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AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

Montreal, Canada, 2-4 December 2019

Annotated provisional agenda

**BACKGROUND**

1. In paragraph 5 of decision [14/11](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-11-en.pdf), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity decided to establish an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group, with the terms of reference contained in annex II to the same decision, to ensure timely provision of advice on achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9, and wherever possible, meet back-to-back with other relevant meetings, and requested the Executive Secretary to convene a moderated open online discussion forum to support the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group.
2. The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Invasive Alien Species will address matters that are not covered by the assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Building on the work of the moderated online forum, and knowledge and experience accumulated in various different sectors, the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group shall provide advice or develop elements of technical guidance on management measures on invasive alien species to be implemented by broad sectors to facilitate achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 and beyond:
   1. Methods for cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis which best apply to the management of invasive alien species;
   2. Methods, tools and measures for identification and minimization of additional risks associated with cross-border e-commerce in live organisms and the impacts thereof;
   3. Methods, tools and strategies for the management of invasive alien species as it relates to prevention of potential risks arising from climate change and associated natural disasters and land‑use changes;
   4. Risk analysis on the potential consequences of the introduction of invasive alien species on social, economic and cultural values;
   5. Use of existing databases on invasive alien species and their impacts, to support risk communication.
3. The IPBES assessment on invasive alien species covers: (a) concept of invasive alien species; (b) invasive alien species and their impacts; (c) direct and indirect drivers responsible for invasive alien species; (d) the diverse degrees of invasive alien species impacts and occurrences of introduced alien species useful for some sectors; (e) effectiveness of past and current programmes and tools; and (f) future options for the management of invasive alien species.[[1]](#footnote-1)
4. The Executive Secretary convened a moderated online discussion forum on invasive alien species (Online Forum) from 1 May to 30 September 2019 (<https://www.cbd.int/invasive/forum2/>) focusing on the matters that are not covered by the IPBES thematic assessment of invasive alien species. The Online Forum was composed of the following sessions with moderators:
   1. Methods for cost-benefit/cost-effectiveness analysis, moderated by Mr. Peter Robertson (Newcastle University, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 1–31 May 2019);
   2. Methods, tools and measures for identification and minimization of risks associated with cross-border e-commerce; moderated by Ms. Christine Villegas (Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Canada, 1–30 June 2019);
   3. Methods, tools and strategies for the management of invasive alien species as it relates to prevention of potential risks arising from climate change and associated natural disasters and land use changes, moderated by Ms. Shyama Pagad (IUCN-SSC-Invasive Species Specialist Group, New Zealand, from 1 to 31 July 2019);
   4. Risk analysis on the potential consequences of the introduction of invasive alien species on social, economic and cultural values, moderated by Mr. Andy Shepperd (CSIRO, Australia, from 1 to 31 August 2019);
   5. Wrap up and session for synthesis of report, moderated by the Secretariat, from 1 to 30 September 2019.
5. Due to its relevance to all sessions, above, the “Use of existing databases on invasive alien species and their impacts, to support risk communication” listed in the terms of reference for the AHTEG was considered at all sessions of the Online Forum.
6. The information collected through the Online Forum was summarized in the synthesis report (CBD/IAS/AHTEG/2019/INF/1).
7. By notification 2019-078 of 13 September 2019, Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations were invited to nominate experts to the AHTEG. The experts were selected in accordance with the consolidated modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (see decision VIII/10, annex III), taking into account the selection criteria indicated in the notification and the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and gender balance. Following consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the composition of the AHTEG was announced in notification 2019-090 of 16 October 2019.
8. With financial support from the Government of Norway, a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Invasive Alien Species will be convened at the premises of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, from 2 to 4 December 2019. Registration of participants will take place upon arrival at the meeting venue, starting at 9 a.m. on the opening day.
9. An information note containing details regarding logistical arrangements for the meeting, including registration, information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/IAS-AHTEG-2019-01>.

**ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary or her representative at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 2 December 2019.

**ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

1. The experts will be invited to elect two co-chairs, one from a developing country Party and another from a developed country Party.
2. The experts will also be invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (CBD/IAS/AHTEG/2019/1/1). The experts may wish to consider the proposed organization of work as contained in annex I, below. The meeting will be conducted in English.
3. A list of documents for the meeting is contained in annex II below. The documents will be made available on the Secretariat’s website at <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/IAS-AHTEG-2019-01>.

**ITEM 3. SYNTHESIS REPORT OF THE ONLINE FORUM ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES**

1. In accordance with paragraph 13 (b) of decision 14/11, the Executive Secretary prepared a synthesis of the submissions and discussions presented on the website of the [Online Forum](https://www.cbd.int/invasive/forum2/) and made it available on the [Secretariat’s website](https://www.cbd.int/meetings/IAS-AHTEG-2019-01) as an information document (CBD/IAS/AHTEG/2019/1/INF/1). Under this agenda item, the moderators who served during the Online Forum will make a presentation for each topic, and experts will review the outcome of the Online Forum and the suggestions made by the Online Forum to provide advice or develop elements of technical guidance on management measures for invasive alien species to be implemented by broad sectors to facilitate achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 and beyond (CBD/IAS/AHTEG/2019/1/2), as stipulated by the Conference of the Parties in decision 14/11, annex II. If additional consideration is required, the experts will be invited to provide advice on elements for development of technical guidance, which will be discussed under agenda item 4.

**3.1 Methods for cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis which best apply to the management of invasive alien species**

1. Under this agenda item, one of the moderators of the Online Forum, Mr. Peter Robertson (United Kingdom) will make a presentation on cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis discussed by the forum.

**3.2 Methods, tools and measures for identification and minimization of additional risks associated with cross-border e-commerce in live organisms and the impacts thereof**

1. Under this agenda item, one of the moderators of the Online Forum, Ms. Christine Villegas (Canada) will make a presentation on the summary of the Online Forum discussions on e-commerce.

**3.3 Methods, tools and strategies for the management of invasive alien species as it relates to prevention of potential risks arising from climate change and associated natural disasters and land use changes**

1. Under this agenda item, one of the moderators of the Online Forum, Ms. Shyama Pagad (IUCN) will make a presentation on the summary of the Online Forum discussions on potential risks arising from climate change and associated natural disasters and land-use changes.

**3.4 Risk analysis on the potential consequences of the introduction of invasive alien species on social, economic and cultural values**

1. Under this agenda item, one of the moderators of the Online Forum, Mr. Andy Sheppard (CSIRO, Australia) will make a presentation on the summary of the Online Forum discussions on risk analysis and the potential consequences of the introduction of invasive alien species on social, economic and cultural values.

**3.5 Use of existing databases on invasive alien species and their impacts, to support risk communication**

1. Under this agenda item, Ms. Shyama Pagad (IUCN) will make a presentation on the existing databases applicable for management of invasive alien species.

**ITEM 4.** **DRAFT ADVICE OR** **ELEMENTS OF TECHNICAL GUIDANCE ON MANAGEMENT MEASURES ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES**

1. Under this agenda item, experts will discuss draft advice or elements of technical guidance shown in annexes I - VIII to the background document CBD/IAS/AHTEG/2019/1/2. To facilitate discussion Ms. Barbara Peterson (Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention, Rome) will make a presentation on annex I and explain the Agreement of the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures under the World Trade Organization in the context of management of invasive alien species.
2. For each of annexes, the following experts or the Secretariat will also make presentations or briefly explain the rationale of the production of the draft advice or elements of technical guidance, prior to consideration by the experts:
   1. Annex II, Mr. Peter Robertson (15 min);
   2. Annex III, Ms. Christine Villegas (15 min);
   3. Annex IV, Ms. Shyama Pagad and Mr. Andy Sheppard (15 min);
   4. Annex V, Ms. Shyama Pagad and Ms. Sabrina Kumschick (15 min);
   5. Annex VI, Secretariat (10 min);
   6. Annex VII, Secretariat (15 min);
   7. Annex VIII, Mr. Andy Sheppard (15 min).
3. The experts will be invited to break out sessions to consider each of the annexed draft elements in small groups, as appropriate.
4. The experts will also be invited to consider the process to deliver the advice or develop elements of technical guidance on management measures on invasive alien species to be implemented by broad sectors to facilitate achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 and beyond of its targeted year 2020, as requested by the Conference of the Parties.

**ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS**

1. Under this item, experts may raise any other matter relevant to the meeting.

**ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF REPORT**

1. The experts will be invited to consider and adopt their report, which will be made available for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty‑fourth meeting, to be held in Montreal, Canada, from 18 to 23 May 2020.

**ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

12. The meeting is expected to close at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 December 2019.

*Annex I*

**Proposed organization of work**

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| **Monday, 2 December 2019** | |
| 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. | Item 1. Opening of the meeting.  Item 2. Organizational matters.  Item 3. Synthesis report of the Online Forum on Invasive Alien Species  3.1. Methods for cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis which best apply to the management of invasive alien species.  3.2. Methods, tools and measures for identification and minimization of additional risks associated with cross-border e‑commerce in live organisms and the impacts thereof.  3.3. Methods, tools and strategies for the management of invasive alien species as it relates to prevention of potential risks arising from climate change and associated natural disasters and land‑use changes. |
| 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. | 3.4. Risk analysis on the potential consequences of the introduction of invasive alien species on social, economic and cultural values.  3.5. Use of existing databases on invasive alien species and their impacts, to support risk communication.  Item 4. Draft advice or elements of technical guidance on invasive alien species management measures to be implemented by broad sectors. |
| **Tuesday, 3 December 2019** | |
| 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. | Item 4. *(Continued)* |
| 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. | Item 4. *(Continued)* |
| **Wednesday, 4 December 2019** | |
| 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. | Item 4. *(Continued)* |
| 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. | Item 5. Other matters.  Item 6. Adoption of the report.  Item 7. Closure of the meeting. |

*Annex II*

**Provisional list of documents**

*Symbol Title*

CBD/IAS/AHTEG/2019/1/1Provisional agenda

CBD/IAS/AHTEG/2019/1/1/Add.1 Annotated provisional agenda

CBD/IAS/AHTEG/2019/1/2 Draft advice or elements of technical guidance on management measures on invasive alien species to be implemented by broad sectors to facilitate achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 and beyond

CBD/IAS/AHTEG/2019/1/INF/1 Synthesis report of the online forum on invasive alien species

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1. Scoping for a thematic assessment of invasive alien species and their control (deliverable 3 (b) (ii)) IPBES/4/10 https://www.ipbes.net/system/tdf/downloads/IPBES-4-10\_EN.pdf?file=1&type=node&id=13183 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)