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MEETING OF THE INFORMAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE TO THE CLEARING-HOUSE
MECHANISM OF THE CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Montreal, Canada, 10 July 2018

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

A. General information

1. The meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held on Tuesday, 10 July 2018, in Montreal, Canada, on the margins of the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. The venue will be Room A of the conference area of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
2. The meeting is expected to start at 1:00 p.m. and close at 2:45 p.m., as indicated in the proposed organization of work (annex I). Remote participation will be available for members not attending the meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

B. Background

3. 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 this work programme under review. More recently, in decisions [XII/2 B](#) and [XIII/23](#), the Conference of the Parties made several requests concerning the clearing-house mechanism.
4. At its last meeting, held in Montreal, Canada, on 7 and 8 December 2017, the Informal Advisory Committee reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the clearing-house mechanism. The report on that meeting ([CBD/CHM/IAC/2017/1/5](#)) includes recommendations to the Executive Secretary.

C. Expected outcome

5. The main purpose of the meeting is to review the progress made to date on the clearing-house mechanism pursuant to decision [XIII/23](#) and the recommendations made by the Committee at its last meeting, and to provide the Executive Secretary with further advice on the clearing-house mechanism, as appropriate.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

6. The meeting will be opened at 1.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 July 2018.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Adoption of the agenda

7. The provisional agenda ([CBD/CHM/IAC/2018/1/1](#)) and the present annotated agenda have been prepared by the Executive Secretary for review and adoption by the Committee.

2.2. Organization of work

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

ITEM 3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

9. The Committee will be invited to consider the following key issues for discussion:

- 3.1 Award for national clearing-house mechanisms;
- 3.2 Bioland sub-committee;
- 3.3 Update on the web strategy;
- 3.4 Update on the online reporting tool;
- 3.5 Update on interoperability;
- 3.6 Update on support to national clearing-house mechanisms;
- 3.7 Additional issues.

Additional relevant issues may be raised at the end of the discussion on the above-listed sub-items.

3.1. Award for national clearing-house mechanisms

10. In decision XII/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.

11. At the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, awards were given to the best clearing-house mechanisms from among the 38 submissions received by Parties. The award recipients were chosen by the CHM Awards Jury. Gold, silver or bronze status was awarded to the three best national clearing-house mechanisms in the categories of “existing” and “new”.

12. For the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the process for the CHM Awards was announced in a [notification](#) dated 15 January 2018.

13. On the basis of the experience and lessons learned during the first round of CHM Awards, the Committee will consider a recommendation to the Executive Secretary in respect of the composition of the CHM Awards Jury.

3.2. Bioland sub-committee

14. At its meeting in December of 2017, the Committee considered the status of development of the Bioland Tool developed by the Secretariat with the generous support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund. In this regard, consideration was given to the establishment of a subcommittee of technical experts in a position to further guide the development of the Tool to allow Parties to consider using the Bioland platform.

15. In this regard, the Committee may consider a recommendation to the Executive Secretary for the creation of the subcommittee on Bioland.

3.3. Update on the web strategy

16. Further to the Committee’s discussion on this item at its meeting in December 2017, the Secretariat will be invited to present an update to the Committee.

3.4. Update on the online reporting tool

17. Further to the Committee’s discussion on this item at its meeting in December 2017, the Secretariat will be invited to present an update to the Committee.

3.5. Update on interoperability

18. Further to the Committee’s discussion on this item at its meeting in December 2017, the Secretariat will be invited to present an update to the Committee.

3.6. Update on support to national clearing-house mechanisms

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. The Secretariat will summarize progress made in this area. More specifically, the Secretariat will report on two recent regional capacity-building workshops on the clearing-house mechanism (one held in Bangkok from 29 January to 2 February 2018 and the other held in Cairo from 5 to 9 May 2018), as well as on the recent development of the new Bioland tool, available at <https://demo.chm-cbd.net>.

22. Under this sub-item, the Committee will be invited to provide advice on how to improve such support, including the process by which Parties using other infrastructure can migrate to the Bioland Tool.

3.7. Additional issues

10 Under this sub-item, the Committee will have the opportunity to raise and discuss any relevant issues not covered under the previous sub-items.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

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

ITEM 5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

12 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 6. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

13 The meeting is expected to close at 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 July 2018.

Annex I

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
<i>Tuesday 10 July, 2018</i>	
1 p.m.	<i>Arrival and luncheon</i>
1.15 - 1.25 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Adoption of the agenda 1.2. Organization of work
1.25 - 1.40 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Issues for consideration: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Award for national clearing-house mechanisms
1.40 - 2 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Issues for in-depth consideration: <i>(continued)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.2. Bioland sub-committee 3.3. Update on web strategy 3.4. Update on online reporting tool 3.5. Update on interoperability 3.6. Update on support to national clearing-house mechanisms
2 - 2.30 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Issues for consideration: <i>(continued)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.7. Additional issues
2.30 – 2.45 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Other matters 5. Conclusions and recommendations
2.45 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Meeting documents

- [CBD/CHM/IAC/2018/1/1](#)
Provisional agenda
 - CBD/CHM/IAC/2018/1/1/Add.1
Annotated provisional agenda
 - [CBD/SBI/2/INF/16](#)
Updated web strategy for the Convention and its Protocols
 - [CBD/CHM/IAC/2017/1/5](#)
Report of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity on its meeting of 7-8 December 2017)
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