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Second expert meeting
Nairobi, Kenya, 29-30 May 2010
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Expert Meeting on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development was requested by the First Meeting of the Steering Committee for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity, convened on 29 October 2009 in Montreal, Canada, with the financial support of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and in partnership with the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). At its ninth meeting, in May 2008, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to report on the development of a Multi-Year Plan of Action (MYPA) for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development at the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-10) in Nagoya, Japan, in October 2010 (decision IX/25).

2. The main objectives of the meeting are to: (i) review and adopt the draft MYPA, with a specific focus on the proposed modalities for implementation of the Plan of Action; and (ii) outline a roadmap for its presentation at the South-South Forum to be organized on 18 October 2010, on the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, and submission to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting (under the agenda item on cooperation with other conventions and other organizations, and as part of the Executive Secretary's report requested in paragraph 6 of decision IX/25). The Second Expert Meeting is convened with the generous financial support of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

3. The process to develop the MYPA is built on three previous meetings held at the request of the Group of 77 and China (G-77) under the chairmanship of South Africa, Antigua and Barbuda, Sudan and Yemen, and organized in partnership with the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity: (i) a brainstorming meeting held in November 2006 during which participants discussed elements of a Plan of Action to enhance implementation of the three objectives of the Convention and

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recommendations for the process of developing the MYPA; (ii) in November 2008, an Expert Meeting in which participants reviewed the draft framework for South-South Cooperation for full integration into the G-77 Development Platform for the South and identified activities for inclusion in the MYPA, and during which a Steering Committee was proposed comprising the former and current Chairs of the G-77 involved in the production of the MYPA and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA); and (iii) the First Meeting of the Steering Committee on 29 October 2009, in Montreal. At this meeting, the draft MYPA prepared by the G-77 in collaboration with the Secretariat was reviewed and revised, and a roadmap for its further development was outlined. The Steering Committee also called for a Second Expert Meeting to finalize the MYPA for its presentation for approval and adoption by the Ministers of the G-77 at the Thirteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Follow-Up and Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (IFCC) to be held in Asia in July 2010. The MYPA subsequently will be submitted to the Conference of the Parties at their tenth meeting under the agenda item on cooperation with other Conventions and organizations.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting will open at 9:00 AM on Saturday 29 May 2010 at the UNEP Headquarters, Conference Room 5, in Nairobi, Kenya. Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, will welcome participants and provide an overview and the objectives of the meeting. Mr. Mourad Ahmia, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the G-77, Mr. Awsan Al-Aud, representing the Permanent Mission of Yemen to the United Nations in New York and the Chair of the G-77, and Dr. Spencer Linus Thomas, Chair of SBSTTA-14 will also be invited to make opening remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1 Election of officers

5. The participants will be invited to elect the Chair(s) based on proposals from the floor.

2.2 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. Under this item, the Group will consider the proposed provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/2/1) and organization of work for the meeting as contained in Annex I of the present note.

7. The language of the meeting will be English. The documentation that will be made available for the meeting is listed in Annex II below.

ITEM 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Introduction by SCBD, Outcome of WGRI-3

8. Participants will have before them the draft MYPA as document UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/2/3. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will review the context and history of the development of the MYPA, and the outcomes from WGRI-3 with regards to recommendations to COP-10 on the Strategic Plan 2011 – 2020. Participants may wish to examine how these developments impact the draft MYPA.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATIONS ON REGIONAL SSC AND TRIANGULAR EXPERIENCES

4.1 Examples of regional initiatives

9. Specialists directly involved in regional and multilateral cooperation will be invited to make 15-minute presentations on their experiences and mechanisms for the promotion and development of South-South and triangular cooperation.

ITEM 5. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MULTI-YEAR PLAN OF ACTION

5.1 Review of the draft MYPA

10. The Secretariat of the CBD will present a revised version of the MYPA, which has been prepared on the basis of the discussions of the Steering Committee during its First Meeting on 29 October 2009. A revised version of the MYPA has been prepared on the basis of Annex III of the Report of the Steering Committee for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/SSC-SC/1/3) and is included in the official documents of the meeting (as UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/2/2).

11. Participants will be asked to review and validate issues included in the MYPA, particularly on specific components (such as the Vision and Mission Statements) and additional priorities.

5.2 Implementation modalities

12. Participants may wish to review and expand on the section of the MYPA devoted to implementation modalities and indicative themes and activities.

5.3 Partnerships and coordination mechanisms

13. Participants may wish to review and expand on the role of regional organizations and their Secretariats in the implementation of the MYPA, as well as key partnerships.

5.4 Monitoring and evaluation

14. Participants may wish to review and expand on the section of the MYPA devoted to monitoring and evaluation.

5.5 Funding

15. Participants may wish to review and expand on the section of the MYPA devoted to innovative financing in support of South-South cooperation.

ITEM 6. PROCESS TOWARDS COP 10 AND THE SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION FORUM ON BIODIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT

16. Under this item, participants will review the roadmap for submission of the MYPA to the Ministers of the G-77 for approval and adoption and to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its tenth meeting in Aichi/Nagoya, Japan, in October 2010.

17. The roadmap to adoption of the Plan will include four main steps:

(a) The MYPA will be submitted to the Ministers of the G-77 for approval and adoption at the Thirteenth Session of the Intergovernmental Follow-Up and Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (IFCC) in July 2010.

(b) The MYPA will be discussed at a high-level special event to be held in September 2010 in New York, in conjunction with the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly to mark the International Year of Biodiversity.

(c) As requested by the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity will prepare a report on the preparation of Multi-Year Plan of Action on South-South cooperation for review by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting in Aichi/Nagoya, Japan in October 2010.

(d) At the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Yemen, as Chair of G-77, will coordinate an official submission of the Multi-Year Plan of Action to the Conference of the Parties in conjunction with a statement to be presented at the Ministerial segment of the Conference.

18. Following the request of the Conference of the Parties, a South-South Cooperation Forum on Biodiversity for Development will be organized on 18 October 2010, in Aichi/Nagoya, Japan just prior to the opening of the tenth meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. This will provide an important opportunity to showcase the Plan of Action.

ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS

19. Under this item, the meeting may wish to consider any other matters of relevance raised by participants.

ITEM 8. ADOPTION OF CONCLUSIONS

20. The Chair(s) will provide an overview of her/his conclusions, and her/his observations whether meeting objectives have been achieved. Participants will be invited to consider the conclusions of the workshop for incorporation into its final report.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

21. Following brief customary closing statements by the organizing partners, the Second Expert Meeting is expected to end by 4:30 PM on Sunday, 30 May 2010.

Annex I

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE SECOND EXPERT MEETING ON
SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION ON BIODIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT**

SATURDAY, 29 MAY	
09:00 – 09:30	<p><i>Item 1: Opening of the Meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks by Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the SCBD • Opening remarks by Mr. Mourad Ahmia, Executive Secretary of the G-77 • Opening remarks by Mr. Awsan Al-Aud, on behalf of the Chair of the G-77 • Opening remarks by Dr. Spencer Linus Thomas, Chair of SBSTTA-14
09:30 – 09:45	<p><i>Item 2: Organizational Matters</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
09:45 – 10:15	<p><i>Item 3: Background Information</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by SCBD (Oliver Hillel) • Outcome of WGRI-3 and the preparation of the Multi-Year Plan of Action
10:15 – 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30 – 12:00	<p><i>Item 4: Regional Experiences on South-South Cooperation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country presentations
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 16:30	<p><i>Item 4: Regional Experiences on South-South Cooperation cont.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country presentations
SUNDAY, 30 MAY	
09:00 – 10:30	<p><i>Item 5: Implementation of the Multi-Year Plan of Action</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the revised draft Multi-Year Plan of Action (Oliver Hillel) • Review of Multi-Year Plan of Action, including Vision and Mission Statements • Review of implementation modalities and themes
10:30 – 10:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:15 – 12:00	<p><i>Item 5: Implementation of the Multi-Year Plan of Action cont.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of implementation modalities cont. • Discussion on partnerships and coordination mechanism
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 16:00	<p><i>Item 5 Implementation of the Multi-Year Plan of Action cont.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on monitoring and evaluation • Discussion on funding
16:00 – 16:20	<p><i>Item 6 Process towards COP-10 and the South-South Cooperation Forum on Biodiversity for Development</i></p>

16:20 – 16:25	<i>Item 7 Other matters</i>
16:25 – 16:30	<i>Item 8 Adoption of Conclusions</i>
16:30	<i>Item 9 Closure of the Meeting</i>

*Annex II***LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

Document Number	Document Title
UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/2/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/2/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/2/2	Report of the Steering Committee for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/2/3	Draft Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development (including Draft decision for COP-10)
