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REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP
FOR LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN ON
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE UNDER THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Cochabamba, Bolivia, 9-11 December 2013

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. At its eleventh session, the Conference of the Parties (COP) adopted several decisions relevant to capacity-building and effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention. In paragraph 1 of decision XI/14 B, the Conference of the Parties requests the Executive Secretary to continue its efforts to ensure effective implementation of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of decision X/40 A and decisions IX/13 D and E, related to capacity-building, taking also into account decisions VIII/5 B and C, the annex to decision VII/16 and task 4 of annex II to decision V/16.

2. The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in its decision X/2, adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and in, paragraph 6 of the same decision, highlighted the need to undertake capacity-building activities and an effective exchange of knowledge, consistent with decisions VIII/8 and IX/8 and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, in order to support all countries, especially developing countries and in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States, the most environmentally vulnerable countries and countries with economies in transition as well as indigenous and local communities, in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 established Target 18: "By 2020, the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and their customary use of biological resources, are respected, subject to national legislation and relevant international obligations, and fully integrated and reflected in the implementation of the Convention with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, at all relevant levels."

3. Pursuant to these decisions, the Secretariat of the Convention, in collaboration with the Indigenous Women's Network on Biodiversity of Latin America and the Caribbean (IWNB-LAC) and its member organizations, is organizing this workshop on Articles 8(j) and 10(c) and their related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the Latin American and Caribbean region.

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4. This workshop is made possible thanks to the generous financial support from the Governments of Japan and the Plurinational State of Bolivia, and the Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO). The Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) brings together the eight Amazonian countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela and one of its objectives is “to promote and disseminate the culture of the peoples living in the Amazon Region and to promote respect and protection of ancestral and current knowledge of the Amazonian Region”. According to the goal stated above and considering the mandate defined by its Member Countries, which is to “protect traditional knowledge of indigenous and other Amazonian tribal communities and guarantee collective rights to equitable sharing of benefits arising from such knowledge,” ACTO collaborates with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to strengthen the capacity of indigenous peoples on issues related to the protection of traditional knowledge and, specifically, supports the participation of ACTO member countries in this capacity building initiative.

5. The workshop will provide the opportunity to build and strengthen the capacity of representatives of indigenous and local communities and government officials working on issues related to traditional knowledge, as well as to exchange experiences to advance further national implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity, particularly Target 18 of the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020.

6. The workshop will take place in Cochabamba at Hotel Portal, N ° 1271 Ave Pando, Cochabamba, Bolivia. Registration of participants will take place at the site of the workshop from 8.30 a.m. to 9 a.m., on 9 December 2013. The Secretariat will distribute an information note containing details of logistical arrangements for the workshop, including registration, travel information, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

7. Representatives of the Executive Secretary, representatives of the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, representatives of the Secretariat of the Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) and the Network of Indigenous Women’s Biodiversity of Latin America and the Caribbean (IWNB-LAC) will inaugurate the workshop at 9 am on Monday, 9 December 2013.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Officers

8. The workshop will be facilitated by two representatives of the Secretariat in collaboration with representatives of the Indigenous Women’s Biodiversity Network for Latin American and the Caribbean Region (IWNB - LAC) and members of the Secretariat of the Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO).

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

9. The participants will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda that has been prepared by the Secretariat for the workshop.

2.3. Organization of work

10. The workshop will be held in plenary and group sessions, with the methodology of a participatory workshop. Each topic will be presented in PowerPoint presentations and some items will include, in turn, work in groups, after which the leaders of each group will present their findings to the plenary. There will be practical exercises and case studies where participants will be able to apply what they learnt from the presentations. Annex I includes a list of documents and a list of resources for the workshop.

11. As part of the workshop, participants will be invited to participate in an electronic preparatory process which will allow participants to access information materials from the website of the Secretariat, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Nagoya Protocol, the programme of work on Article 8(j), about two weeks prior to the workshop.

ITEM 3. OVERVIEW OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, INCLUDING ITS STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2011-2020 AND THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS

12. Item 3 will be a general presentation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with a focus on aspects that are related to traditional knowledge and indigenous and local communities. This will include the historical overview and the analysis of the articles related to traditional knowledge, innovations and practices and collective actions of indigenous communities and their contribution to achieving the objectives of the Convention. An overview of the different bodies of the Convention such as the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation (WRGI), the Conference of the Parties (COP), the Working Group on Article 8(j) and the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (ICNP) will also be presented.

13. There will also be a presentation on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets and the role of indigenous and local communities and their traditional knowledge in assisting the Convention on Biological Diversity in achieving its goals and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. A special emphasis will be put on the process of reviewing and updating the national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and the inclusion of Target 18 on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use.

14. A presentation will be made by the Government of Bolivia on collective actions of indigenous and local communities and their contributions in achieving the objectives of the Convention.

ITEM 4. PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION

15. Under this item, mechanisms and instruments to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention, which have been established in the decisions of the Conference of the Parties, will be explained to the participants. In particular, the operations of the Voluntary Trust Fund for indigenous and local communities, the website on Article 8(j) and the portal for traditional knowledge, as well as digital and print documents will be explained. This will also include how indigenous and local community representatives can participate and collaborate in the work of the Convention through the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB).

16. Participants will be asked to share their experiences on national participation mechanisms for indigenous and local communities in the implementation of the Convention.

ITEM 5. ARTICLES 8(j), 10(c) AND RELATED PROVISIONS AND CURRENT WORK IN PREPARATION FOR THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

5.1 *The revised multi-year programme of work on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions*

17. Under this item, there will be a presentation on the Multi-year Programme of Work on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions; including achievements to date and current work on tasks 7, 10 and 12, among other matters. The presentation will also encourage a discussion on how its current programme of work may contribute to the work under the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol.

18. Participants will be asked to share their experiences on tasks 7, 10 and 12 of the work programme, such as: access to traditional knowledge, prior and informed consent of indigenous and local communities, mutual agreed terms between indigenous and local communities and users, mechanisms for fair and equitable sharing of benefits derived from the use and application of their knowledge, innovations and practices, and measures to implement Article 8(j) on traditional knowledge.

5.2. *Draft plan of action for customary sustainable use of biological diversity*

19. Under this item, there will be a presentation on the draft plan of action for the sustainable customary use of biodiversity considered by the Working Group on Article 8(j) at its eighth meeting held in October 2013 and recommended for adoption to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held in October 2014.

5.3. *Indicators for Aichi Target 18 on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use and the potential contribution of community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS)*

20. Under this item, traditional knowledge indicators for Target 18 of the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity and the possible contributions from “Community-based Information Systems and Community-Based Monitoring” will be examined in detail and an update and future directions will be provided. There will also be a discussion on how to use these indicators at the national level.

ITEM 6. EXPLORING THE INTERLINKAGES BETWEEN BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY, AND POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR POLICYMAKERS

21. Under this item, there will be a presentation and discussion on the linkages between biological and cultural diversity, with a focus on the joint programme of work between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

ITEM 7. DIALOGUE AMONG DIVERSE KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS: CONNECTING TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS AND SCIENCE

22. Under this agenda item, participants will consider the importance of dialogues among diverse knowledge systems, such as traditional knowledge and science to achieve the goals of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, particularly in the light of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

ITEM 8. EVALUATION OF THE WORKSHOP

23. Participants will be invited to submit their views and proposals for the selection of candidates from among the workshop participants to organize national workshops in 2014. They will also be asked to evaluate the workshop and give advice on how to improve future workshops.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF WORKSHOP

24. The workshop is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 December 2013.

*Annex I***WORKING DOCUMENTS**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/COP/12/5	Report of the eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity

LIST OF RESOURCES

<i>Resource</i>	<i>Web Page</i>
Text of the CBD	http://www.cbd.int/convention/text/default.shtml
Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity	http://www.cbd.int/abs/text/default.shtml
The Akwé: Kon Voluntary Guidelines for the Conduct of Cultural, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments Regarding Developments Proposed to Take Place on, or which are Likely to Impact on, Sacred Sites and on Lands and Waters Traditionally Occupied or Used by Indigenous and Local Communities	http://www.cbd.int/traditional/guidelines.shtml
ADDIS ABABA Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity	http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/addis-gdl-en.pdf http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/addis-gdl-es.pdf
The Tkarihwaié:ri Code of Ethical Conduct to Ensure Respect for the Cultural and Intellectual Heritage of Indigenous and Local Communities Relevant to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity.	http://www.cbd.int/traditional/code.shtml
Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Targets	http://www.cbd.int/sp/targets/

*Annex II***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

Monday 9 December 2013	
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<p>Item 1. Opening of the workshop.</p> <p>Item 2. Organizational matters.</p> <p>Item 3. Overview of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including its Strategic Plan for Biological Diversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.</p>
2 – 5 p.m.	Item 4. Participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention.
Tuesday 10 December 2013	
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<p>Item 5. Articles 8(j), 10(c) and related provisions and current work in preparation for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:</p> <p>Item 5.1. The revised multi-year programme of work on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions;</p> <p>Item 5.2. Draft plan of action for customary sustainable use of biological diversity;</p> <p>Item 5.3. Indicators for Aichi Target 18 on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use and the potential contribution of community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS).</p>
2 – 5 p.m.	<i>(Continued as needed)</i>
Wednesday 9 October 2013	
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<p>Item 6. Exploring the interlinkages between biological and cultural diversity, and possible implications for policymakers.</p> <p>Item 7. Dialogue among diverse knowledge systems: connecting traditional systems and science.</p>
2 – 5 p.m.	<p>Item 8. Evaluation of the workshop.</p> <p>Item 9. Closure of the workshop.</p>
