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CONSULTATION ON THE CROSS- CUTTING INITIATIVE ON BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION

Brasilia, 12-13 March 2005

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

DAY 1: SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2005

Session I: Introduction

9:30 Opening of the meeting
Welcome by representative of Brazil
Opening statements on behalf of CBD, FAO, IPGRI and SCN

10:00 Tea/Coffee

10:30 Keynote presentation: “Biodiversity for food and nutrition: Linking sustainable use to reduced hunger and malnutrition”
Professor Timothy Johns

Linking the sustainable use of biodiversity with nutrition initiatives has importance for both achieving the Millennium Development Goals and addressing global problems of malnutrition related to the simplification of diets from poverty and/or changes in global food systems. Focus on the nutrition transition and chronic disease, in developed economies and within the framework of the double burden of infectious and non-communicable diseases in developing countries, presents a clear opportunity to use biodiversity as an element in the solution. Empirical evidence on intravarietal differences in nutrient composition, on functional properties of diverse plants and animal species and on the role of food biodiversity in traditional food systems underlines possible directions forward. Recognition of the socio-cultural and physiological relevance of diversity within considerations of the right to food reinforces these linkages.

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11:30 Presentation on local initiatives on biodiversity for food and nutrition.

Brazilian Speaker(s) *(to be announced)*

12:30 General discussion and closing of session I

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Session II: Cross-sectoral discussions

Purpose: presentation of perspectives from nutrition and agriculture sectors followed by discussions to identify (i) opportunities for integrating considerations of the role of biodiversity in food and nutrition into the health and agriculture/rural development sectors (ii) obstacles and limitations to this integration; (iii) ways of overcoming obstacles, with a view to preparing the outputs identified under session III: and (iv) potentials for enhancing intersectoral linkages.

14:00 Brief introduction to the Initiative and explanation of the purpose of the meeting (CBD)

14:20 Self-introduction by participants

14:30 Biodiversity for food and nutrition: the nutrition/health sector

Two brief presentations to promote and provoke discussion:

- Ideas for promoting better use of biodiversity for nutrition/health
- Perspectives from the nutrition/health sector

General discussion/brainstorming

15:30 Tea/Coffee

16:00 Biodiversity for food and nutrition: the agriculture/rural development sector

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- Ideas for promoting better use of biodiversity for nutrition/health
- Perspectives from the agriculture/rural development sector

General discussion/brainstorming

17:00 Synthesis of points made

17:30 Closing of Session II

DAY 2: SUNDAY 13 MARCH 2005

Session III: Synthesis

9:00 Review of Saturday's results and Introduction to Session III

9:20 Identification of options for furthering the initiative

Thematic linkages, including identifying:

- immediate and potential links among the biodiversity, food, nutrition and agriculture agendas
- gaps in knowledge needed to link the agendas

Ways forward, including identifying:

- existing tools that can be shared across sectors, ecosystems, food sectors and cultures
- new partners

11:30 Development of outputs

- Adoption of a general statement for transmission to the 32nd session of the UN Standing Committee on Nutrition
- Identification of case studies for informing the initiative
- Outline of next steps in the process

12:45-13:00 Closing statements
