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MEETING OF THE INFORMAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE TO THE CLEARING-HOUSE
MECHANISM OF THE CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Montreal, Canada, 17-19 June 2019

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. In decision [X/15](#), the Conference of the Parties adopted the mission, goals and objectives of the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2011-2020. In decision [XI/2](#) B, paragraph 11, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the work programme for the clearing-house mechanism in support of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 ([UNEP/CBD/COP/11/31](#)) and agreed to keep the work programme under review. In decisions [XII/2](#) B and [XIII/23](#), the Conference of the Parties made several requests concerning the clearing-house mechanism. Most recently, the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting adopted decisions [14/24](#) and [14/25](#) on capacity-building and knowledge management, respectively, which include various requests to the Informal Advisory Committee.
2. At its last meeting, held in Montreal, Canada, on 10 July 2018, the Informal Advisory Committee reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the clearing-house mechanism. The report on that meeting ([CBD/CHM/IAC/2018/1/1](#)) includes recommendations to the Executive Secretary.
3. The Informal Advisory Committee will review requests contained in decisions [14/24](#) and [14/25](#) and related decisions, as well as the progress made to date on the clearing-house mechanism pursuant to previous decisions. The Committee will also discuss and adopt its programme of work for the biennium 2019-2020.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting will be opened at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 17 June 2019.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Adoption of the agenda

5. The Committee will adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda ([CBD/CHM/IAC/2019/1/1](#)) prepared by the Executive Secretary.

2.2. Organization of work

6. The Committee will be invited to consider the proposed organization of work contained in annex I.

ITEM 3. UPDATES ON STANDING ITEMS

7. The Committee will be invited to consider progress reports and updates on activities carried out by the Secretariat, in collaboration with partners, with respect to the following standing items:
 - 3.1 Award for national clearing-house mechanisms;
 - 3.2 Web strategy for the Convention and its Protocols;
 - 3.3 Online reporting tool;

- 3.4 Interoperability;
- 3.5 Support to national clearing-house mechanisms;
- 3.6 Partners' contributions to the clearing-house mechanism.

3.1. Award for national clearing-house mechanisms

8. In decision 12/2 B, paragraph 15, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to propose, in collaboration with the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism, a process to grant, at the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, subject to the availability of resources, an award to the Parties that have made the most significant progress in the establishment or further development of their national clearing-house mechanisms.

9. At the thirteenth and fourteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, awards were given to the best clearing-house mechanisms from among the submissions received by the Parties. The award recipients were chosen by the Awards Jury. Gold, silver or bronze status was awarded to the three best national clearing-house mechanisms in the categories of "existing" and "new". In addition, for each round, certificates of excellence were awarded to those national clearing-houses that the jury felt had made an exceptional effort to develop and maintain a high-quality national clearing house.

10. The Secretariat will provide an updated based on the feedback received from the Awards Jury.

3.2. Web strategy for the Convention and its Protocols

11. Further to the Committee's discussions and the recommendations made on this item at its meeting in July 2018, the Secretariat will provide an update on the implementation of the web strategy (including the requests contained in paragraph 4(c) of decision 14/25) and on the joint modalities of operation for the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, the Biosafety Clearing-House and the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House (annexed to Conference of the Parties decision 14/25, and referenced in decisions CP COP-MOP 9/2 and NP COP-MOP 3/3).

12. Based on the update provided by the Secretariat, the Committee may wish to provide additional advice to the Executive Secretary, as appropriate.

3.3. Online reporting tool

13. The Secretariat will provide the Committee with an update on the further development of the online reporting tool and its use by Parties in the submission of their sixth national reports, also taking into account the requests contained in decision 14/27.

14. The Secretariat will provide an update on its contribution to the development and testing of the Data and Reporting Tool, in collaboration with the InforMEA Initiative, as requested in paragraph 4(d) of decision 14/25, with a view to learning from the experiences of Parties in delivering their sixth national reports to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and facilitating its use in reporting processes across the biodiversity-related conventions, as appropriate.

15. Based on the update provided by the Secretariat and the review of decision 14/27, the Committee may wish to provide the Executive Secretary with advice, as appropriate.

3.4. Interoperability

16. Further to the Committee's discussion and recommendations made on this item at its meeting in July 2018, the Secretariat will provide the Committee with an update on the development of interoperability with national clearing-house mechanisms and with InforMEA.

3.5. Support to national clearing-house mechanisms

17. In decision XIII/23, paragraph 12, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties to continue their efforts to establish, sustain and further develop effective national clearing-house mechanisms in support of the implementation of their national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

18. In decision XII/2 B, paragraph 15, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and partners to provide support to developing country Parties that were developing their national clearing-house mechanisms. In paragraph 16 of the same decision, it also invited Parties and donors to continue to provide financial support to establish and strengthen their national clearing-house mechanisms, including for content preparation, and for translation to facilitate the sharing of information and knowledge.

19. The Secretariat will summarize the progress made in this regard, including an update on the ongoing development and promotion of the Bioland Tool.

3.6. Partners' contributions to the clearing-house mechanism

20. To enhance its ability to provide the Executive Secretary with effective guidance on best practises and to recommend further development of the clearing-house mechanism, presentations will be made by the partner members of the Committee and other relevant stakeholders regarding their contributions to the network and services of the clearing-house mechanism (decision X/15).

ITEM 4. ISSUES FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION

21. The Committee will be invited to consider the following issues pursuant to the requests by the Conference of the Parties contained in decisions 14/24 and 14/25 and related decisions and provide the Executive Secretary with advice, as appropriate:

4.1 Technical and scientific cooperation (decision 14/24);

4.2 Knowledge management under the Convention and its Protocols (decision 14/25);

4.3 Additional issues.

4.1. Technical and scientific cooperation (decision 14/24)

22. In decision 14/24B, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider establishing, at its fifteenth meeting, an Informal Advisory Committee on technical and scientific cooperation, to be operational at the end of the mandate of the current CHM Informal Advisory Committee. Earlier, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in paragraph 3 of its Recommendation SBI-2/8 requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-house Mechanism, to further review the draft terms of reference for an informal advisory committee on technical and scientific cooperation contained in annex II and to make the updated draft terms of reference available for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

23. In paragraph 6 of the same decision requests the Executive Secretary was also requested to seek advice from the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-house Mechanism on matters relating to technical and scientific cooperation in accordance with Article 18 of the Convention for the duration of its current mandate.

24. Under this sub-item, the Committee will be invited to review the above requests by the Conference of the Parties and the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and provide advice to the Executive Secretary, as appropriate.

4.2. Knowledge management under the Convention and its Protocols (decision 14/25)

25. In its decision 14/25 on Knowledge Management under the Convention and its Protocols, the Conference of the Parties made several requests to the CHM Informal Advisory Committee. Specifically, in paragraph 4 (a) of the decision the Executive Secretary was requested to continue to implement the work programme for the clearing-house mechanism in support of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020¹ and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development² with the guidance of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism.

¹ Decision X/2, annex.

² See General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015.

26. In paragraphs 4 (f) and 4 (g), the Executive Secretary was also requested to develop, in consultation with the informal advisory committees to the clearing-house mechanism, the Biosafety Clearing-House and the Access and Benefit Sharing Clearing-House, a knowledge management component as a part of the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to, inter alia, guide future developments of the clearing-house mechanism, the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House and the Biosafety Clearing-House, taking into account the experience gained from relevant knowledge management initiatives, such as InforMEA, the Data and Reporting Tool, the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, the Digital Observatory for Protected Areas and the Knowledge Hub of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

27. Under this sub-item, the Committee may wish to consider the above requests and provide advice to the Executive Secretary, as appropriate.

4.3 Additional issues

28. Under this sub-item the Committee will have the opportunity to raise and discuss any relevant issues not covered under the previous sub-items that may be contained in other decisions emanating from the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

29. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider any other matters, such as matters related to the operations of the Committee.

ITEM 6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

30. The Committee will be invited to formulate general conclusions and recommendations based on the outcomes of the discussions on the various issues considered during the meeting.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

31. The meeting is expected to close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 June 2019.

*Annex I***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
<i>Monday, 17 June 2019</i>	
8:30 a.m.	<i>Arrival and registration</i>
9 – 9.30 a.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Adoption of the agenda 2.2. Organization of work
9.30 - 10.30 a.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Update on standing issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Award for national clearing-house mechanisms 3.2. Web strategy for the Convention and its Protocols 3.3. Online reporting tool
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45 – 12.30 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Update on standing issues: (<i>continued</i>) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.4. Interoperability 3.5. Support to national clearing-house mechanisms
12.30 - 2.00 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Update on standing issues: (<i>continued</i>) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.6. Partners' contributions to the clearing-house mechanism
3.30 – 3.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.45 – 5.00 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Issues for in-depth consideration: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. Technical and scientific cooperation (decision 14/24)
<i>Tuesday, 18 June 2019</i>	
9.00 – 10.30 a.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Issues for in-depth consideration: (<i>continued</i>) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. Technical and scientific cooperation (decision 14/24) (<i>continued</i>)
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45 – 12:30 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Issues for in-depth consideration: (<i>continued</i>) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.2. Knowledge management under the Convention and its Protocols (decision 14/25)
12:30 – 2.00 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Issues for in-depth consideration: (<i>continued</i>) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.2 Knowledge management under the Convention and its Protocols (<i>continued</i>)
3.30 – 3.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.45 – 5.00 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Issues for in-depth consideration: (<i>continued</i>) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.2 Knowledge management under the Convention and its Protocols (<i>continued</i>)

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
<i>Wednesday, 19 June 2019</i>	
9.00 – 10.30 a.m.	Review of previous day's deliberations, actions, next steps
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45 – 12.30 p.m.	4. Issues for in-depth consideration: (<i>continued</i>) 4.3. Additional issues
12.30 – 2.00 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.	5. Other matters
3.30 – 3:45 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.45 – 5.00 p.m.	6. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Meeting documents

- CBD/CHM/IAC/2019/1/1
Provisional agenda
- CBD/CHM/IAC/2019/1/1/Add.1
Annotated provisional agenda
- CBD/CHM/IAC/2019/1/2
Progress report and updates on activities carried out by the Secretariat in response to various decisions of the Conference of the Parties on the clearing-house mechanism
- CBD/CHM/IAC/2019/1/3
Technical and scientific and cooperation (decision 14/24)
- CBD/CHM/IAC/2019/1/4
Knowledge management under the Convention and its Protocols (decision 14/25)

Information documents

- CBD/CHM/IAC/2018/1/
Report on the meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal, 10 July 2018).
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