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AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. In paragraph 5 of decision VII/12, on sustainable use, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity invited Parties, Governments, and relevant organizations to initiate a process for the implementation of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, and requested the Executive Secretary, *inter alia*, “to convene a series of technical experts workshops on ecosystem services assessment, financial costs and benefits associated with conservation of biodiversity, and sustainable use of biological resources”.
2. In response to this request, the Executive Secretary is organizing a series of technical expert regional workshops with financial assistance from the Government of the Netherlands. The African Regional Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity is the third such regional workshop. It will take place in Nairobi, from 12 to 15 December 2006.
3. In accordance with paragraph 5 of decision VII/12, the Workshop will focus on ecosystem services assessment, financial costs and benefits associated with conservation of biodiversity, and sustainable use of biological resources. Further to paragraph 3 of decision VII/12, the Workshop will also put focus on agricultural biodiversity. It will provide a forum for government officials and practitioners to enhance their awareness and understanding of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, to analyse their applicability, with focus on applicability to agricultural biodiversity, and promote the use of these guidelines in an integrated manner, as a contribution to facilitating the achievement of the 2010 target, sustainable development and poverty alleviation.
4. Participants in the Workshop have been invited to present case-studies on the sustainable use of biological resources in their countries taking into consideration the topic and focus of the Workshop on agriculture. Guidelines for the preparation of case-studies were provided to participants in advance of the Workshop. The review of the case-studies will focus on, as appropriate: (i) best practices and lessons learned from the use of components of biological diversity; (ii) implementation of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity; (iii) lessons learned as regards

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ecosystem services assessment; and (iv) lessons learned as regards financial costs and benefits associated with the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

5. Underlying objectives of the Workshop are to provide both training on implementation tools developed under the Convention, with a special focus on the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, and to produce output that will contribute to further implementation of the agricultural biodiversity programme of work and other related processes.

6. Participants in the Workshop were selected from among government-designated experts, based on their expertise and taking into account gender balance and geographical distribution. Experts from selected international and regional organisations were invited to participate in the Workshop as observers.

7. In order to prepare adequately for the regional workshop, a number of background documents were distributed prior to the Workshop and made available through the Secretariat's website. A training manual on the *Sustaining Uses of Biological Diversity* has been prepared by IUCN in coordination with the Secretariat. The manual will be distributed to all participants at the venue of the workshop.

8. The Secretariat has circulated an information note for participants containing details on logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

9. The representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the Workshop at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 12 December 2006.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of Chairperson and Rapporteur

10. The Workshop will be invited to elect their Chairperson and a Rapporteur amongst the participants nominated by Parties.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

11. The Workshop will be invited to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/RWSUAFR/1/1), which has been prepared by the Executive Secretary in line with paragraph 5 of decision VII/12 of the Conference of the Parties.

2.3. Organization of work

12. The languages of the meeting will be French and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

13. A suggested timetable for the Workshop, indicating the allocation of time for each agenda item, is provided in annex II below.

ITEM 3. REVIEW OF THE ADDIS ABABA PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY

14. The fourteen Addis Ababa Principles for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity will be briefly introduced and reviewed by the representative of the Secretariat. The rationale of each principle along

with the operational guidance provided in the decision of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be explained, and where possible, case-study examples will be presented to illustrate the relevance of the principle using “real-life” situations.

15. Under this agenda item, participants are invited to review the Addis Ababa Guidelines by presenting and considering, as appropriate, case-study information provided to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity by participants prior to the Workshop

ITEM 4. REVIEW OF KEY TERMS AND CONCEPTS USED IN THE ADDIS ABABA PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY IN RELATION TO OTHER RELEVANT TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

16. In order to facilitate the implementation of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, the clear understanding of terms and concepts used is essential.

17. In light of this, participants will be invited to review a number of terms and concepts to ensure that they are communicating effectively. They will also be invited to review a number of other relevant tools and instruments that were developed under the Convention and may provide further guidance in the implementation of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines. In line with the focus of the workshop, attention will also be given to the conceptual guidance on agricultural biodiversity as developed under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

ITEM 5. APPLICATION OF THE ADDIS ABABA PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY, IN PARTICULAR TO AGRICULTURAL BIODIVERSITY

18. As explained under item 4 above, the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines are of general relevance, although not all principles will apply equally to all situations, nor will they apply with equal rigour. Application of the Principles will vary according to the biodiversity being used, the conditions under which they are being used, and the institutional and cultural context in which the use is taking place. The application of these Principles should be in the context of the ecosystem approach, as endorsed at the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Kuala Lumpur in February 2004.

19. Under this agenda item, participants will be invited to explore the applicability of the Addis Ababa Guidelines to concrete biodiversity-management situations by elaborating management plans using case-study information provided by participants prior to the Workshop. In line with the focus of the workshop, participants will be invited to pay particular attention to their applicability to agricultural biodiversity.

ITEM 6. ECOSYSTEM SERVICES ASSESSMENT AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

20. Conservation of biodiversity is essential as a source of particular biological resources, to maintain different ecosystem services including genetic resources, to maintain the resilience of ecosystems, and to provide options for the future. The benefits that biodiversity provides to people have not been well reflected in decision-making and resource management and, thus, the current rate of biodiversity loss is higher than what it would be, had these benefits been taken into account.

21. Tools exist for an assessment of the consequences of biodiversity loss for human well-being, but most decisions continue to be made in the absence of a detailed analysis of the full costs, risks and benefits. Various valuation methods are available to estimate the different biodiversity values and their changes under different policy or management alternatives. Despite the existence of these tools, only provisioning ecosystem services are routinely valued.

22. After a brief introduction by the representative of the Secretariat, under this item, experts may wish to consider the following issues: (i) the impacts of sustainable use and non-sustainable use on livelihoods, and ecosystems good and services; (ii) socio-economic factors that influence pattern and intensity of use of biological resources; and (iii) economic and social values of goods and services provided by ecosystems. In line with the focus of the workshop, participants will be invited to give particular attention to agricultural biodiversity in their deliberations. As appropriate, the discussion will be based on selected regional case-studies to be presented by participants.

23. Under this item, participants will also be invited to consider the *Biodiversity Synthesis Report* of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, on ecosystems and human well-being as well as the training manual on the Sustaining Uses of Biological Diversity which has been prepared by IUCN in coordination with the Secretariat. Participants will also be invited to consider the Secretariat's background note paying a particular attention to decision V/5 of the Conference of the Parties, on agricultural biodiversity: review of phase I of the programme of work and adoption of a multi-year work programme.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL COSTS AND BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

24. Biodiversity policies and the management of biodiversity resources have different types of costs and benefits, including financial costs and benefits, which need to be adequately taken into account for effective policy planning and decision-making. Moreover, these costs and benefits are changing the distributional patterns that existed before the introduction of the policy. They are distributed between different groups, on a different geographical scale and across different time horizons.

25. After a brief introduction and a summary of the outcomes of the previous regional workshops on the sustainable use of biological diversity by the representative of the Secretariat, participants may wish to review the different types of costs and benefits associated with conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and in particular agricultural biodiversity, address the role of financial costs and benefits, and discuss possible distributional effects and their implications for the successful implementation of biodiversity policies and programmes.

26. The Workshop may also wish to discuss the further integration of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines into the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity. Participants may also be interested in preparing suggestions for relevant international implementing agencies and other groups including, inter alia, research and academic institutes, gene banks or development agencies. As appropriate, the discussion will be based on selected regional case-studies to be presented by participants.

27. Participants will also be invited to consider the above-mentioned *Biodiversity Synthesis Report* prepared under the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment.

ITEM 8. RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE APPLICATION OF THE ADDIS ABABA PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY TO AGRICULTURAL BIODIVERSITY

28. The Workshop may wish to make recommendations on indicators for sustainable use in agricultural biodiversity, as a contribution to facilitating the achievement of the 2010 target, sustainable development and poverty alleviation. In doing so, the Workshop may wish to separate in breakout groups to consider the different targets of the framework for monitoring implementation of the achievement of the 2010 target into thematic programmes of work of the Convention, and especially as applied to agricultural biodiversity as described in Annex II to decision VIII/15.

29. The Workshop may wish to consider elements prepared by the representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity as to the main obstacles to the implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity as summarised by the Secretariat from the third national reports.

30. The workshop may wish to identify the major players and key stakeholders involved in agricultural biodiversity, and how each of them can use the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines as well as other implementation tools developed under the Convention as deemed relevant to the sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity with the aim of achieving progress in ensuring the sustainable use of these resources.

ITEM 9. ASSESSMENT OF THE WORKSHOP

31. A brief assessment of the Workshop will give participants the opportunity to evaluate to what extent it met their expectations and its objectives. Feedback will help update/revise the programme to better serve participants in future workshops on the subject.

ITEM 10. OTHER MATTERS

32. Under this item, participants may wish to raise for discussion other issues related to the subject matter of the Workshop, including suggestions for further activities on sustainable use under the Convention.

ITEM 11. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

33. Participants in the Workshop will consider and adopt its report on the basis of the draft report of the meeting to be prepared and presented by the representative of the Secretariat.

ITEM 12. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

34. The Workshop is expected to be closed at 2 p.m. on Friday, 15 December 2006.

Annex I

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON
SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Documents prepared for the meeting

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
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UNEP/CBD/RW-SU-Afr/1/1 Provisional agenda

UNEP/CBD/RW-SU-Afr/1/1/Add.1 Annotations to the provisional agenda

Reports of previous regional workshops on sustainable use

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/21 Report of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Expert Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/INF/6 Report of the Central and Eastern European Regional Expert Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity

Other background documentation

Executive summary and strategic recommendations from: *Realizing the Promise and Potential of African Agriculture* produced by the InterAcademy Council (2004).

Douglas Southgate and Douglas Graham (2006) *Growing Green/The Challenge of Sustainable Agricultural Development in Sub-Saharan Africa..*

Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity (brochure produced by the Secretariat)

The Ecosystem Approach (brochure produced by the Secretariat)

Background Document, Special Event On Green Revolution in Africa, FAO Committee on World Food Security (2005)

Millennium Ecosystem Assessment - *Ecosystems and Human Well-being: Biodiversity Synthesis.*

Annex II

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE
AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Time	(Tuesday) 12 December 2006	(Wednesday) 13 December 2006	(Thursday) 14 December 2006	(Friday) 15 December 2006
9-10 a.m.	<i>Agenda Item 1:</i> i) Opening of the meeting ii) Introductory remarks by the representative of the Secretariat and from partner organisations iii) Introduction of participants	<i>Agenda item 4 (continued).</i>	<i>Agenda item 6 (continued).</i>	<i>Agenda item 8 (continued):</i>
10-10.30 a.m.	<i>Agenda item 2:</i> 2.1. Election of Chairperson and Rapporteur 2.2. Adoption of the agenda 2.3. Organization of work			<i>Agenda item 9:</i> Assessment of the Workshop.
10.30-11 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break
11 a.m.- noon	<i>Agenda item 3:</i> Review of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines	<i>Agenda item 5:</i> Application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines in particular to agricultural biodiversity	<i>Agenda item 7:</i> Financial costs and benefits associated with the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity	<i>Agenda item 10:</i> Other matters.
noon-1 p.m.	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1-2 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 4:</i> Review of key terms and concepts used in the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines	<i>Agenda item 5 (continued)</i>	<i>Agenda item 7 (continued):</i>	<i>Agenda item 11:</i> Adoption of the report <i>Agenda item 12:</i> Closure of the meeting
2-2.30 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	Coffee/Tea Break	
2.30 – 4.30 p.m.	<i>Agenda item 4 (continued)</i>	<i>Agenda item 6:</i> Ecosystem services assessment	<i>Agenda item 8:</i> Recommendations on the application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of agricultural diversity	