



Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership
Steering Committee, 1st meeting
Montreal, 15 October 2013

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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5. Other matters

5.1 Next meeting (virtual meeting)

6. Closure of meeting (Co-chair)

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. To achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9, Parties need access to scientifically valid information on invasive alien species, including their occurrence with geographic references and their ecological features. “A Joint Work Programme to Strengthen Information Services on Invasive Alien Species as a Contribution towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 9” (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/INF/14) was developed to improve access to the necessary information through the workshop organized by the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) in Copenhagen, Denmark 5-6 September 2011.
2. The SBSTTA, at its 15th meeting, welcomed the Joint Work Programme. To facilitate work prior to COP-11, the Executive Secretary convened a workshop “Organizational Workshop for the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership”¹ at the Natural History Museum in London, United Kingdom, 9-10 July 2012. The workshop prepared the “Operational Plan for the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership (GIASI Partnership)” (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/INF/34).
3. On the margins of 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) the following organizations signed the Memoranda of Cooperation with the CBD Secretariat, to join the Partnership: CABI; International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and its Invasive Species Specialists Group (IUCN-ISSG); Fishbase Information and Research Group; Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF); *Museum National d’Histoire Naturelle* (France); Natural History Museum UK (Natural History Museum); The Horus Institute for Environmental Conservation and Development (Brazil); and Anatrack Ltd.
4. COP-11 welcomed the development of the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership and requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate its implementation (paragraph 22 of decision XI/28). Accordingly, the first meeting of the Steering Committee will be held at Room 5B of the International Conference Center of the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal, Canada on 15 October 2013.
5. The objective of the first meeting of the Steering Committee (SC) is to review the progress of the Partnership (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/INF/11) and provide guidance on their inter-sessional activities between SBSTTA17 and COP12 (October 2013 – October 2014) further to facilitate the implementation of the work plans described in the Operational Plan for the Partnership (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/INF/34) taking into account the progress made by the Partners since COP-11 to date.
6. The list of the participants can be found in the annex to this document.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

7. The meeting will be opened by Mr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 October 2013.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

8. The first meeting will be chaired by the Executive Secretary. The SC members will be invited to select one co-chair from among the members of the SC. The SC members will also be invited to select a rapporteur for this meeting.

¹ A detailed workshop report is accessible at [http://cbd.int/invasive/GIASI Partnership/](http://cbd.int/invasive/GIASI%20Partnership/).

9. The SC members will be invited to consider the provisional agenda for adoption. The participants will also be invited for brief self-introductions.

10. Those who participating remotely and time is limited to partake the entire meeting will be invited to present their suggestions and comments on all agenda items with short and brisk presentation/speech. If any of the SC members have submitted their comments by emails prior to the meeting, these comments will be circulated among the participants. The remote participants who can remain online during the meeting will be advised to follow the agenda as adopted.

ITEM 3. ORGANIZATION OF THE GIASIPARTNERSHIP

11. Under this agenda item the SC will be informed on background of establishment of the Partnership and will reconfirm the role of the SC. Firstly, Mr Piero Genovesi, Chair of the IUCN-ISSG will be invited to explain about the origin of the GIASI Partnership.

12. Mr. Chris Lyal, Chair of the interim Steering Committee will then be invited to introduce the elements of Operational Plan (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/INF/34) and report on the modality of the partnership as it established and operated during the period from October 2012 to September 2013. The activities of the Partnership conducted by each of working group will be presented under the next agenda item 4.

13. The SC will be advised to read the relevant paragraphs on the role of the SC described in the Operational Plan. If the SC recognizes some necessity to modify the role of the SC, the meeting will discuss further to define the role of the SC and composition of the SC.

14. As reported by the Executive Secretary to SBSTTA-17 in “Progress report on the GIASI Partnership (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/INF/11)” the coordination of the partnership will be undertaken by the GBIF. Secretariat of the CBD will explain the background and then the GBIF will be invited to explain the planned coordination to the meeting for the period from Oct 2013 to May 2014.

15. The SC will then provide suggestions on coordination plan presented by the GBIF taking into account the available funding, and interests of the Partners.

ITEM 4. ACTIVITIES OF THE GIASI PARTNERSHIP

16. Under this agenda item the working group chair / co-chair will be invited to present the work accomplished during the period between COP-11 and SBSTTA-17 (October 2012-October 2013). To facilitate discussion each working group chair/co-chair will be encouraged to present the attainments, lessons learned and what type of additional collaboration would be needed for the next phase of implementation. If possible realistic funding plans would be presented.

17. Mr. Chris Lyal as interim Steering Committee Chair will be invited to summarize the process of work plans that were updated from the Operational Plan.

18. Then he will be invited as Information Gateway Chair to present the progress on implementation of the Information Gateway (<http://giasipartnership.myspecies.info/>). He will also explain what is planned for the next phase implementation before COP-12 in 2014 in accordance with the updated working plan.

19. Ms. Shyama Pagad as one of Co-chairs of the working group for Information Synthesis and Assessment will be invited to present the progress made and explain the work planned to implement before COP-12 in 2014 in accordance with the updated working plan.

20. Mr. Samy Gaiji as one of Co-chairs of the Interoperability and Quality Improvement working group will be invited to present the progress made and explain the work planned to implement before COP-12 in 2014 in accordance with the updated working plan.

21. Mr. Martin Parr on behalf of Mr. Arne Witt as one of the Co-chairs of the Best Practices and Non-web Information and Communication working group will be invited to present the progress made. If necessary, he will be invited to explain wider interests of CABI in capacity development in relevance with invasive alien species information.

22. The SC will be invited to provide suggestions for the work of each working group. The ex-officio members will be encouraged to explain priority of the work of the Partnership to further facilitate collaborations.

23. All members of the SC will be invited to share information on possible funding relevant for continuous collaboration or new projects, if any, in 2014 and onwards, as appropriate.

24. The SC will then consider how best the working groups can be operated with available funding in the period of Oct 2013-Oct 2014, bearing in mind that the technical workshop held in May 2013 concluded some potential projects (work plans) under the existing four working groups.

ITME 4 OTHER MATTERS

25. Under this item, participants may wish to raise and discuss any other matters relevant to the subject matter of the meeting.

26. The SC may also consider the location and date for the next SC meeting.

ITEM 5 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

27. The meeting is expected to close at 9 p.m. on 15 October 2013.

Annex

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List of documents

- A Joint Work Programme to Strengthen Information Services on Invasive Alien Species as a Contribution towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 9” (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/INF/14);
- Operational Plan for the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership (GIASI Partnership) (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/INF/34);
- Progress report on the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/17/INF/11).
