

Republic of Korea welcome this opportunity at SBSTTA-17 to take a broad look at the technical and scientific needs for the implementation of the Strategic Plan and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

As host of COP-12 which will be held PyeongChang, Korea next year, we expect that the outcome of this meeting will inform the development of a “PyeonChang Roadmap” for the achievement of the Aichi Targets.

Moreover, we see this meeting as contributing to technical and scientific cooperation among Parties to the Convention.

The Parties have developed a wide range of policy support tools and approaches to monitoring, and have rich experience in their use. We can do much more to share these tools through the clearing house mechanism. There are many national, regional and international institutions that can provide technical support to Parties.

We look forward to stepping up our collective efforts in this regard. As host country of COP-12, the Republic of Korea exploring how we can contribute to these efforts in a practical way.

Thank you very much.