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SOUTH-SOUTH-EXCHANGE MEETING ON THE
CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF
FOREST BIODIVERSITY
Montreal, 8-10 July 2009

REPORT OF THE MEETING

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The South-South-Exchange Meeting on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Biodiversity was held in Montreal, at the premises of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
2. In February 2006, the Executive Secretary received a request from H-E. Mr. Henri Djombo, Minister of Forest Economy and Environment of the Republic of the Congo, acting as the President of the Central Africa Forests Commission (COMIFAC), aimed at facilitating the exchange of experience between COMIFAC, the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the context of South-South Cooperation. The request was welcomed by the Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization.
3. Pursuant to these requests, the Executive Secretary, in partnership with the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York, convened a brainstorming meeting in Montreal from 6 to 8 November 2006. The objectives of this brainstorming meeting in November 2006 were to:
 - (a) Discuss the elements of a plan of action for South-South cooperation that would enhance implementation of the three objectives of the Convention and the Millennium Development Goals, in particular goals 1 and 7;
 - (b) Offer a platform of informal discussion between COMIFAC, ACTO and ASEAN to discuss modalities for collaboration and exchange of experiences in the context of South-South cooperation;
 - (c) Make recommendations on the process from the development through to the adoption of a multi-year programme of work on South-South cooperation on biodiversity.
4. The brainstorming meeting was attended by experts from Brazil, Gabon, the Republic of the Congo, South Africa, and Timor-Leste; the Group of 77 and China, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), ACTO, COMIFAC, ASEAN, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and, as an observer, the IUCN–World Conservation Union. Following deliberations, participants suggested a framework for preparatory process of the development of a plan of action for South-South cooperation on biodiversity, including objectives, possible programme areas of interest and collaboration, possible mechanisms for enhancing south-south cooperation, and possible means of implementation. The Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting noted the report on the brainstorming meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/11).

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5. Furthermore, a meeting was held on 22-23 January 2009 in Bali, Indonesia to foster forest-policy learning among three regional organizations: ASEAN, COMIFAC, and ACTO. The meeting's objectives were to share experiences on regional forest policy approaches and implementation, discuss a draft proposal for a South-South-Exchange Meeting on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Biodiversity, and discuss possible contributions from the three regional organizations for the 13th World Forestry Congress (WFC). It was recommended at the meeting that a South-South Exchange Meeting on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Biodiversity should be held at the seat of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in Montreal, prior to and in preparation of the 13th World Forestry Congress.

6. The German Development Cooperation regards South-South cooperation and South-South learning at the interface of Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) as a key priority. The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) supports South-South cooperation through various programmes and projects, *inter alia*, in cooperation with the regional organizations ACTO, COMIFAC and ASEAN. GTZ also collaborates with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on promoting poverty alleviation through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, as outlined in a Memorandum of Understanding between BMZ and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity dated 14 May 2007. The GTZ Regional Programmes to the three regional organizations and the GTZ Programme on International Forest Policy of the BMZ provided substantial and generous financial support to conduct the South-South Exchange Meeting on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Biodiversity, and also provided funding for the preparatory meeting which took place in Bali, 22-23 January 2009.

7. The South-South-Exchange Meeting on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Biodiversity was convened to address a demand generated at a meeting between the Central Africa Forests Commission (COMIFAC), the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO Permanent Secretariat), and the Secretariat of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN Secretariat). The role of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the GTZ, was to provide technical and logistical support to further discussions of the regional intergovernmental organizations, and to support the development of follow-up documentation.

8. The objective of the meeting was to enhance capacity within and foster exchange between the three regional organizations for a more effective and efficient implementation of their mandates regarding approaches and instruments of international and regional forest-related agreements, thus supporting sustainable forest management and poverty alleviation at national and local levels, and across the three major tropical forest regions. The meeting aimed to facilitate exchange about the different organizational setups and political mandates, current needs and challenges, as well as emerging lessons of the concerned regional organizations. The meeting was intended to exchange approaches on pertinent issues (see below), in an implementation-oriented manner.

9. The specific objectives of the meeting were to:

(a) Provide an opportunity for the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) to update participants about recent decisions and ongoing initiatives in the framework of each respective intergovernmental process;

(b) Promote learning and exchange among the regional organizations on three priority topics, notably payment for ecosystem services (PES), access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization (ABS), and Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD-plus).

(c) Discuss future opportunities for South-South-Cooperation.

(d) Discuss common approaches and possible joint activities for the World Forestry Congress (WFC) in Buenos Aires, from 18 to 23 October 2009, the COP 15 UNFCCC in December 2009

in Copenhagen, and the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in 2010 in Nagoya.

10. The meeting was attended by 12 representatives from the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), the ASEAN Secretariat, and the Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC) and 11 resource persons from the United Nations REDD Programme (UN REDD), the Secretariat of the United Nations Development Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (UNFFS), the Nature Conservancy (TNC), the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), GeoMedia Consult, and the Institut de l'Énergie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie (IEPF), and the Bureau of CBD COP-9. The full list of participants is attached as annex I.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

11. The meeting was opened at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 8 July 2009 by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention. In his opening remarks, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl emphasised the relevance of this meeting, given the challenges facing forest ecosystems and the importance of South-South Cooperation. Mr. Djoghlafl described the broader context of South-South Cooperation, by referring to the brainstorming meeting on South-South-Cooperation which took place at the Secretariat in November 2006 and the decision by COP 9 to establish a plan of action on South-South-Cooperation, initiated by the Group of 77. He informed participants of an upcoming meeting at the CBD Secretariat in November 2009 with the objective of preparing a road map to South-South-Cooperation. Mr. Djoghlafl also alluded to the upcoming International Year of Biodiversity in 2010 and a seamless bridge to the launch of the International Year on Forests. He wished participants a successful meeting and said he hoped they would attend the G-77 Forum on South-South-Cooperation in Nagoya in 2010, in conjunction with the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, 18-29 October 2010. Mr. Djoghlafl concluded by saying that he looked forward to working with the participants to promote the CBD Programme of Work on Forests and South-South Cooperation.

12. Mr. Gunter Simon, Director of the Amazon Regional Programme OTCA-DGIS-GTZ, gave opening remarks on behalf of the GTZ. He highlighted the common issues that the three regional organizations face with respect to the Rio Conventions and implementation of global frameworks. He also mentioned that South-South cooperation has been recognized as important in global forums. Mr. Simon summarized the meeting that took place in Bali in January 2009, during which participants from the three organizations (with limited representation from COMIFAC) identified common themes of interest. He emphasized that despite having very different histories and objectives, the three organizations can construct a common agenda on specific issues, like biodiversity, SFM, and ABS. Mr. Simon envisions this cooperative process as generating impacts at various levels, including within the organisations' member countries and at the international policy level. Mr. Simon expressed his hope that the meeting would identify the next steps as the establishment of a common working agenda and moving forward towards the next meeting: the WFC in Buenos Aires. Mr. Simon said he was pleased that the SCBD hosted the meeting and that he looked forward to the results.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

13. It was decided to have a rotating chairmanship for the meeting. The first day of the meeting was chaired by the Executive Secretary of COMIFAC, Mr. Raymond Mbitikon, supported by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Mr. Martin Tadoum. The second day was chaired by the representative of the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO, Mr. Flavio Sottomayor. The third day of the meeting was chaired by the representative of the ASEAN Secretariat, Mr. Raman Letchumanan.

2.2. *Adoption of the agenda*

14. Participants adopted the agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda proposed by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/EXM/SS/CSUFB/1/1), as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
 - (a) Election of officers;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Organization of work.
3. Technical sessions: REDD-plus, forest-related payments for ecosystem services (PES), access and benefit-sharing (ABS).
4. Forest-related processes and updates on relevant programmes of work.
5. Implementation of international commitments in the regions: regional tools, challenges and opportunities.
6. Forest biodiversity for poverty alleviation and sustainable development processes.
7. Next steps for South-South cooperation.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.

2.3. *Organization of work*

15. The proposed organization of work for the meeting was adopted as contained in the annotations to the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/EXM/SS/CSUFB/1/1/Add.1). Subsequently, participants decided to split into two working groups for the purposes of their consideration of agenda item 5 (see para. 30 below).

.ITEM 3. TECHNICAL SESSIONS: REDD-PLUS, FOREST-RELATED PAYMENTS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (PES), ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING (ABS)

16. Under this item, Ms. Rane Cortez from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) presented an overview of REDD-plus, including an update on the main technical and policy elements currently being debated (notably the methods of establishing reference levels, the scope of REDD-plus, monitoring approaches, the scale of implementation, financing, and phasing of REDD-plus). Ms. Rane then outlined the social and biodiversity aspects of REDD-plus, including both potential benefits and risks associated with REDD-plus. Ms. Cortez presented the capacity-building module on REDD-plus and encouraged the use of this module by the regional organizations to build REDD-plus capacity among member countries.

17. Ms. Cortez provided an update on the World Bank/Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), whose two objectives are to build capacity in developing countries for REDD and to test a program of performance-based incentive payments. 37 countries are participating in the FCPF's readiness mechanism to build REDD-plus capacity in developing countries and funding is currently available for 20 of these countries. Ms. Cortez mentioned that there is a role for regional organizations to play in helping countries share lessons, create dialogue, and coordinate their efforts, as some countries within a region have been able to obtain readiness funding while others have not.

18. Ms. Allison Campbell of the United Nations Collaborative Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (UN REDD) Programme/UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre provided an update on the UN-REDD Programme, which is a collaborative programme of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). She said that the UN REED Programme had been launched in September 2008 to help countries and the international community gain experience with REDD-plus through stakeholder participation, institution strengthening and capacity building. She emphasized the importance of considering the multiple benefits of REDD-plus and highlighted that the UN-REDD Programme was developing tools and guidance to support countries in efforts to integrate biodiversity and ecosystem services into REDD planning and implementation.

19. Ms. Carmenza Robledo of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) provided an update on the ITTO Thematic Programme on Reducing Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Enhancing Environmental Services in Tropical Forests (REDDES). Ms. Robledo insisted that the objectives of REDDES were not concerned specifically with carbon emissions, but rather with reducing deforestation and forest degradation, enhancing environmental services and helping improve forest-dependent livelihoods through sustainable management of tropical forests, forest restoration and other related activities.

20. Mr. Richard Huber from the Organization of American States (OAS) presented an overview of forest-related payments for ecosystem services (PES) programmes and the analysis of case-studies on PES conducted by the OAS. Mr. Huber gave examples of conversion of mangroves to shrimp farms and highlighted how these entail large social costs and low economic gains, highlighting the importance of valuating ecosystem services.

21. Ms. Valerie Normand, Programme Officer for Access and Benefit-Sharing at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, provided an outline of access and benefit-sharing (ABS) and an update on the international negotiations for an international regime on access and benefit-sharing, the adoption of which was set for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, in October 2010.

22. Ms. Normand's presentation was followed by a presentation from Mr. Suhel Al-Janabi from GTZ/GeoMedia Consult and Mr. Rufin Antoine Oko from COMIFAC on the cases and findings from the African Workshop on ABS and forests. The presentation highlighted the recommendations made at the workshop to the ABS community, the forestry community, at the national level, and the international level. A question period followed.

ITEM 4. FOREST-RELATED PROCESSES AND UPDATES ON RELEVANT PROGRAMMES OF WORK

23. Introducing this item, Mr. Tim Christophersen of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity outlined the various components, elements and activities of the programme of work on forest biodiversity under the Convention, and decision IX/5 adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its ninth meeting.

24. Ms. Catalina Santamaria from the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests highlighted recent developments at the eighth session of the Forum on regional cooperation for sustainable forest management. A discussion on current regional cooperation approaches and possible synergies for the planning and implementation of activities in the regions followed.

25. Representatives of the Convention Secretariat introduced latest developments in the work of the Secretariat on several programmatic and cross-cutting issues, notably: climate change and biodiversity; protected areas and the LifeWeb Initiative; the International Year of Biodiversity 2010; sustainable tourism; and invasive alien species. Ms. Jaime Webbe introduced the draft findings of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on biodiversity and climate change, and outlined the further process for the adoption and dissemination of results, which would, *inter alia*, be submitted to the relevant bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in December 2009. The draft findings were available on the CBD website. Mr. Mateusz Banski, on behalf of Programme Officer Mr. David Ainsworth, introduced the preparations for the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB), and encouraged participants to initiate regional activities in celebration of IYB in 2010. Mr. Jason Spensley presented an

overview of the programme of work on protected areas (decision VII/28) and the Lifeweb Initiative, which is a facilitation and information mechanisms to match demand and supply in sustainable financing of protected areas. Mr. Oliver Hillel outlined the activities of the Convention Secretariat on sustainable tourism, and introduced a draft good-practice guide and other tools developed by the Secretariat in collaboration with its partners such as the United Nations World Tourism Organization. Ms. Junko Shimura recalled the need to combat invasive alien species (IAS) through better monitoring and control, and stressed the importance of regional collaboration in this respect, providing also the example of close regional collaboration on IAS in Asia.

ITEM 5. IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL COMMITMENTS IN THE REGIONS: TOOLS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

26. Under this agenda item, the three regional bodies presented their structure, activities, and opportunities and challenges related to the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity (the presentations will be made available on the CBD website).

27. Mr. Martin Tadoum, on behalf of COMIFAC, presented the history, mandate, structure, and activities of the organization, including COMIFAC's commitment towards South-South Cooperation with the other organizations, and he outlined some of the challenges and opportunities in relation to the implementation of international commitments.

28. Mr. Raman Letchumanan, on behalf of the ASEAN Secretariat, presented the mandate, structure, and activities of ASEAN, and outlined the role, success stories and challenges of regional cooperation for a range of environmental issues, such as protected area management, invasive alien species, as well as sustainable forest management.

29. Mr. Flávio Sottomayor, on behalf of the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO, noted that the incoming Secretary General of ACTO, Mr. Manuel Picasso, and the Executive Director, Mauricio Dorfler, would assume their responsibilities on 13 July 2009, and would receive a report on the results of this meeting. He then presented the mandate, structure, and activities of ACTO, in relation to sustainable forest management and biodiversity, and in view of possible opportunities and challenges of South-South Cooperation.

30. Following the presentations from the regional organizations, it was decided to change the organization of work and to split up in two working groups: one working group, comprised of the representatives of ACTO, COMIFAC and ASEAN, worked on a number of key questions regarding the promotion of South-South Cooperation in the context of sustainable forest management and biodiversity issues, while the second working group, comprised of participants from international organizations and resource persons, outlined the possible support and collaboration these organizations could offer to such South-South Cooperation.

31. Working Group I, comprised of regional participants, presented their findings, which included suggestions to formalize South-South Cooperation between the three regions; a tentative list of immediate and medium-term initiatives and activities, such as inviting each other to respective regional meetings; and steps to involve partners.

32. Working Group II, comprised of participants from other organizations, presented their findings, which included the need for clear objectives and mechanisms to assess the results of South-South Cooperation on sustainable forest management and biodiversity.

33. Individual participants of the Working Group II then presented, on behalf of their organizations, specific offers of support for the follow-up process, which included, amongst others, the offer of GTZ to continue the support to SSC within the existing regional projects, and to organize jointly with FAO with support of other partners, including the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), a one-day meeting on regional organizations, processes and initiatives in the context of sustainable forest management (SFM) in conjunction with the World Forestry Congress, as well as proposal from the Convention Secretariat to

consider the output from this meeting in the framework of the multi-year plan of action on SSC, and to further support this process pursuant to decisions IX/5 and IX/25, and an offer from the UNFF Secretariat to further facilitate dialogue and coordination among regional and subregional forest-related mechanisms, institutions and instruments, organizations and processes, as reflected in resolution 2006/49 of the Economic and Social Council and UNFF resolutions 7/1 and 8/1, and in this regard explore potential opportunities through regional led initiatives on SFM and joint activities with the Convention Secretariat and other CPF members.

ITEM 6. FOREST BIODIVERSITY FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES

34. Under this item, Mr. Eric Belvaux, Mr. Christopher Hogan, and Mr. Alberto Vega from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity/GTZ highlighted lessons learned from North-South cooperation in mainstreaming forest biodiversity. Mr. Belvaux introduced the participants to the CBD “Biodiversity for Development” initiative and discussed the results of a recent expert meeting on Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Development Cooperation which took place at the premises of the Secretariat in May 2009. Mr. Hogan introduced a good-practices guide promoting Sustainable Forest management currently developed by the CBD “Biodiversity for Development” initiative. Mr. Vega highlighted current projects in mainstreaming activities with the regional bodies as well as possible further activities.

ITEM 7. NEXT STEPS FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

35. Under this item, the three regional organizations discussed suggestions to formalize South-South Cooperation between the three regions; a tentative list of immediate and medium-term initiatives and activities, such as inviting each other to respective regional meetings; and steps to involve partners. The three regional organizations agreed to share information on relevant key events, and make use of relevant meetings occurring in the three sub-regions to continue and strengthen South-South Cooperation.

36. The organizations agreed to continue this informal South-South consultation in conjunction with the World Forestry Congress in October 2009.

37. A number of international organizations and the GTZ, acting on behalf of the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, offered to further support this process in their respective capacities and according to their respective mandates.

ITEM 8. OTHER MATTERS

38. There were no other matters.

ITEM 9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

39. During the last session, participants were invited to consider the draft report prepared by the Secretariat.

40. Mr. Mizuno from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan informed participants about the preparations for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-10) in Nagoya, Japan. He outlined ongoing efforts to develop a draft post-2010 Strategic Plan for the Convention, and invited the intergovernmental regional organizations to contribute to this process. He also invited all participants to attend the meeting, which was to be held from 18 to 29 October.

41. A closing statement was given by Professor James Seyani, Vice-President of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Prof. Seyani emphasized that developing countries realize the critical role of biodiversity in development, and, on behalf of the Bureau and the G-77 and China, welcomed the outcomes of the meeting. He reminded participants of the intention of G-77 to submit an inclusive plan on South-South exchanges in complement to other forms of cooperation, recognized the contribution of previous G-77 chairs and Sudan in supporting this process, and

emphasized the pivotal role of regional organizations in the upcoming plan. He also mentioned the core role of forest ecosystems in development and poverty alleviation, in particular in central Africa, where up to 60 per cent of the population depended directly on forests for their livelihood.

42. The report was adopted, and the meeting was closed at noon on Friday, 10 July 2009.

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