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### INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE PILOT PHASE OF THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING CLEARING-HOUSE

Montreal, 2-4 October 2013

Item 2 of the provisional agenda\*

### ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

*Annotated provisional agenda*

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Article 14 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing establishes an Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House (ABS Clearing-House) as part of the clearing-house mechanism under Article 18, paragraph 3 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
2. In accordance with recommendation 1/1 of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol (the Intergovernmental Committee), the Executive Secretary is currently implementing the pilot phase of the ABS Clearing-House based on the guidance set out in the annex to recommendation 1/1 and in recommendation 2/4. In addition, at its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention endorsed an indicative work plan and timeline for activities to take place until the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP), as contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/11/11 (decision XI/1 C, paragraph 2).
3. In paragraph 1 of decision XI/1 C, the Conference of the Parties established an informal advisory committee (IAC) to assist the Executive Secretary with the implementation of the pilot phase of the ABS Clearing-House and to provide technical guidance with respect to the resolution of technical issues arising from the ongoing development of the pilot phase until the first meeting of COP-MOP. The decision provided that the IAC should be regionally balanced and composed of fifteen experts selected on the basis of nominations provided by Parties.
4. In paragraph 3 of this decision, the Conference of the Parties decided that the IAC would hold one meeting, subject to the availability of financial resources, and informal online discussions, as needed, and report on the outcomes of its work to the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee.
5. Pursuant to the above decision, and thanks to the generous financial support of the European Union, the meeting of the IAC will be held in Montreal, from 2 to 4 October 2013.

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6. The documents for the meeting are listed in annex I. They are available on the Secretariat's website at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABS-IAC-CH-01>.

7. The meeting will be held at the office of the Secretariat. Registration of participants will take place upon arrival at the meeting venue, starting at 8 a.m. on the opening day.

8. An information note containing details regarding logistical arrangements for the meeting, including registration, information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABS-IAC-CH-01>.

#### **ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

9. The meeting will be opened by a representative of the Executive Secretary at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 2 October 2013.

#### **ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

10. Participants will be invited to elect the Chair or Co-Chairs for the meeting on the basis of proposals from the floor.

11. The IAC will also be invited to adopt the agenda for the meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/ABS/IAC-CH/1/1) and to consider the proposed organization of work as contained in annex II below.

12. The proposed organisation of work provides for conducting the meeting in plenary. However, the IAC may, as appropriate, wish to conduct part of the meeting in break out groups.

13. The language of the meeting will be English.

#### **ITEM 3. REPORT ON PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PHASE OF THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING CLEARING-HOUSE**

14. Under this item, the IAC will be invited to assess progress made in the implementation of the pilot-phase of the ABS Clearing-House and to provide technical guidance to the Executive Secretary with respect to the resolution of technical issues arising from the ongoing development of the pilot phase, in accordance with paragraph 1 of decision XI/1 C. The IAC may wish to consider section II of document UNEP/CBD/ABS/IAC-CH/1/2 and annexes I to V, which provide an outline of the operational procedures of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House being implemented and the common formats developed to facilitate the submission of information.

15. The Secretariat will report on progress made in the implementation of the pilot-phase of the ABS Clearing-House with a view to facilitate the discussions on each of the elements and common formats included under this agenda item.

16. When providing technical advice under this agenda item, the IAC may wish to take into account the capacity-building needs of developing country Parties, Parties with economies in transition and indigenous and local communities, in order to actively participate in the ABS Clearing-House as well as the resource implications of its advice.

#### **ITEM 4. PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PILOT PHASE OF THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING CLEARING-HOUSE UNTIL THE FIRST MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL**

17. Under this item, the IAC will be invited to consider section III of document UNEP/CBD/ABS/IAC-CH/1/2 and to provide technical advice to the Executive Secretary on the

following issues in relation to the priorities for future development of the pilot phase of the ABS Clearing-House, in accordance with the work plan and timeline endorsed by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting and the guidance provided by the Intergovernmental Committee:

- (a) Additional common formats for making information available to the ABS Clearing-House:
- (b) Modalities for seeking feedback on the operation of the pilot phase; and
- (c) Operation of the Informal Advisory Committee during the pilot phase.

18. When providing technical advice, the IAC may wish to take into consideration the resource implications as well as the capacity-building needs of developing country Parties, Parties with economies in transition and indigenous and local communities to actively participate in the ABS Clearing-House.

#### **ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS**

19. The IAC will be invited to raise any other relevant issues under this agenda item that have not been addressed during the previous discussions.

#### **ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

20. The IAC will be invited to consider and adopt its report, which will be made available to the Intergovernmental Committee at its third meeting.

#### **ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

21. It is expected that the meeting will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 4 October 2013.

*Annex I***LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE  
PILOT PHASE OF THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING CLEARING-HOUSE*****A. Working documents***

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/ABS/IAC-CH/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/ABS/IAC-CH/1/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/ABS/IAC-CH/1/2	Report on progress and priorities for future implementation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House

***B. Information documents***

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/ICNP/REC/1/1	Recommendation 1/1 adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol 'Modalities of operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-house'
UNEP/CBD/ICNP/REC/2/4	Recommendation 2/4 adopted by the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol 'Modalities of operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-house'
UNEP/CBD/ICNP/2/9	Modalities of operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-house
UNEP/CBD/COP/11/11	Progress Report on the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and Related Developments
UNEP/CBD/COP/DEC/XI/1	Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and related developments

*Annex II*

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE INFORMAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE TO THE PILOT PHASE OF THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING  
CLEARING-HOUSE**

	<i>Plenary</i>
<i>Wednesday, 2 October 2013</i>	
9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Item 1. Opening of the meeting.  Item 2. Organizational matters  Item 3. Report on progress in the implementation of the pilot phase of the Access and benefit-sharing Clearing-House
2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Item 3. ( <i>Continued</i> )
<i>Thursday, 3 October 2013</i>	
9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Item 3. ( <i>Continued</i> )
2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	Item 3. ( <i>Continued</i> )
<i>Friday, 4 October 2013</i>	
9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Item 4. Priorities for future development of the pilot phase of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House until the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.  Item 5. Other matters
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Item 6. Adoption of the meeting.  Item 7. Closure of the meeting.

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