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INTERNATIONAL EXPERT MEETING ON RESPONSES
TO CLIMATE CHANGE FOR INDIGENOUS AND
LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND THE IMPACT ON
THEIR TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE RELATED TO
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY -THE ARCTIC REGION
Helsinki, 25-28 March 2008

REVISED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting;
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Officers;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Organization of work including a review of documentation and case-studies.
3. Substantive matters:
 - 3.1. The observed and potential/predicted impacts of climate change in the Arctic region: the most vulnerable components of biodiversity;
 - 3.2. Measures taken in the Arctic and elsewhere: overview of the work of the United Nations system on climate change and indigenous and local communities;
 - 3.3. Observed and potential impacts of these measures on biodiversity in the Arctic region;
 - (a) Analysis of potential benefits and threats of mitigation and adaptation strategies, including, but not limited, to carbon-trading, biofuels and mono-cropping, infrastructure development, and support for traditional livelihoods/occupations;
 - (b) Possible opportunities climate-change mitigation and adaptation solutions may provide for the conservation of biodiversity and its sustainable use;
 - (c) Monitoring of the threats to biodiversity and biodiversity-based livelihoods in the Arctic of likely climate-change impacts and response activities;
 - (d) Indicators or predictions of the effects on ecosystems of climate-change impacts or response activities;

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- 3.4 Observed and potential impacts of the measures on biodiversity-related traditional knowledge and indigenous and local communities in the Arctic region: the risks and consequences of climate change, mitigation and adaptation solutions on ecosystem services and human well-being.
4. The way forward:
 - 4.1. Critical knowledge and capacity-building needed to support implementation, including, *inter alia*, scientific research, availability of data, appropriate measurement and monitoring techniques, technology and traditional knowledge;
 - 4.2. The ecosystem-approach principles and guidance and the precautionary approach.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report (conclusions and recommendations).
7. Closure of the meeting.
