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### ASIA REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON MAINSTREAMING BIOSAFETY INTO NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 9-13 February 2015

Item 2 of the provisional agenda\*

#### ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

#### *Annotations to the provisional agenda*

#### INTRODUCTION

1. In its decision BS-V/16, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol adopted a Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety covering the period 2011 to 2020. In paragraph 2 of that decision, Parties, other Governments and relevant international organizations were invited to: (a) review and align, as appropriate, their national action plans and programmes relevant to the implementation of the Protocol, including their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), with the Strategic Plan and; (b) allocate adequate human and financial resources necessary to expedite the implementation of the Strategic Plan. The COP-MOP in decision BS-V/11 also adopted the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and encouraged Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to ratify or accede to it as soon as possible and to embark on its implementation.

2. The second assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol, which was considered at the sixth meeting of the Parties, held in Hyderabad, India, in October 2012, noted that, while progress had been made in the implementation of some of the core elements of the Protocol, a number of barriers had impeded its full implementation (UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/6/17/Add.1). These include: lack of human, financial and technical resources; a continuing lack of awareness of biosafety issues among the public and policymakers; and limited integration of biosafety considerations into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans and programmes, including NBSAPs, national development plans and development cooperation policies and programmes.

3. At its 12th meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity underlined the need for integrated implementation of the Convention and its Protocols to improve efficiency and effectiveness and adopted a number of decisions in this regard. In decision XII/29, paragraphs 9-11, the Conference of the Parties, inter alia, encouraged Parties to integrate biosafety and access and benefit-sharing into NBSAPs and other relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, plans and

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programmes and also strengthen national coordination mechanisms to facilitate a coordinated approach to the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols.

4. The goal of this workshop is to develop the capacities of Parties in Asia to advance the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety through effective integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans in line with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol and the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets (1-4, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 20). It also aims to increase the capacity of Parties to mobilize sufficient and predictable resources for the implementation of the Protocol and to ratify the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress.

5. The workshop will provide an opportunity for the participants to share experiences and identify strategies to improve the integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans and mobilize additional resources for the implementation of the Protocol. They will also review progress in the implementation of the Protocol and the status of ratification of Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress in the subregion. Furthermore, the workshop will provide a platform to the participants to share experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of the Protocol and discuss ways and means of fostering regional cooperation.

6. Specifically with regard to the learning objectives, it is expected that, at the end of workshop, the participants will be able to do the following:

(a) Describe the status of implementation of the Protocol in the Asian region and the extent to which biosafety is integrated in the NBSAPs and national development planning processes;

(b) Identify tools, strategies and opportunities for improving the integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans;

(c) Define strategies for the mobilization of additional resources to support the implementation of the Protocol and identify relevant elements that could be incorporated into the national resource mobilization plans being developed in the context of the NBSAP revision process, taking into account the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in support of the achievement of the objectives of the Convention;

(d) Describe the objective and core requirements of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, identify measures that could be taken at the national level to satisfy those requirements, and assess potential challenges and opportunities for the ratification and implementation of the Supplementary Protocol.

7. The workshop is being organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the Government of Mongolia, and is funded by the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund. At least 24 participants, including the national focal points for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety or competent national authorities, NBSAP coordinators or CBD national focal points, as well as representatives of regional organizations and other partners, are expected to attend.

8. The workshop will be conducted in English only. Documents for the workshop will be made available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSMBWS-2015-01>.

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

9. The workshop will be opened by Minister of Environment, Green Development and Tourism of Mongolia at 9 a.m. on Monday, 9 February 2015. A representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will also make opening remarks.

## **ITEM 2. WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

10. Under this item, the Secretariat will present the objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop, and introduce the provisional agenda and the organization of work as contained in the annex to

the present document. Participants will thereafter be invited to introduce themselves and indicate their expectations from the workshop.

**ITEM 3. INTRODUCTION TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (2011-2020) AND ITS LINKAGES WITH THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY AND THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS**

11. Under this agenda item, the participants will be introduced to the key elements of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2011-2020 and its linkages with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. After the presentation, the participants will engage in group exercises to identify linkages between biosafety and relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including Targets 1-4, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19 and 20.

**ITEM 4. STATUS AND TRENDS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY IN ASIA**

12. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present an overview of the status of implementation of the Protocol in Asia, based on the information provided by Parties in their second national reports. The participants will also be invited to share information on the status of the implementation of the Protocol in their respective countries, including how national measures for the implementation of the Protocol are being aligned with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the challenges encountered.<sup>1</sup>

**ITEM 5. INTEGRATION OF BIOSAFETY INTO NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

13. Under this item, participants will be introduced to the rationale, tools, good practices and potential opportunities and challenges of integrating biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development plans. This will include discussions on the meaning and importance of integration of biosafety; key areas/sectors into which biosafety issues could or should be integrated; and the possible ways and means through which integration could be achieved (including entry points, tools, methods and institutional strategies) and the role of various actors.

14. After the presentation, participants will be divided into groups for the following purposes: (a) to exchange information on how biosafety is integrated in their NBSAPs and national development planning processes; (b) to share practical experiences, good practices and lessons learned in the integration process; and (c) to identify capacity-building needs and opportunities for integration and discuss possible ways and means for improvement. They will also be invited to identify possible elements of a road map for achieving integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level within the context of the revised NBSAPs and the national plans for sustainable development.

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<sup>1</sup> Prior to the workshop, participants will be requested to submit to the Secretariat brief reports on the status of implementation of the Protocol in their countries, the opportunities and challenges encountered and the measures taken to align the national biosafety measures with the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020) and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

**ITEM 6. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

15. Under this item, participants will be introduced to key resource mobilization concepts, strategies and initiatives in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including recent developments with regard to the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in support of the achievement of the three objectives of the Convention, which was adopted by the Conference of the Parties in its decision IX/11 and decisions on resource mobilization adopted by the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. They will also be introduced to key steps involved in the development of a national resource mobilization strategy.

16. The Secretariat will also present funding opportunities for biosafety available through the Global Environment Facility (GEF) during its sixth replenishment period (GEF-6), including Program 5: Implementing the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety under the Biodiversity Focal Area Strategy, the Biodiversity Focal Area Set-Aside funds and the integrated approach pilots.

17. After the presentation, participants will engage in group discussions to identify possible strategies and mechanisms for mobilizing additional resources to support national implementation of the Protocol and discuss how these could be incorporated into the national resource mobilization plans being developed in the context of the NBSAP revision/update process. They will discuss ways to improve the level of support for biosafety projects in the programming of the GEF-6 country allocations under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR).

**ITEM 7. RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAGOYA – KUALA LUMPUR SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS**

18. Under this item, participants will be introduced to the objective and core requirements of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the measures that may be necessary to facilitate its implementation at the national level. They will also be briefed on the status of ratification of the Supplementary Protocol and the possible advantages of ratification or accession to the Supplementary Protocol.

19. Following the presentations, participants will take part in group discussions to identify and discuss concrete steps that could be taken to expedite the ratification of the Supplementary Protocol and identify capacity-building needs, potential challenges and opportunities for its implementation.

**ITEM 8. THE WAY FORWARD**

20. Under this item, participants will discuss possible ways to foster regional cooperation aimed at addressing common challenges and maximizing the use of available opportunities and resources. They will be invited to discuss the way forward with regard to improving national biosafety measures for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and its Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress in line with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol and the relevant Aichi targets.

**ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP**

21. During the final session, participants will review what was covered during the week against the stated objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop stated in paragraph 6 above, and will complete a workshop evaluation form. The workshop will end on Friday, 13 February 2015 at 4.30 p.m.

*Annex*

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

DATE AND TIME	SESSION/ACTIVITY
<b>Monday, 9 February 2015</b>	
9 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	<p><b>Item 1. Opening of the workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome remarks by Mr. Dorjgurkhem Batbold, CBD National Focal Point, Ministry of Environment, Green Development and Tourism</li> <li>• Opening remarks by a representative of the CBD Secretariat</li> <li>• Opening of the workshop by H.E. Mrs. Dulamsuren Oyunkhorol, Minister of Environment, Green Development and Tourism of Mongolia</li> <li>• Group photo</li> </ul>
9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	<p><b>Item 2. Workshop objectives and expected outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice breaker</li> <li>• Workshop objectives and expected outcomes</li> <li>• Participants' expectations</li> </ul>
10.15 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<b>COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>
10.30 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	<p><b>Item 3. Introduction to the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020) and its linkages with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and their Implementation in Asia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Interlinkages between the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020) and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, <i>by Charles Gbedemah, CBD Secretariat</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers</p>
11.15 a.m. – 12.15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group discussion: Alignment of national measures for the implementation of the Protocol with the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets</li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers</p>
12.15 p.m. – 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group reports and plenary discussions</li> </ul>
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
2 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	<p><b>Item 4. Status and trends in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in Asia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Status of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol in the Asian region based on the synthesis of the second national reports, <i>by Erie Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers</p>

DATE AND TIME	SESSION/ACTIVITY
2.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Status of development and implementation of national biosafety frameworks and NBSAPs in Asia; <i>by Worku Yifru, CBD Secretariat</i></li> </ul> Questions and answers
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country presentations: National experiences, good practices and lessons learned in implementation of the Protocol in Asia</li> </ul>
5 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary: Discussion of emerging key points from country presentations</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, 10 February 2015</b>	
9 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap of the previous day's work</li> </ul>
9.15 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	<p><b>Item 5. Integration of biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development plans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: The rationale, good practices and strategies for integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and other national policies, plans and programmes, <i>by Erié Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i></li> </ul> Questions and answers
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
10.30 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Examples of integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans, <i>by Erié Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i></li> </ul> Questions and answers
11.15 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round-table discussions: Country experiences and lessons learned in integrating biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans</li> </ul>
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Discussions: Practical steps and key points to consider in integrating biosafety into NBSAPs</li> </ul>
3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of focus group discussion reports</li> </ul>
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individual Exercise: Identification of potential entry points for the integration of biosafety into the (draft) revised NBSAPs</li> </ul>
6.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome reception hosted by the Minister of Environment, Green Development and Tourism of Mongolia and the National Biosafety Committee</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, 11 February 2015</b>	
9 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap of the previous day's work</li> </ul>

DATE AND TIME	SESSION/ACTIVITY
9.15 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Country presentations: Potential entry points for the integration of biosafety into the (draft) revised NBSAPs and the next steps (based on the results of the individual exercises)</li> </ul>
10.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
11.00 p.m. to 11.45 a.m.	<p><b>Item 6. Resource mobilization for advancing national implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation: Resource mobilization for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Key concepts, strategies and recent developments; <i>by Charles Gbedemah, CBD Secretariat</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers</p>
11.45 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group discussions: Ways and means of mobilizing additional resources to support national implementation of the Protocol and key elements for incorporation into the national resource mobilization strategy for biodiversity</li> </ul>
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field trip</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, 12 February 2015</b>	
9.00 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recap of the previous day's work</li> </ul>
9.15 p.m. – 10.00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of group discussion reports on resource mobilization</li> </ul>
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
10.30 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation: Funding opportunities for biosafety from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) during the sixth GEF replenishment period (GEF-6), <i>by Eriq Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers</p>
11.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group Discussions: Ways and means of enhancing the level of GEF support for biosafety from the STAR Country Allocations</li> </ul>
12.30 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of focus group reports</li> </ul>
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brainstorming session: Ways and means of increasing the overall visibility and political support for the Cartagena Protocol at the national and regional levels</li> </ul>
3.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK

DATE AND TIME	SESSION/ACTIVITY
4.00 p.m. – 4.45 a.m.	<p><b>Item 7. Ratification and implementation of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the objective and core provisions of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, <i>by Worku Yifru, CBD Secretariat</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers</p>
4.45 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group exercise – consideration of hypothetical cases on liability and redress</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, 13 February 2015</b>	
9.00 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap of the previous day’s work</li> </ul>
9.15 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of group exercise reports</li> </ul>
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<b>COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>
10.30 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Measures and capacities that may be needed at the national level in order to ratify/accede to, and implement, the Supplementary Protocol and the advantages of ratifying/acceding to the Supplementary Protocol, <i>by Worku Yifru, CBD Secretariat.</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers</p>
11.15 a.m. – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group discussions: Identifying specific potential challenges and opportunities at the national level for the ratification or accession to, and implementation of, the Supplementary Protocol.</li> </ul>
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
2 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.	<p><b>Item 8. The way forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Possible ways to foster regional cooperation to address common challenges and maximize the use of available opportunities and resources to implement the Cartagena Protocol, <i>by Erié Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i></li> </ul>
2.45 p.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>COFFEE/TEA BREAK</b>
3 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary discussion: Strategic steps to foster integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level through revised NBSAPs and national resource mobilization plans to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets</li> </ul> <p>Reflection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on how the knowledge and skills acquired from the workshop could be shared and applied in order to realize the desired outcome</li> <li>• Completion of the workshop evaluation form</li> </ul>
4.15 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<p><b>Item 9. Closure of the workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing remarks by a representative of the CBD Secretariat</li> <li>• Closure of the workshop by the representative of the Government of Mongolia</li> </ul>