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THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON ECOSYSTEM
RESTORATION FOR THE POST-2020
GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 6-8 November 2019

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. INTRODUCTION AND MANDATE

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its fourteenth meeting adopted decision [14/34](#) on the preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate the implementation of the process. The Conference of the Parties also decided that the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should be accompanied by an inspirational and motivating 2030 mission as a stepping stone towards the 2050 Vision of “Living in harmony with nature”. In order to support the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, an open-ended intersessional working group was established and Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda) and Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada) were designated as co-chairs of the working group.

2. In decision 14/34 (para. 6), the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and invited other Governments and stakeholders to “actively engage and contribute to the process of developing a robust post-2020 global biodiversity framework in order to foster strong ownership of the framework to be agreed and strong support for its immediate implementation”. Therefore, it was agreed that regional and thematic consultation workshops would take place as a platform for the discussions.

3. The Thematic Workshop on Ecosystem Restoration for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 6 to 8 November 2019. Two pre-workshops are also being organized: (a) selected countries will work on the pilot application of a decision-support tool for restoration developed by the International Institute for Sustainability (IIS) in partnership with and through the support of the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative – FERI, and the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) on 5 November 2019; and (b) a workshop is organized on Integrated Local Approaches to Ecosystem Restoration Governance in the context of the post-2020 biodiversity framework EU Support project on 4 and 5 November 2019.

II. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

4. Ecosystem restoration refers to the process of managing or assisting the recovery of an ecosystem that has been degraded, damaged, altered, fragmented or destroyed, relative to an appropriate reference model. It is a means of conserving and restoring biodiversity, ecosystem function, services and resilience, given adequate time and investment. The reference model, degradation and restoration are context-specific and refer to both the state of ecosystems and to ecosystem processes.

5. The aim of the present workshop is to discuss how terrestrial, freshwater, marine and coastal ecosystems restoration should be addressed in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The policy

momentum for restoration has been growing steadily in recent years including through the adoption of the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030). In 2015, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification adopted its 2030 agenda for Land Degradation Neutrality. In 2016, Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted decision XIII/5 on ecosystem restoration (Short Term Action Plan). In 2017, the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests adopted called for a 3 per cent increase in global forest cover by 2030. The global assessment on land degradation of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Ecosystem Services published in 2018, showed the dire consequences of the continued degradation of the Earth's ecosystems, as well as the clear economic case for restoration. The year 2030 is also the year for the achievement of the Bonn Challenge and New York Declaration on Forests that have set ambitious forest landscape restoration targets totalling over 350 million hectares of land under restoration by 2030, of which 170 million hectares are already pledged by national and subnational governments.

6. Despite this momentum, Aichi Biodiversity Targets relevant to ecosystem restoration, such as Targets 5 and 14, and in particular Target 15 which called for the “restoration of 15 per cent of degraded ecosystems”, will likely not be met. A review of national targets under Aichi Biodiversity Target 15 conducted in 2016 concluded that many national commitments lacked specificity and often did not account for ecosystem-based commitments under the same countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) submitted under the Paris Agreement,¹ or their [Bonn Challenge](#) commitments. This shortcoming could be due to a number of issues including: complexity in interpreting the wording of Aichi Biodiversity Target 15, incomplete national reporting, lack of data and capacity to assess the extent of degraded ecosystems and lack of coordination between different branches of government responsible for national ecosystem-based commitments under a variety of international agreements and policy platforms.

7. In this context, the present workshop will provide a much-needed opportunity for Parties to the Convention and stakeholders to discuss key questions regarding the role of ecosystem restoration in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and create a common understanding about the issue.

III. EXPECTED OUTCOME

8. The workshop is expected to develop concrete proposals to be considered in the further development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. To the extent feasible and appropriate, these proposals will cover the different elements of the framework with particular focus on goals, targets, indicators and baselines.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Registration No. I-54113.

*Annex***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

Time	Session	Speakers/ leading facilitators
Wednesday, 6 November 2019		
8 – 8.50 am	Registration	
	Session 1: Opening	Eugenia Montezuma and Nicola Breier (Co-leads of ecosystem restoration theme)
9 – 9.30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government of Brazil • International Institute for Sustainability • CBD Secretariat • FAO • UNEP-WCMC 	
9.30 – 9.50 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectations from this meeting and adoption of the agenda 	Eugenia Montezuma and Nicola Breier (Co-leads of ecosystem restoration theme)
9.50 – 10.20 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background on CBD post-2020 process 	Basile van Havre (Co-Chair of WG2020)
10.20 – 10.30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions & Answers 	
10.30 – 10.45 am	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.45 – 11.15 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of relevant outcomes from previous thematic and regional consultations and WG2020 meeting 	Basile van Havre (Co-Chair of WG2020)
11.15 - 11.25 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions & Answers 	
	Session 2: Status and current and future trends	
11.25 – 11.35 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations highlighting findings of recent major cross-cutting reports/assessments on the state of terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystem degradation (i.e., GBO-5, IPBES, IPCC) 	David Cooper (SCBD) (GBO-5)
11.35 – 12.05 pm		Stefan van der Esch (PBL Netherlands) (IPBES, IPCC)
12.05 – 12.30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions & Answers 	
12.30 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2 – 2.25 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-criteria global priority areas for ecosystem restoration 	Bernardo Strassburg (IIS)
2.25 - 2.35 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions & Answers 	
2.35 - 2.50 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back from the pre-workshops 	Bernardo Strassburg (IIS)
2.50 – 3.05 pm		Karin Zaunberger (European Commission)
3.05 – 3.15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions & Answers 	
3.15 – 3.30 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>	

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	Session 3: Taking stock of lessons learned and challenges for global ecosystem restoration efforts	
3.30 – 3.40 pm	• Key challenges and lessons learned from the design and implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in particular Targets 5, 14 and 15	Lisa Janishevski (SCBD)
3.40 – 3.50 pm	• The Bonn Challenge and Forest Landscape Restoration	Radhika Dave (IUCN)
3.50 – 4.00 pm	• Ecosystem restoration: standards and definition	Bethanie Walder (SER)
4.00 – 5.00 pm	• Break-out discussions focused on challenges and lessons learned from the design and implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in particular Targets 5, 14 and 15 (three groups)	Radhika Dave (IUCN); Bethanie Walder (SER); Manuel Guariguata (CIFOR) (facilitators)
5.00 – 5.30 pm	• Report back from break-out session 3	One country representative for each group, based on notes from the note-takers
5.30 - 6.00 pm	• Closing of the day	Eugenia Montezuma and Nicola Breier, Co-leads of ecosystem restoration theme
Thursday, 7 November 2019		
9.00 – 9.30 am	Session 4: Recap of Day 1	Lisa Janishevski (SCBD)
	Session 5: Achieving the 2050 Vision, and relevant 2030 milestones	
9.30 – 9.40 am	• The 2050 vision and relevant 2030 milestones	Basile van Havre (Co-Chair of WG2020)
9.40 - 10.40 am	• Break-out groups to discuss possible 2050 vision and 2030 and other milestones required in order to reach the 2050 Vision (three groups)	Lera Miles (UNEP-WCMC), Miguel Moraes (CI), Sheila Wertz (FAO) (facilitators)
10.40 – 10.55 am	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10.55 – 11.25 am	• Report back from break-out session 4	One country representative for each group, based on notes from the note-takers
	Session 6: Potential substantive elements on ecosystem restoration for the post 2020 global biodiversity framework	
11.25 – 11.40 am	<p>• Introduction to the methodology for the world cafe + question and answers (participants will be divided and pass through each station (four stations, each supported by a facilitator and two note-takers) to discuss specific potential elements, based on Aichi Targets 5, 14 and 15, and linked to CBD decisions on ecosystem restoration as well as the existing targets in other international agreements and processes)</p> <p><u>Stations:</u></p> <p>Station 1 - Principles to guide the goals and targets (facilitator: Robin Chazdon, IIS)</p> <p><i>Scope and guiding principles of the goal and targets on ecosystem restoration (qualitative elements)</i></p>	Carlos A. M. Scaramuzza and Renato Crouzeilles (IIS)

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	Station 2 - Global goals and targets (facilitator: Renato Crouzeilles, IIS) <i>Scope and guiding metrics, baselines and indicators of the goal and targets on ecosystem restoration (quantitative elements)</i> Station 3 - Linkages to other potential thematic areas (facilitator: Bethanie Walder, SER) <i>Relation of goal and targets on ecosystem restoration to other potential goals and targets under the post-2020 biodiversity framework</i> Station 4 - Integrating existing goals/targets from other international instruments areas (facilitator: Carlos A. M. Scaramuzza, IIS) <i>Integrating the goal and targets on ecosystem restoration with other international instruments and conventions (strengthening the potential for ecosystem restoration)</i>	
11.40 am – 12.40 pm	Session 7: Station 1, 2, 3 or 4	Bethanie Walder (SER); Robin Chazdon (IIS); Renato Crouzeilles (IIS); Carlos A. M. Scaramuzza (IIS) (facilitators)
12.40 – 2.10 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>	
2.10 - 3.10 pm	Session 8: Station 1, 2, 3 or 4	Bethanie Walder (SER); Robin Chazdon (IIS); Renato Crouzeilles (IIS); Carlos A. M. Scaramuzza (IIS) (facilitators)
3.10 – 3.25 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>	
3.25 – 4.25 pm	Session 9: Station 1, 2, 3 or 4	Bethanie Walder (SER); Robin Chazdon (IIS); Renato Crouzeilles (IIS); Carlos A. M. Scaramuzza (IIS) (facilitators)
4.25 – 5.25 pm	Session 10: Station 1, 2, 3 or 4	Bethanie Walder (SER); Robin Chazdon (IIS); Renato Crouzeilles (IIS); Carlos A. M. Scaramuzza (IIS) (facilitators)
Friday, 8 November 2019		
9.00 – 10.30 am	Session 11: Report back from Day 2 stations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back from the stations (15 minutes each) • Questions and answers (30 minutes) 	One country representative for each station, based on notes from the note-taker
10.30 – 10.45 am	<i>Coffee break</i>	
	Session 12: Review of key points raised in the workshop and identified items for further in-depth discussion on the basis of Day 2	

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10.45 – 11 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to key topics to be discussed in-depth 	Bernardo Strassburg (IIS)
11 am – 12 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break-out groups to discuss other key topics identified 	Rafael Chaves (SMA-SP); Pedro Brancalion (ESALQ/USP); Rubens Benini (TNC); Nathália Dreyer (IIS)
12 - 12:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report back from the break-out groups of session 12 	One country representative for each group, based on notes from the note-takers
12.30 – 2 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>	
	Session 13: Considerations and needs related to monitoring and review of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework	
2 – 2.10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Points for consideration: monitoring and review of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework 	Lera Miles (UNEP-WCMC)
2.10 – 3.10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break-out groups to discuss issues related to baseline information on different aspects of ecosystem restoration and indicators for potential post-2020 goals/targets and data needs to support monitoring and review of progress 	Lera Miles (UNEP-WCMC); Radhika Dave (IUCN); Sheila Wertz (FAO)
3.10 – 3.40 pm	Report back from the break-out groups session 13	One country representative for each group, based on notes from the note-takers
3.40 – 3.55 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>	
3.55 – 5 pm	Session 14: Plenary discussion and summary of key messages from the consultation	Eugenia Montezuma and Nicola Breier, Co-leads of ecosystem restoration theme
5 – 6 pm	Session 15: Conclusions, next steps and closing of the workshop	Basile van Havre (Co-Chair of the WG2020) and organizers