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ASIAN SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING
CAPACITIES FOR THE INTEGRATED IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY, THE
NAGOYA-KUALA LUMPUR SUPPLEMENTARY
PROTOCOL ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS AND THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Kuala Lumpur, 6 – 10 November 2017

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. In its decision BS-V/16, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) adopted the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020 (Strategic Plan) and urged Parties to review their national action plans and programmes relevant to the implementation of the Protocol, including their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and to align them with the Strategic Plan, as appropriate. In decision BS-VII/5, paragraph 10, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol further urged Parties and invited other Governments to integrate and prioritize biosafety within their national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development plans and programmes.
2. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention also recognized the need for integrated implementation of the Convention and its Protocols to improve efficiency and effectiveness and adopted a number of decisions in this regard. The Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties to integrate biosafety and access and benefit-sharing into NBSAPs, national development plans and other relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans and programmes, and to strengthen national coordination mechanisms to facilitate a coordinated approach to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols (decision XII/29, paras. 9 and 11).
3. Against this background, and with the generous support of the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the Secretariat developed a pilot project entitled “Capacity-building to promote integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level”. The pilot project was implemented in the biennium 2015-2016. Nine Parties to the Cartagena Protocol participated in the pilot project and carried out a number of national activities, including the development of national desk studies documenting the status of and experience with integrated implementation at the national level. The pilot project aimed at strengthening capacity in participating countries to facilitate the integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and other sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans and programmes, and to strengthen national intersectoral coordination mechanisms.
4. A global workshop, hosted by the Republic of Moldova, was held in November 2016. The workshop enabled focal points of the Cartagena Protocol and Convention, as well as national project coordinators, from the Parties participating in the project to present the desk study results and share experiences and lessons learned at the national level. On the basis of input provided by Parties at the

national workshop the development of e-learning materials on integrated implementation and mainstreaming of biosafety was finalized.

5. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol requested the Executive secretary to undertake regional and subregional workshops and other relevant activities in order to enhance the capacity of Parties to promote the integration of biosafety considerations into NBSAPs and national strategies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (decision CP-VIII/15). Decision CP-VIII/3 further urged Parties and other Governments to integrate biosafety into their national biodiversity strategies and actions plans and broader national development strategies in order to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals.

6. Building on the results achieved in the pilot project on integrated implementation, a second phase of the project was designed and generously supported by the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund. The project, entitled “Integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity” will be implemented over the 2017-2018 biennium to support Parties in strengthening capacities at the national level and its scope has been widened to include integrated implementation of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol.

7. As part of the second phase of the project on integrated implementation, the Secretariat is organizing three regional or subregional workshops on integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol and the Convention on Biological Diversity. The workshops will target national focal points of the Cartagena Protocol and the Convention, or NBSAP coordinators, as well as officials involved in the implementation or ratification efforts with regard to the Supplementary Protocol.

8. The Asian subregional workshop will be held in Kuala Lumpur and will allow Malaysia, as a participant in the pilot phase of the project, to share its experience with workshop participants.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

9. The workshop will be opened by a representative of the Government of Malaysia at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 6 November 2017. A representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will also make opening remarks.

ITEM 2. OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

10. Under this item, a presentation on the objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop will be made. Moreover, the provisional agenda and organization of work as contained in the annex to the present document will be introduced.

ITEM 3. INTEGRATED IMPLEMENTATION: MAINSTREAMING BIOSAFETY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

11. Under this agenda item, a representative of the Secretariat will give a general introduction on integrated implementation of biosafety across a variety of sectoral and cross-sectoral instruments, including the rationale, tools and best practices to facilitate mainstreaming.

12. Furthermore, participants will be invited to make presentations of about 10 minutes each, providing a summary of the extent to which and ways in which biosafety has been addressed in laws, policies and institutional frameworks in their countries. The presentations will focus on (a) processes and practical steps taken to facilitate integration; (b) major challenges encountered and lessons learned to address them; (c) national capacity needs and gaps related to integrated implementation; and (d) recommendations to further improve integration at the national level.

ITEM 4. PROJECT STATUS OVERVIEW

13. Under this agenda item, an overview will be presented on the background and the status of the project entitled “Integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity”.

14. A representative of the Government of Malaysia will also make a presentation on the country’s successful contribution to the first phase of the project and share experiences.

ITEM 5. E-LEARNING MODULE AND TOOLKIT ON MAINSTREAMING BIOSAFETY

15. Under this item, participants will be introduced to the background regarding the development of the capacity-building materials on mainstreaming and have an opportunity to view and navigate through the e-learning module and toolkit.

16. The capacity-building materials will contribute to the exercise participants will undertake under agenda item 11, in which they will develop a national strategy for integrated implementation.

17. Participants will have the opportunity, under item 8, to participate in discussions and provide input that will assist in evaluating the usefulness of these materials for capacity-building.

ITEM 6. SELECTING ENTRY POINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTEGRATED IMPLEMENTATION

18. Under this item, a representative of the Government of Malaysia will make a presentation on ways in which Malaysia selected entry points, or is considering to select entry points, for biosafety mainstreaming based, among other things, on lessons learned under the previous phase of the project.

19. Subsequently, participants will be divided in groups to discuss, in further detail, possible entry points and opportunities for integrated implementation. After the group discussions, a representative of each group will report to all participants on the discussions and findings of the respective group.

ITEM 7. DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR BIOSAFETY MAINSTREAMING

20. Under this item, a representative of the Secretariat will make a presentation on the development of a national strategy for biosafety mainstreaming. Participants will be introduced to and have the opportunity to navigate through an online application that has been developed by the Secretariat and Strathclyde University for countries to develop a national strategy for biosafety mainstreaming.

21. Participants will then be invited to break out into national teams in order to work on developing a draft national strategy for biosafety mainstreaming, making use of the application and other capacity-building materials introduced during the workshop.

22. At the end of the exercise, a representative of each participating country will present the draft national strategy for biosafety mainstreaming to all participants. The presentations of each national strategy will be followed by a group discussion on common approaches and challenges to mainstreaming biosafety.

ITEM 8. EVALUATION OF THE E-LEARNING MODULE, TOOLKIT AND STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT TOOL

23. Under this item, participants will be asked to provide their views and feedback on the use of the e-learning module, toolkit and strategy development tool, in the light of the use of these capacity-building materials during the workshop and particularly during the development of the draft national strategy under item 7. The discussion will be facilitated by a representative of the Secretariat.

ITEM 9. LIABILITY AND REDRESS – BASIC CONCEPTS

24. Under this item, a representative of the Secretariat will provide an overview of some basic concepts and facts relevant to the field of liability and redress. These include the concepts of liability, types of liability, elements common in establishing liability rules, and some examples of existing international environmental liability rules.

ITEM 10. OVERVIEW OF NAGOYA-KUALA LUMPUR SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS

25. Under this item, the Supplementary Protocol will be introduced and its core provisions discussed.

26. A representative of the Secretariat will introduce the Supplementary Protocol and outline its core provisions and provide information on the requirements that need to be implemented in domestic regulatory frameworks.

ITEM 11. SIGNATURE, RATIFICATION, ENTRY INTO FORCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

27. Under this item, participants will be introduced to the legal effect of signature, ratification, approval, acceptance or accession of international instruments and to the process associated with these actions. A representative of the Secretariat will also explain how Parties can give effect to the obligations deriving from international instruments.

ITEM 12. LIABILITY AND REDRESS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

28. Under this agenda item, participants will be invited to make presentations, of about 10 minutes each, on national efforts to ratify or implement the Supplementary Protocol, as applicable. Participants may share any information on ongoing processes towards signing and/or ratifying the Supplementary Protocol. Participants may also discuss national efforts to integrate the Supplementary Protocol into existing national instruments and policies.

29. A representative of the Secretariat will introduce an e-learning module on the Supplementary Protocol.

ITEM 13. CASE STUDIES ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS

30. Under this agenda item, participants will be invited to review some hypothetical cases in small groups, in order to further their understanding of the scope and provisions of the Supplementary Protocol.

ITEM 14. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

31. During the final session, participants will also be asked to complete a workshop evaluation. A representative of the Secretariat will also provide a short overview of the results of the workshop and follow-up activities.

32. A representative of the host country, Malaysia, will close the workshop.

33. The workshop is expected to end at 3 p.m. on Friday, 10 November 2017.

Annex

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Date and time	Agenda item
Monday, 6 November 2017	
9.30 – 10 a.m.	1. Opening of the workshop (Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Malaysia and Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, SCBD)
10 – 10.30 a.m.	2. Overview and objectives of the workshop (SCBD)
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	3. Integrated implementation: mainstreaming biosafety at the national level
12.30 – 2 p.m.	Lunch Break
2 – 3 p.m.	3. Integrated implementation: mainstreaming biosafety at the national level (<i>continued</i>)
3 – 3.15 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.15 – 5 p.m.	3. Integrated implementation: mainstreaming biosafety at the national level (<i>continued</i>)
Tuesday, 7 November 2017	
9 – 9.30 a.m.	4. Project status overview (SCBD)
9.30 - 10.30 a.m.	5. E-learning module and toolkit on mainstreaming
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 – 12.30 p.m.	5. E-learning module and toolkit on mainstreaming (<i>continued</i>)
12.30 – 2 p.m.	Lunch
2 – 3 p.m.	5. E-learning module and toolkit on mainstreaming (<i>continued</i>)
3 – 3.15 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.15 – 5 p.m.	6. Selecting entry points and opportunities for integrated implementation
Wednesday, 8 November 2017	
9 – 10.30 a.m.	7. Development of a national strategy for biosafety mainstreaming
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	7. Development of a national strategy for biosafety mainstreaming (<i>continued</i>)
12.30 – 2 p.m.	Lunch
2 – 3 p.m.	7. Development of a national strategy for biosafety mainstreaming (<i>continued</i>)

Date and time	Agenda item
3 – 3.15 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.15 – 4 p.m.	7. Development of a national strategy for biosafety mainstreaming (<i>continued</i>)
4 – 5 p.m.	8. Evaluation of the e-learning module, toolkit and strategy development tool
Thursday, 9 November 2017	
9 – 9.45 a.m.	9. Liability and Redress – basic concepts (SCBD)
9.45 - 10.30 a.m.	10. Overview of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol (SCBD)
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 – 11.30 a.m.	10. Overview of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol (<i>continued</i>)
11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	11. Signature, ratification, entry into force, implementation (SCBD)
12.30 – 2 p.m.	Lunch
2 – 3 p.m.	12. Liability and redress at the national level
3 – 3.15 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.15 – 4 p.m.	12. Liability and redress at the national level (<i>continued</i>)
4 – 5 p.m.	12. Liability and redress at the national level (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 10 November 2017	
9 – 10.30 a.m.	13. Case studies on liability and redress (group exercise)
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
10.45 – 12.30 a.m.	13. Case studies on liability and redress (<i>continued</i>)
12.30 – 2 p.m.	Lunch
2 – 3 p.m.	13. Case studies on liability and redress (<i>continued</i>)
3 – 3.15 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break
3.15 – 4 p.m.	14. Closure of the workshop