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INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING CLEARING-HOUSE

Second meeting

Montreal, Canada, 20-22 June 2016

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. Article 14 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization establishes an Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House as part of the clearing-house mechanism under Article 18, paragraph 3, of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
2. The Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP) at its first meeting considered progress made and experience gained during the pilot phase of the Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS) Clearing-House and adopted decision NP-1/2. In paragraph 7 of the decision, COP-MOP requested the Executive Secretary to implement the ABS Clearing-House, in line with available resources, and in accordance with the modalities of operation (decision NP-1/2, annex) and feedback received, in particular that of Parties.
3. COP-MOP established an informal advisory committee to assist the Executive Secretary with the implementation of the ABS Clearing-House and to provide technical guidance with respect to the resolution of technical and practical issues arising from the ongoing development of the ABS Clearing-House.
4. COP-MOP also decided that the Informal Advisory Committee would hold at least one meeting during the intersessional period, as well as informal online discussions, as needed, and address technical issues related to feedback received, including issues related to the internationally recognized certificate of compliance and the checkpoint communiqué, and report on the outcomes of its work to the second meeting of COP-MOP (decision NP-1/2, para. 3).
5. Pursuant to the above decision, by notification 2014-127 of 4 November 2014 and a reminder notification on 3 December 2014, Parties to the Nagoya Protocol were invited to nominate one expert for the Informal Advisory Committee.
6. The composition of the Informal Advisory Committee was promulgated in notification 2015-035 dated 23 March 2015, and the first meeting of the Committee was held in Montreal, Canada, from 28 to 30 October 2015.

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7. In preparation for the second meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee, Parties to the Nagoya Protocol from the CEE, GRULAC and WEOG regions, which had only two members instead of three, were invited via notification 2016-028 of 24 February 2016 to nominate one expert each as soon as possible but no later than 18 March 2016. This was done in order to take into account the fact that additional countries had become Parties to the Nagoya Protocol and to ensure that the Committee had adequate regional representation. The new composition of the Informal Advisory Committee was promulgated in notification 2016-045 dated 5 April 2016.

8. The second meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee will be held in Montreal from 20 to 22 June 2016. The documents for the meeting are listed in annex I and will be made available on the Secretariat's website at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABSCHIAAC-2016-01>.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

9. The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary or his representative at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 20 June 2016.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

10. Participants will be invited to elect the chair for the meeting on the basis of proposals from the floor.

11. The Informal Advisory Committee 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/CH-IAC/2016/1/1](https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABSCHIAAC-2016-01)) and to consider the proposed organization of work as contained in annex II below.

12. The language of the meeting will be English.

ITEM 3. REPORT ON PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING CLEARING-HOUSE

13. Under this item, the Secretariat will report on progress made in the implementation and administration of the ABS Clearing-House since the first meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee, and in accordance with the functions of the Secretariat as per the modalities of operation of the ABS Clearing-House.

14. The Secretariat will present progress made on the following issues:

- (a) Developing the central portal and databases of the ABS Clearing-House;
- (b) Enhancing integration of the ABS Clearing-House as part of the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention;
- (c) Providing common formats for submitting information to the ABS Clearing-House, reviewing existing common formats and developing further common formats;
- (d) Promoting the use of the ABS Clearing-House for supporting capacity-building for the implementation of the Protocol;
- (e) Providing timely technical assistance and receiving feedback.

15. The Informal Advisory Committee may wish to consider UNEP/CBD/ABS/CH-IAC/2016/1/2, section II, as a basis for its discussion on this agenda item.

**ITEM 4. TECHNICAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE INTERNATIONALLY
RECOGNIZED CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE AND THE
CHECKPOINT COMMUNIQUÉ**

16. In decision NP-1/2, paragraph 3, COP-MOP decided that the Informal Advisory Committee would address technical issues related to feedback received, including issues related to the internationally recognized certificate of compliance and the checkpoint communiqué.

17. Under this item, the Secretariat will present the main features and functionalities that have been implemented in the ABS Clearing-House for the constitution of the internationally recognized certificate of compliance and the checkpoint communiqué for the consideration of the Informal Advisory Committee (UNEP/CBD/ABS/CH-IAC/2016/1/2, section III).

**ITEM 5. MODALITIES OF OPERATION AND INTERVALS TO REVIEW THE
IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION OF THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT-
SHARING CLEARING-HOUSE**

18. In decision NP-1/2, paragraph 5, COP-MOP adopted the modalities of operation of the ABS Clearing-House (annexed to the decision) and requested the Executive Secretary to further refine the modalities of operation, taking into account progress made, the advice given by the Informal Advisory Committee, and feedback received on the implementation and operation of the ABS Clearing-House, in particular that of Parties, for consideration by COP-MOP at its second meeting.

19. In paragraph 6 of the same decision, COP-MOP decided that it would consider the intervals to review the implementation and operation of the ABS Clearing-House at its second meeting.

20. Under this item, the Informal Advisory Committee will be invited to consider UNEP/CBD/ABS/CH-IAC/2016/1/2, section IV, and provide advice regarding the intervals to review the implementation and operation of the ABS Clearing-House and for further refining the modalities of operation.

**ITEM 6. PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION
OF THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING CLEARING-HOUSE**

21. Under this item, the Informal Advisory Committee will be invited to consider UNEP/CBD/ABS/CH-IAC/2016/1/2, section V, and to provide the Executive Secretary with advice in relation to the priorities identified for future implementation and administration of the ABS Clearing-House.

22. When providing technical advice, the Informal Advisory Committee may wish to take into consideration the resource requirements for implementing and administering the ABS Clearing-House as well as the capacity-building needs of developing country Parties, Parties with economies in transition and indigenous peoples and local communities for active participation in the ABS Clearing-House.

ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS

23. Under this agenda item, the Informal Advisory Committee will be invited to raise any relevant issues that were not addressed during the previous discussions.

ITEM 8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

24. The Informal Advisory Committee will be invited to consider and adopt its report.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

25. It is expected that the meeting will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 22 June 2016.

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

A. Working documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/ABS/CH-IAC/2016/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/ABS/CH-IAC/2016/1/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/ABS/CH-IAC/2016/1/2	Report on progress and priorities for future implementation and administration of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House

B. Information documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
COP-MOP decision NP-1/2	The Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House (Article 14)

*Annex II***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>
<i>Monday, 20 June 2016</i> 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 1 to 2 p.m.	Item 1. Opening of the meeting Item 2. Organizational matters Item 3. Report on progress in the implementation and administration of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House <i>Break</i>
2 to 5.30 p.m.	Item 3. <i>(Continued)</i> Item 4. Technical issues related to the internationally recognized certificate of compliance and the checkpoint communiqué
<i>Tuesday, 21 June 2016</i> 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 1 to 2 p.m.	Item 4. <i>(Continued)</i> Item 5. Modalities of operation and intervals to review the implementation and operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House <i>Break</i>
2 to 5.30 p.m.	Item 6. Priorities for future implementation and administration of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House
<i>Wednesday, 22 June 2016</i> 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 1 to 2 p.m.	Item 6. <i>(Continued)</i> Item 7. Other matters <i>Break</i>
2 to 5 p.m.	Item 8. Adoption of the report. Item 9. Closure of the meeting.