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FRIENDS OF THE CBD WORKSHOP ON  
MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT REVIEW OF  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION  
Bogis-Bossey, Switzerland  
21-23 March 2016

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND PROGRAMME OF WORK

#### BACKGROUND

1. The Friends of the CBD workshop, to be hosted with the generous support of the Government of Switzerland, provides an ideal opportunity for open, meaningful dialogue in an informal setting among experts from governments and other partners around possible approaches to enhance review of implementation.
2. The purpose of the dialogue workshop is to explore, strengthen understanding and contribute ideas and options regarding the ways to enhance the mechanisms for the review of implementation of the Aichi Targets and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The overall question for discussions at the workshop will be: “What existing or new mechanisms under the Convention could be used to strengthen implementation of the Convention by enhancing review?”
3. The workshop will not draft formal recommendations, but rather seek to enhance understanding among participants with a view to an enriched participation by Parties in the forthcoming first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) in May in Montreal, Canada. The main outcome will be a report compiling views and perspectives of the participants to facilitate subsequent discussions at SBI and afterwards. The report of the meeting will be made available as an information note for SBI.
4. A professional facilitator will moderate the panels and guide participants through a series of structured group work exercises to ensure that there are meaningful, targeted discussions that build up knowledge and awareness, and an in-depth analysis of the issues surrounding a multi-dimensional review system under the Convention. Participants will learn about existing and new processes within other international processes and will have the chance to critically analyse which elements may be useful and applicable. Participants are expected to be well informed about the processes that are being implemented within their own countries to contribute to global and national reviews of implementation of the Aichi Targets and the global and the NBSAPs. Participants are expected to have reviewed the following documents in order to fully participate in the discussions. The documents, which can be accessed on the CBD webpage <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SBI-01>, are the following:

(a) Further options for mechanisms to support the review of implementation (UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/10/Add.3);

(b) Voluntary peer-review mechanism for national biodiversity strategies and action plans (UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/10/Add.1);

(c) Guidelines for the sixth national reports (UNEP/CBD/SBI/1/11/Add.1).

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK

21 March 2016 (Monday)	
9:00 – 9:30	Registration and coffee
9:30 – 10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening remarks by Mr. Braulio Dias, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>• Welcome by the host Government (Switzerland)</li> <li>• Remarks by Representative for COP President</li> <li>• Agenda for the meeting and discussion of expected outcomes (Facilitator)</li> <li>• Overview of the SBI document on enhancing mechanisms to support review of implementation</li> <li>• Exercise to introduce participants</li> </ul>
<b>I. Review mechanisms under other international processes and their effectiveness</b> The objective of this session is to increase awareness of experiences to date with review mechanisms that are being implemented under other international processes, through better understanding of the process and costs involved in each, and the contribution that such performance reviews make towards achievement of the overall outcomes. This session will serve as a reference point for discussion of review mechanisms for implementation within CBD.	
10:30 - 12:00	<i>Panel 1: Experiences from review mechanisms under other international processes</i> WTO Trade Policy Review Mechanism: Ambassador Atanas Paparizov UN Human Rights Universal Periodic Review: Myriam Tebourbi The New Partnership for Africa's Development: Mr Ibrahim Nassir UNFCCC Country review process: Mr Xuehong Wang OECD Environmental Performance Review: Ms Katia Karousakis International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions Biodiversity Audits: Mr Sapto Amal Damandari Discussion
12.00 – 12.30	Individual and small group exercise by participants to identify key issues and options heard
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>II. Review mechanisms under the biodiversity-related conventions and protocols</b> Having discussed experience under other international processes, the objective of this session is to shine the spotlight on review mechanisms that are more directly related and that are currently being implemented under the biodiversity related conventions and protocols, through better understanding of the process and costs involved in each and the contribution that they make towards achievement of the outcomes of the conventions and protocols.	
13:30 - 14:50	<i>Panel 2: Experiences from existing processes within the biodiversity related Conventions and protocols</i> CMS: Ms Clara Nobbe CITES: Mr David Morgan Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols: Mr Ravi Sharma Discussion
14:50- 15:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:20 - 16:20	<i>Panel 3: Experiences from the Voluntary Peer-Review (VPR) process of the NBSAPs</i> India: Hem Pande European Union: Anne Theo Seinen Switzerland: Andreas Obrecht Discussion
16:20 – 17:45	Break-out groups' exercise to map preliminary issues and options for review of implementation

18:30	Reception by Switzerland
<b>22 March 2016 (Tuesday)</b>	
<b>III. Strengthening implementation at the national level, including reporting</b> The effectiveness of review mechanisms depend to a large extent on the quality and quantity of the information available. The objective of this session is to gain a better understanding of the ways in which implementation is being strengthened at the national level, particularly with regards to reporting, which in turn will enrich the dialogue on the review mechanisms.	
9:00 - 10:30	<i>Panel 4: Experiences from national reporting</i> Cambodia: Ms Somaly Chan Peru: Ms Maria Luisa de Rio Mispireta Switzerland: Mr Eric Wiedmer GEF: Mr Mark Zimsky UNDP: Ms Caroline Petersen Discussion
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>IV. Elements for review of implementation within CBD</b> The objective of this session is to provide the Friends of CBD with the opportunity for an in-depth discussion on the ideas, options and opportunities for a multi-dimensional review of implementation within CBD, based on all they have discussed during previous sessions and on the options presented in the supporting documentation.	
11.00 -12.00	Break-out groups' exercise to map preliminary issues and options for review of implementation
12.00 – 12.30	Break-out groups report back and present visual maps to plenary
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 14.30	<i>Panel 5: Ideas, options and opportunities for enhancing mechanisms for review of implementation within CBD: Past Presidents of COP</i> Japan: Ms Fumiko Nakaq India: Mr Hem Pande Germany: Mr Axel Benemann Slovakia: Ms Eva Viestova Brazil: Ms Ana Cristina Fialho de Barros Mexico: Mr Hesiquio Benitez
14:30 - 16:00	Break out groups on a multi-dimensional review system under the Convention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elements of a Party-led review process</li> <li>• Aligning reporting requirements for a successful review</li> <li>• Aligning support to the outcomes of the review</li> <li>• Additional issues</li> </ul>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16:30 - 17:30	Reporting by the break-out groups and discussions
<b>23 March 2016 (Wednesday)</b>	
<b>V. Concluding session</b> The objective of this final session is to reach conclusions on the issues that have emerged during the dialogue over the past two days with regards to enhancing mechanisms to support review of implementation of the convention by CBD, in the light of the forthcoming SBI meeting.	
9.00 – 9.15	Review of Day One and Day Two
9:15 - 11:30	<i>Panel 6: Conclusions around further options for enhancing mechanisms for review of implementation under the Convention</i> Panel members will be drawn from the working groups established during the workshop. Discussion
11.30 – 12.30	Elements for the meeting report for SBI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remarks by the host Government (Switzerland)</li> <li>• Closing remarks by President COP 13</li> </ul>