideration of this item, the Subsidiary Body may wish to review and discuss the analysis and identify opportunities for enhancements of biodiversity observation systems separately for each Strategic Goal.

(c) *New and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity*

23. In accordance with the procedure in decision IX/29, the Executive Secretary invited, through notification 2013-018, a new round of submissions of proposals for new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources.

24. The Subsidiary Body may wish to review and discuss the proposals in the context of the discussions on the identification of scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets, and, as appropriate, recommend adding to the agenda of one of its future meetings those new and emerging issues which meet the criteria from decision IX/29.

(d) *Scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan and to each of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets*

25. In decision XI/13 B (paragraph 1 (a) (i)), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare information relating to scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

26. For each of the Strategic Goals, the Subsidiary Body may wish to review the analysis provided in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/2 and the corresponding addendum and consider ways in which these scientific and technical needs can be satisfied and mechanisms and partnerships that could assist in this process.

ITEM 4. ASSESSING THE EFFECTS OF THE TYPES OF MEASURES TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION

27. Through decision XI/13 B, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to prepare information relating to options for assessing the effects of the types of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention (paragraph 1 (a) (iv)) as well as to assess the use and impact of policy support tools (paragraph 1 (a) (ii)).

28. In addition to the overview of the note by the Executive Secretary on facilitating the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets through scientific and technical means (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/2), the Executive Secretary has prepared an analysis of options available for assessing the effects of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, primarily from a methodological perspective (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/3). The Subsidiary Body may wish to review this analysis and consider ways to enhance its role in assessing the effectiveness of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, as well as any implications for improving the effectiveness of measures taken.

ITEM 5. CONTRIBUTION OF THE CONVENTION TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL SCIENCE-POLICY PLATFORM ON BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (IPBES) INTERSESSIONAL PROCESS

29. At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties provided guidance relating to the work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and invited IPBES, in cooperation with the Executive Secretary, to develop a work programme that includes the preparation of the next global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services, and requested the Executive Secretary to collaborate with IPBES, where relevant (decision XI/2, paragraph 28).

30. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to explore, with the Secretariat of IPBES, options for the preparation of a global assessment on biodiversity and ecosystem services, including its implications for future editions of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, and report on progress to a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (decision XI/3 C., paragraph 7(b)).

31. The Conference of the Parties further requested the Executive Secretary to engage IPBES and others in the preparations of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates (decision XI/3 C, paragraph 7(a)). Further, the Conference of the Parties requested IPBES to consider ways in which the activities of the Platform could, as appropriate, build on, and contribute to, the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook; contribute to assessments of the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets; and provide information on policy options available to deliver the 2050 Vision of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (decision XI/13, paragraph 4).

32. In response to these provisions, as well as responding to the invitation from the IPBES Secretariat to contribute to the intersessional process in preparation of the second IPBES Plenary, the Executive Secretary prepared a discussion note on considerations for the development of a work programme for IPBES, including options for a global assessment and links to the Convention process, which was annexed to the submission to IPBES of 5 May 2013 (<http://www.ipbes.net/images/CDB-submission.pdf>). This note was further developed on the basis of discussions with Parties and other partners, taking into

account also the feedback from the first meeting of the IPBES Multidisciplinary Expert Panel in June 2013, and is being made available as document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/4.

33. The Subsidiary Body may wish to provide further observations on the note and related issues, noting that the additional explanatory information on the requests contained in paragraph 4 of decision XI/13 C will be taken up under item 7 of the agenda.

ITEM 6. PROGRESS REPORTS BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

34. Under this item, the Subsidiary Body will consider progress reports on the preparation of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/5), on marine and coastal biodiversity, including the description of ecologically and biologically significant areas (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/6), and on work supporting Parties in the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 11 and 15, including ecosystem restoration (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/7).

ITEM 7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER WORK, INCLUDING INPUTS TO THE IPBES WORK PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISION XI/13

35. The Subsidiary Body may wish to consider the information gathered and gaps and obstacles identified during its consideration of the preceding agenda items and provide conclusions and recommendations for further work, including inputs to the IPBES work plan. The conclusions and recommendations of the Subsidiary Body may inform the work of the Subsidiary Body, the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat, IPBES, partner organizations, and the research community and funding agencies.

ITEM 8. OTHER MATTERS

36. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters of relevance to the meeting.

ITEM 9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

37. Under this item, the Subsidiary Body will consider and adopt its report. In accordance with established practice, the Subsidiary Body is invited to authorize the Rapporteur to complete the final report after the meeting, with the guidance of the Chair and the assistance of the Secretariat.

ITEM 10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

38. The seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is scheduled to be closed at 6 p.m. on Friday, 18 October 2013.

*Annex I***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

Plenary	
Monday, 14 October 2013	
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<p>Item 1: Opening of the meeting.</p> <p>Item 2: Organizational matters.</p> <p>Item 3: Facilitating the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets through scientific and technical means.</p> <p>Item 4: Assessing the effects of the types of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.</p> <p>Overview of items 3 and 4</p> <p>Panel presentations and discussion.</p>
3 – 6 p.m.	<p>Items 3 and 4 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Strategic Goal A</p> <p>Panel presentations and discussion.</p>
Tuesday, 15 October 2013	
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<p>Items 3 and 4 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Strategic Goal B</p> <p>Panel presentations and discussion.</p>
3 – 6 p.m.	<p>Items 3 and 4 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Strategic Goal C</p> <p>Panel presentations and discussion.</p>
Wednesday, 16 October 2013	
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<p>Items 3 and 4 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Strategic Goal D</p> <p>Panel presentations and discussion.</p>
3 – 6 p.m.	<p>Items 3 and 4 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Panel presentations and discussion.</p> <p>Item 5: Contribution of the Convention to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) intersessional process.</p> <p>Item 6: Progress reports by the Executive Secretary.</p>
Thursday, 17 October 2013	
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Item 7: Conclusions and recommendations for further work (based <i>inter alia</i> , on items 3(a), (b) and (d)).
3 - 6 p.m.	Item 7: (<i>Continued.</i>)
Friday, 18 October 2013	
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Item 7: (<i>Continued.</i>)
3 - 6 p.m.	<p>Item 8: Other matters.</p> <p>Item 9: Adoption of the report.</p> <p>Item 10: Closure of the meeting.</p>

*Annex II***DOCUMENTS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC,
TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE****WORKING DOCUMENTS**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Working title</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
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UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/2/Add.1	Identification of scientific and technical needs for the attainment of the targets under Strategic Goal A of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	3
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/2/Add.2	Identification of scientific and technical needs for the attainment of the targets under Strategic Goal B of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	3
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/2/Add.3	Identification of scientific and technical needs for the attainment of the targets under Strategic Goal C of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	3
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/2/Add.4	Identification of scientific and technical needs for the attainment of the targets under Strategic Goal D of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	3
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/3	Assessing the effects of the types of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention	4
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UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/5	Progress report on the preparation of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook	6
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/6	Progress report on marine and coastal biodiversity, including the description of ecologically and biologically significant areas	6
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/7	Progress report on work in support of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 5, 11 and 15, including ecosystem restoration	6
