

Memorandum of Understanding

between

The United Nations Development Programme

and

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

The United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter “UNDP”) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (hereinafter “the CBD Secretariat”),

Recalling the objectives of the Convention namely, the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources,

Recalling also Paragraph 44 of the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development in September 2002 which states that the Convention on Biological Diversity (hereinafter “the Convention”) is the key instrument for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources,

Recalling further the target to significantly reduce the current rate of loss of biodiversity by 2010 adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting in The Hague in 2002 and reiterated by the 154 Heads of State and Government attending the 2005 World Review Summit of the United Nations General Assembly,

Emphasizing that biological diversity maintains the resilience of the ecosystems on which agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and water supplies depend and that this resilience is of critical importance as the consequences of climate change increase in magnitude.

Stressing that the rural poor are those most immediately dependent on biological diversity

Recalling the mandate of UNDP including supporting the coordination and enhancement of United Nations system efficiency and effectiveness at the country level, and assisting countries to develop their own capacities through the provision of knowledge, policy advice, advocacy, and technical support in four focal areas: poverty reduction, democratic governance, crisis prevention and recovery, and environment and sustainable development

Recalling further that UNDP focuses particularly on the mainstreaming of biodiversity considerations into national, local, and community governance, strategy, and markets.

Considering the complementary nature of the objectives of the Convention and the UNDP in that environmentally sustainable development requires that consideration of the consequences of development decisions and actions on biological diversity are internalized in development practice,

Determined to develop their collaboration in response to the enhanced implementation phase of the Convention and in order to meet the challenges of the 2010 biodiversity target,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1: Objective

The purpose of this agreement is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of work to mainstream biodiversity into development.

Article 2: Areas of Cooperation

UNDP and the CBD Secretariat will cooperate in the areas of knowledge, policy advice, advocacy, and technical support, relative to all aspects of the internalization of biodiversity considerations in development practice, in particular poverty reduction, democratic governance, crisis prevention and recovery, as well as on issues related to climate change and biodiversity

Article 3: Implementation

UNDP will make available to the CBD Secretariat its knowledge networking platform for use in facilitating knowledge exchange between national CBD focal points. UNDP will provide training to the Secretariat's facilitator of such a network, will provide technical backstopping on knowledge networking, and will encourage its technical staff engaged in biodiversity work to participate in such a network.

UNDP will share with the CBD Secretariat lessons learned in its work on the integration of biodiversity into development by:

- a) Sharing its technical products and good practice databases;
- b) Providing technical inputs and review to CBD knowledge products;
- c) Participation by its staff in knowledge networks and workshops and other exchange or training events organized by the CBD Secretariat.

The CBD Secretariat will share with UNDP its guidance and lessons learned on the integration of biodiversity into development by:

- a) Providing these directly to UNDP, who will forward these to countries through its own networks and distribution channels;
- b) Providing a substantive external advisor to UNDP's Environment and Energy network who will provide inputs to the network relating to biodiversity and relevant decisions of the COP;
- c) Providing a Board member to the Equator Initiative.

UNDP will incorporate CBD guidance into its programmes including:

- a) Mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem management objectives into production system activities
- b) Unleashing the economic potential of protected areas
- c) Assisting governments to integrate biodiversity issues into national MDG strategies and other national development strategies and programmes.

UNDP will, for an initial period of 12 months, second to the CBD Secretariat, one full time staff person to assist in the implementation of this MOU, and to further explore and develop additional areas of cooperation. This secondment will be extended subject the availability of financial resources.

UNDP will assist the Secretariat on the celebration of the International Day of Biological Diversity and the International Year for Biodiversity.

A steering committee comprising senior officials from UNDP and CBD Secretariat will oversee and guide the implementation of this MOU. The steering committee will meet as often as required and at least once a year. The steering committee will prepare a Program of Work, reported on and updated on a biannual basis, for the implementation of the agreed activities. The report of the steering committee will be made available to the Parties.

Article 4: Financial Aspects

Joint activities under this Memorandum are subject to the availability of funding for that purpose.

The signatories will undertake concerned fund raising activities for the implementation of activities under this Memorandum.

Article 5: Correspondence

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Article 6: Entry into Effect, Review and Termination

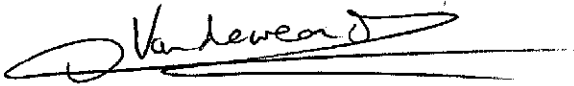
This Memorandum will enter into effect upon signature by the Administrator of UNDP and the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

The parties may, by mutual agreement, review and amend this Memorandum.

This Memorandum may be terminated by any party giving a three-month written notice.

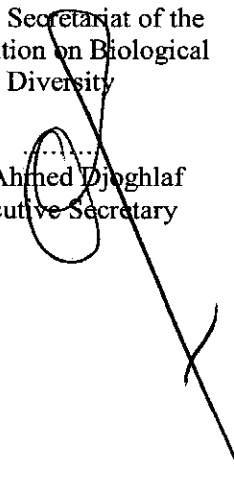
Signed this27th.....day ofMay.....2008,

For UNDP



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Mr. Kemal Derviş
Administrator

For the Secretariat of the
Convention on Biological
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