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REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON THE
POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY
FRAMEWORK FOR CENTRAL AND
EASTERN EUROPE

Belgrade, 16-18 April 2019

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its fourteenth meeting adopted decision [14/34](#) on a comprehensive and participatory process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate its implementation. In paragraph 6 of the decision, 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”. In this regard, it was agreed that regional and thematic consultation workshops would take place as a platform for discussions and the active engagement of all relevant stakeholders.
2. The Regional Consultation on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for Central and Eastern Europe is hosted by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia and organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, Serbia office and with the generous support of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Japan. It is organized under the guidance of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the oversight of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. The Consultation will be attended by representatives of Parties, indigenous peoples and local communities in the region, and relevant organizations, including United Nations organizations and programmes, other multilateral environmental agreements, subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, women’s groups, youth groups, the business and finance community, the scientific community and academia.
3. The purpose and objectives of the Consultation are:
 - (a) To engage Parties and stakeholders of the region in the consultation processes;
 - (b) To consider and make use of available scientific information and knowledge;
 - (c) To allow participants to share relevant case studies, experiences and lessons learned from the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
 - (d) To enable Parties and stakeholders in the region to develop common ground and shared visions towards the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;
 - (e) To identify potential elements of the post-2020 framework and possible transformative changes to make the 2050 Vision of “living in harmony with nature” a reality.

4. The outputs of the Consultation would contribute to the documentation that will be considered in the intersessional period for the development and negotiation of the post-2020 framework and could include initial recommendations to the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework on potential elements of the post-2020 framework and possible avenues for implementation in the region.

ITEM 1. OPENING STATEMENTS

5. The Consultation will be opened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 April 2019, at the National Assembly building. Opening statements will be made by representatives of the Serbian Ministry of Environmental Protection (the host) and of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

ITEM 2. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION

6. The Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group (Francis Ogwal and Basile van Havre) will provide an overview of the preparatory process for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision [14/34](#), including the overarching principles guiding the preparatory process, the proposed organization of work for the process, the list and schedule of the regional consultations and the proposed thematic consultative workshops/meetings as well as dates of major intersessional meetings of the Convention for 2019-2020.

7. The Secretariat will outline the objectives and expected outputs of the consultation and provide an overview of the proposed programme for the Consultation.

ITEM 3. ORGANIZATION OF WORK, ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS, RAPPORTEUR AND STATION LEADS, AND SELF-INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS

8. Participants will be invited to elect co-chairs, a rapporteur and station leads for the Consultation on the basis of proposals received from the floor. Participants will also consider and adopt the provisional agenda and the organization of work prepared by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group.

9. Participants will also be invited to introduce themselves briefly and to express their expectations from the consultation.

ITEM 4. CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS AND FUTURE TRENDS

10. Under this item, participants will consider the current status and trends of biodiversity in the region, including relevant experiences, good practices and lessons learned.

11. The Secretariat will deliver a short update on the submission of the sixth national reports and the outline for the development of the fifth edition of the *Global Biodiversity Outlook* as well as the requests for input from the region.

ITEM 5. OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 AND INSIGHTS FOR THE POST-2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

12. Under this item, participants will separate into small groups and reflect on the status of and trends in biodiversity in the region and the lessons learned from national implementation experience, identify the opportunities and challenges encountered and discuss how the preparation and future implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework could take into account or respond to these opportunities and challenges. The session will also provide an opportunity to reflect on the contribution of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to the implementation of the Convention over the past decade. Participants will share their views on how the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 has (or has not) facilitated implementation at the national and regional levels.

ITEM 6. DEVELOPING THE 2050 VISION OF LIVING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE AND THE 2030 MISSION

13. Under this item, the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group will introduce the discussion document on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework ([CBD/POST2020/PREP/1/1](#)) to provide the participants with an opportunity to reflect on its contents and to recommend consideration of any additional issues that are important to the region and have not yet been included.

ITEM 7. OUT-OF-THE-BOX THINKING AND TOOLS FOR AN AMBITIOUS POST-2020 GLOBAL FRAMEWORK

14. The purpose of this item is to stimulate a discussion on what the 2050 Vision “living in harmony with nature” actually means in concrete terms, and what changes and actions will be necessary to realize that vision. Participants will be invited to provide thoughts and input on how they see the state of biodiversity in 2050 and also what the mission of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework to 2030 should consist of and also to reflect on what are the elements and content of an actionable mission statement and the outcomes (state) of a transformative change should be in the countries of the region. The discussions will be preceded by an expert presentation on transition management/thinking towards a transformative post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

ITEM 8. INTEGRATING DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES

15. Under this item, participants will have an opportunity to hear the perspectives of various stakeholder groups and how their interests should be reflected in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and its eventual implementation. They will also discuss how actions by various stakeholders could be facilitated or enhanced.

ITEM 9. ELEMENTS OF A POST-2020 FRAMEWORK

16. Under this item, participants will have a dialogue on the possible key elements of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) The structure/architecture of the post-2020 framework – how the different elements (including vision, mission, goals, targets, subtargets, means of implementation, etc. and their interrelationships) should be organized – and how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should address cross-cutting issues (such as gender, traditional knowledge);

(b) Targets and subtargets for the post-2020 framework and how to make them “SMART” (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound);

(c) Relationship with the Protocols – including: (i) whether there is a need to integrate biosafety and access and benefit-sharing issues into the post-2020 framework and, if so, what issues and how they should be integrated and reflected;

(d) Mainstreaming – how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should incorporate and support the mainstreaming of biodiversity into relevant sectors and across society and economies at large;

(e) Relationship with other relevant processes – how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should incorporate and/or align with other global targets, including those adopted under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, other multilateral environmental agreements and international processes. What can be learned from global targets under other relevant processes;

(f) Resource mobilization and the financial mechanism – including how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should address resource mobilization and what implications this would have for the scope and content of the framework;

(g) Voluntary commitments and contributions, including possible forms of voluntary commitments for biodiversity from Parties and from civil society and business, and how these should relate to or be reflected in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework;

(h) National implementation and the national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), including how the post-2020 framework will influence NBSAPs, how the NBSAPs could be aligned with the new framework what elements should be reflected in the framework to strengthen the effectiveness and implementation of NBSAPs;

(i) Review processes and mechanisms for accountability, including views on possible mechanisms for supporting the review of the implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and for enhancing accountability and how such mechanisms should be integrated into the framework.

17. Guiding questions proposed in the discussion paper on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework will be used to facilitate the discussions using a “knowledge café” format.

ITEM 10. TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

18. Under this item, participants will be invited to discuss how technical and scientific cooperation should be approached and improved to support the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

ITEM 11. CAPACITY-BUILDING

19. Under this item, participants will be invited to discuss how capacity-building and knowledge management, including how to improve the capture, curation, access to and sharing of knowledge, best practices and lessons learned should be approached and improved to support the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

ITEM 12. SHAPING A NEW NARRATIVE FOR BIODIVERSITY, COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

20. Under this item, participants will be invited to discuss whether new a narrative for biodiversity is required and share views on how to better shape and communicate biodiversity issues in order to raise awareness and the profile of biodiversity and catalyse support for the implementation of the post-2020 framework to enable transformational change.

21. Participants will also be invited to discuss their expectations, needs and suggestions as related to communication and outreach – including how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework should address issues related to communication and awareness and how the next two years could be used to enhance and support the communication strategy adopted in decision XIII/22.

ITEM 13. WRAP-UP AND CLOSURE OF THE CONSULTATION

22. This item will consist of an interactive session based on feedback on outstanding issues from previous sessions during day 1 and day 2.

23. This item will also include reflections on the discussions by meeting co-chairs, representatives of major stakeholder groups and the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group on the way forward, after which the Consultation will be closed by a representative of the host Government.

Annex

PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Time	Session	Remarks
Day 1: Tuesday, 16 April 2019		
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Registration</i>	
9 – 9.30 a.m.	Opening statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serbian Ministry of Environmental Protection - Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (video) - United Nations Development Programme 	<i>Plenary</i>
9:30 – 10 a.m.	Introduction and purpose of the Consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setting the scene: introduction of the gender-responsive Post-2020 process - Overview of the objectives and programme of the Consultation 	Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group (Francis Ogwal and Basile van Havre) CBD Secretariat
10 - 10:30 a.m.	Organization of work, election of co-chairs, rapporteur and stations leads, and self-introduction of participants	CBD Secretariat Meeting co-chairs
10.30 – 11.30 a.m.	Current state of affairs and future trends	<i>Plenary</i>
11.30 a.m. – 12 noon	<i>Coffee break</i>	
12 noon – 1.15 p.m.	Opportunities and challenges during the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and insights for the post-2020 global biodiversity framework	<i>Small groups and report back to plenary</i>
1.15 – 2.30 p.m.	<i>Networking lunch</i>	
2.30 – 4.15 p.m.	Developing the 2050 Vision of living in harmony with nature and the 2030 mission	<i>Plenary and small group discussions</i>
3.15 – 4.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
4.45 – 6 p.m.	Out-of-the-box thinking and tools for an ambitious post-2020 global framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Discussion session</i> 	<i>Small groups Participants report back to plenary</i>
7 – 9 p.m.	<i>Reception hosted by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia</i>	<i>At the venue</i>

Time	Session	Remarks
Day 2: Wednesday, 17 April 2019		
9 – 9.15 a.m.	Introducing the work for day 2, including summary of key issues and gaps emerging from Day 1	<i>Plenary Meeting co-chairs</i>
9.15 – 11 a.m.	<p>Integrating diverse perspectives <i>Presentation session</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indigenous peoples and local communities - Women - Youth <p><i>Discussion session</i></p>	<i>Plenary presentations and Q&A</i> - Civil society - Women/gender - Youth - Business - Others
11 – 11.30 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<p>Elements of a post-2020 framework</p> <p><i>Station 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Structure and principles of organization of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework <p><i>Station 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mainstreaming - Integration of CBD Protocols, MEA and other relevant processes <p><i>Station 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resource mobilization - Voluntary commitments and contributions <p><i>Station 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation and national biodiversity strategies and action plans - New mechanisms for accountability and review processes 	<i>Small group discussions: participants move from station to station at 45 min intervals. One facilitator (and rapporteur) is assigned to stay at each station.</i>
1 – 2.30 p.m.	<i>Networking lunch</i>	
2.30 – 4 p.m.	Elements of a post-2020 framework (<i>cont'd</i>)	<i>Small group discussions at station</i>
4 – 4.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
4.30 – 6 p.m.	<i>Small groups report back to plenary. Discussion</i>	<i>Plenary report back</i>

Time	Session	Remarks
Day 3: Thursday, 18 April 2019		
9 – 9.15 a.m.	Introducing the work for day 3 including summary of key issues and gaps emerging from Day 1	<i>Plenary Meeting co-chairs</i>
9.15 – 10.15 a.m.	Technical and scientific cooperation	<i>Plenary</i>
10.15 – 11 a.m.	Capacity-building	<i>Plenary</i>
11 – 11.30 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Shaping a new narrative for biodiversity <i>Presentation session Discussion session</i>	<i>Plenary Introduction by the SCBD; small groups and report back to plenary</i>
1 – 2.30 p.m.	<i>Networking lunch (Group photo)</i>	
2.30 – 4 p.m.	Wrap-up and closure of the Consultation - Interactive feedback session based on feedback on outstanding issues from previous days	<i>Small group discussion</i>
4 – 4.30 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>	
4.30 – 6 p.m.	Wrap-up and closure of the Consultation (cont'd) - Report from small groups - Reflections of the major stakeholder groups and the Co-Chairs of the Open-Ended Working Group. Discussion on the way forward - Closing remarks (meeting co-chairs, host country)	<i>Plenary</i>