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**LIAISON GROUP ON CAPACITY-BUILDING
FOR BIOSAFETY**

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety was established at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol).¹ At the sixth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety was extended with a mandate to provide expert advice to the Executive Secretary on ways and means to enhance the coordination and effective implementation of the capacity-building components of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol.²

2. To date, eleven Liaison Group meetings have taken place.³ These meetings have provided advice on a wide range of issues, including advice on improvement of the roster of biosafety experts, review of the Action Plan for Building Capacities, development of indicators for monitoring implementation of the Action Plan, input into the draft Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020), comprehensive review of the Action Plan, and input to the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of its Strategic Plan.

3. The present meeting of the Liaison Group will provide advice to the Executive Secretary on (a) the preparation of a report on the status of implementation of the Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-Building for consideration by the ninth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol; (b) the planning for the fourth assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol and final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020; and (c) processes for the preparation of post-2020 strategies.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting will be opened by a representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 5 September 2018.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

5. The Liaison Group will be invited to elect its officers from among the members participating in the meeting.

¹ Decision BS-I/5, annex IV.

² Decision BS-VI/3, annex II.

³ Information on previous meetings of the Liaison Group can be found at <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/?thm=CPB>.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

6. The Liaison Group will be invited to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (CBD/CP/LG-CB/12/1). The Liaison Group will also be invited to adopt its organization of work on the basis of the annex below.

ITEM 3. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FRAMEWORK AND ACTION PLAN FOR CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

7. The sixth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted the Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-Building for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Framework and Action Plan),⁴ and requested the Executive Secretary to prepare, for consideration by the regular meetings of the Parties to the Protocol, reports on the status of implementation of the Framework and Action Plan, on the basis of the submissions made by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations.

8. A notification⁵ was issued by the Secretariat inviting Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities to submit information on the status of implementation of the Framework and Action Plan, including a summary of the results of the activities undertaken, good practices and lessons learned. A total of twenty-eight submissions were received from twenty-six Parties, one other Government and one indigenous peoples and local communities' organization.⁶

9. A report on the status of implementation of the Framework and Action Plan will be prepared by the Executive Secretary for consideration by the ninth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

10. In light of the above, the Liaison Group will be invited to consider a synthesis of submissions prepared by the Secretariat in document CBD/CP/LG-CB/12/2 and provide input to the report on the status of implementation of the Framework and Action Plan. The Liaison Group will also be invited to consider documents UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/3, containing a summary report on the status of capacity-building under the Protocol on the basis of information provided through the third national reports as well as information made available through the Biosafety Clearing-House, and UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/8/12/Add.1, containing a detailed analysis of the status and trends in the implementation of capacity-building under operational objectives 2.1 to 2.7 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol.

ITEM 4. PLANNING FOR THE FOURTH ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL AND FINAL EVALUATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL FOR THE PERIOD 2011-2020

11. Article 35, on Assessment and Review, establishes that meetings of the Parties to the Protocol shall undertake, five years after the entry into force of the Protocol and at least every five years thereafter, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Protocol, including an assessment of its procedures and annexes.

12. In 2016, the third assessment and review of the Protocol was undertaken in conjunction with the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020 by the eighth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol,⁷ on the basis of [recommendation SBI-1/3](#) from the

⁴ As contained in annex I to decision BS-VI/3.

⁵ <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2018/ntf-2018-036-bs-en.doc>.

⁶ Parties: Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, Hungary, India, Iran, Japan, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Peru, Slovenia, Somalia, Spain, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe; non-Party: Argentina; indigenous peoples and local communities organization: Society for Wetland Biodiversity Conservation – Nepal.

⁷ Decision CP-VIII/15.

Subsidiary Body on Implementation and input from the Compliance Committee and the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building.

13. In [recommendation SBI-2/12](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, at its second meeting, recommended to the ninth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol that the fourth assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol be combined with the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020.

14. Furthermore, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation also recommended that the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building and the Compliance Committee contribute to the fourth assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan, and submit their conclusions for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

15. The Secretariat will make a presentation on a possible process in which the Liaison Group and the Compliance Committee would work in a complementary and non-duplicative manner to contribute to the fourth assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan.

16. In light of the above, the Liaison Group will be invited to consider the information presented and provide input on the process for the fourth assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol and the final evaluation of the Strategic Plan.

ITEM 5. PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF POST-2020 STRATEGIES

17. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will make presentations regarding the preparations of post-2020 strategies, including: (a) the post-2020 global biodiversity framework; (b) the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020; and (c) the post-2020 capacity development strategic framework.

18. Following the presentations, the Liaison Group will be invited to consider the processes for the preparation of the post-2020 strategies.

5.1. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework

19. On the basis of document CBD/SBI/2/17, "Proposals for a comprehensive and participatory process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework", prepared by the Executive Secretary,⁸ the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in [recommendation SBI-2/19](#), recommended that the Conference of the Parties, at its fourteenth meeting, adopt a preparatory process for the development of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. In the same recommendation, the Subsidiary Body noted a need for the Secretariat to promote, and plan for, the active engagement of the Protocols to the Convention, other biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements, relevant United Nations organizations, and other relevant organizations in the process to prepare the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to build synergy and create ownership.

20. Furthermore, the Subsidiary Body recommended that the ninth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopt a decision inviting Parties to the Cartagena Protocol to participate in the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

21. The Liaison Group will be invited to provide advice to the Executive Secretary on how best to promote, and plan for, the active engagement of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol in the process for developing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

5.2. Follow-up to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol

22. In its [recommendation SBI-2/19](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation further recommended that the ninth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol decide to develop a specific follow-up to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020 that is complementary to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and request the Executive Secretary to facilitate the development of its elements.

⁸ Available at <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/SBI-02>.

23. The Liaison Group will be invited to discuss and provide advice to the Executive Secretary on how to facilitate the development of a follow-up to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020. The Liaison Group may also share initial views on the possible content of the follow-up to the Strategic Plan.

5.3. Post-2020 capacity development strategic framework

24. In [recommendation SBI-2/8](#), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation recommended that the ninth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol welcome the terms of reference for a study to provide an information base for the preparation of a long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020, as contained in the appendix to annex I to the recommendation, and requested that aspects relevant to the Cartagena Protocol be considered in the study. In the same recommendation, the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety was requested to contribute to the development of the draft long-term strategic framework for capacity-building beyond 2020 (post-2020 capacity development strategic framework).

25. The Liaison Group will be invited to discuss and make recommendations on how to integrate biosafety in the post-2020 capacity development strategic framework, including but not limited to considering the extent to which the content and structure of the current Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-Building for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the Short-Term Action Plan on Capacity-Building⁹ may serve as a basis for addressing biosafety in the post-2020 capacity development strategic framework.

ITEM 6. CONCLUSIONS

26. The Liaison Group will be invited to formulate its general conclusions as advice to the Executive Secretary.

ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS

27. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to consider any other matters of relevance.

ITEM 8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

28. Under this item, the Liaison Group will be invited to adopt the report of the meeting.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

29. The meeting is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 7 September 2018.

⁹ As contained in the annex to [decision CP-VIII/3](#).

Annex

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Date/Time	Agenda item
Wednesday 5 September 2018 9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	1. Opening of the meeting. 2. Organizational matters: 2.1. Election of officers 2.2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
9.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	3. Report on the status of implementation of the Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-Building for the Effective Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
10.45 a.m. – 11 a.m.	BREAK
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Agenda item 3 (<i>continued</i>)
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH
2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	4. Planning for the fourth assessment and review of the Cartagena Protocol and final evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol for the period 2011-2020
3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.	BREAK
3.45 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Agenda item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday 6 September 2018 9 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	5. Processes for the preparation of post-2020 strategies 5.1. Post-2020 global biodiversity framework
10.45 a.m. – 11 a.m.	BREAK
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	5.2. Follow-up to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol (2011-2020)
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH
2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	5.3. Post-2020 capacity development strategic framework
3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.	BREAK
3.45 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Agenda item 5 (<i>continued</i>)
Friday 7 September 2018 9 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	6. Conclusions
10.45 a.m. – 11 a.m.	BREAK
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Agenda item 6 (<i>continued</i>)
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH
2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Agenda item 6 (<i>continued</i>)
3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.	BREAK
3.45 p.m. – 5 p.m.	7. Other matters 8. Adoption of the report of the meeting 9. Closure of the meeting