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AFRICA REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON
MAINSTREAMING BIOSAFETY INTO NATIONAL
BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS
Addis Ababa, 9-12 February 2016
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

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 (COP-MOP) 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 to the Protocol, 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 included the 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 twelfth 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 its decision XII/29, paragraphs 9 to 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 programmes and also to 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 Africa 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

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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 review the progress made and share experiences and lessons learned in the implementation of the Protocol, discuss strategies to improve the integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans, and identify options for enhancing the mobilization of resources for the implementation of the Protocol. They will also be introduced to the core provisions and requirements of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and updated on the status of its ratification. Furthermore, the participants will discuss ways and means of fostering regional cooperation.

6. Specifically, it is expected that at the end of workshop, the participants will be able:

- (a) To describe the status of implementation of the Protocol in the African region;
- (b) To identify tools, strategies and opportunities for improving the integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans;
- (c) To outline strategies for the mobilization of additional resources to support the implementation of the Protocol and identify 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) To describe the core requirements of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and identify measures that could be taken at the national level to fulfil those requirements, and to address potential challenges to 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 Ethiopia and the African Union Commission, and is funded by the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund. At least 45 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-2016-01>.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

9. The workshop will be opened by a representative of the Government of Ethiopia at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 9 February 2016. A representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and a representative of the African Union Commission 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. STATUS AND TRENDS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY IN AFRICA

11. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will present an overview of the status of implementation of the Protocol in Africa, based on the information provided by Parties in their third 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 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the challenges encountered.¹

ITEM 4. LINKAGES BETWEEN THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (2011-2020) AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY AND THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS

12. Under this agenda item, 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 will be presented. After the presentation, the participants will be invited to share information on how their national measures for the implementation of the Protocol are linked to and aligned with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol and with the Strategic Plan for the Biodiversity and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The participants will also 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 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) as well as the role of various actors.

14. After the presentation, participants will be divided into group to exchange information on how biosafety is integrated in their NBSAPs and national development planning processes; share practical experiences, good practices and lessons learned in the integration process; identify the 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 towards 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.

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

15. Under this item, the 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

¹ 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.

three objectives of the Convention which was adopted by the Conference of the Parties in its decision IX/11 and decisions on resource mobilization taken 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 GEF funding opportunities for biosafety during the GEF sixth replenishment period (GEF-6), including Programme 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 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 core requirements of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and to 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 on the importance of becoming a Party 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 be invited to discuss the way forward towards promoting integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Convention on Biological Diversity through the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in line with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the broader Sustainable Development Goals.

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, 12 February 2016, at 4.30 p.m.

Annex

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

DATE AND TIME	SESSION/ACTIVITY
Tuesday, 9 February 2016	
9 – 9.45 a.m.	<p>Item 1. Opening of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by the Cartagena Protocol National Focal Point for Ethiopia • Opening remarks by a representative of the African Union Commission • Opening remarks by a representative of the CBD Secretariat • Opening of the workshop by the representative of the Government of Ethiopia • Group photo
9.45 – 10.15 a.m.	<p>Item 2. Workshop objectives and expected outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice breaker • Workshop objectives and expected outcomes • Participants' expectations
10.15 – 10.30 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	<p>Item 3. Status of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Status of implementation of the Cartagena Protocol in the Africa based on a synthesis of the third national reports, <i>by Erie Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
11.00 – 11.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Status of development and implementation of national biosafety frameworks and NBSAPs in Africa; <i>by Worku Yifru, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country presentations: National experiences, good practices and lessons learned in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Part 1)
1 – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 2.30 p.m.	<p>Item 4. Linkages between the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020) and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Overview of the 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> <p>Questions and answers</p>

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2.30 – 3.15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussions: identification of linkages between national measures for the implementation of the Protocol and the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets
3.15 – 3.30 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
3.30 – 4.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Country presentations: National experiences, good practices and lessons learned in implementation of the Protocol in Africa (Part 2)
4.30 – 5.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenary: Discussion of key emerging points from the country presentations
Wednesday, 10 February 2016	
9 – 9.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of the previous day's work
9.15 – 10.00 a.m.	<p>Item 5. Integration of biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: The rationale, good practices and strategies for integration of biosafety into NBSAPs and other national policies, plans and programmes, <i>by Erie Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
10.00 – 10.30 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation: Examples of integration of biosafety into existing national biodiversity strategies and action plans in Africa; <i>by Worku Yifru, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group discussions: Country experiences and lessons learned in integrating biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans
12.30 – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of group discussion reports to the plenary
1 – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 2.45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenary discussion: Practical steps and key points to consider in integrating biosafety into NBSAPs
2.45 – 3.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual exercise: Identification of potential entry points for the integration of biosafety into the (draft) revised NBSAPs
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
4.00 – 5.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)
Thursday, 11 February 2016	
9 – 9.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recap of the previous day's work

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9.15 – 9.45 a.m.	<p>Item 6. Resource mobilization for advancing national implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation – Resource mobilization in the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols: Recent developments, including a review of the CBD strategy for resource mobilization and decisions by the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol), <i>by Charles Gbedemah, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
9.45 – 10.00 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
10.00 to 11.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussions: Ways and means of mobilizing resources to support national implementation of the Protocol and key elements for incorporation into the national resource mobilization strategy for biodiversity
11.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of group discussion reports on resource mobilization
12.00 – 12.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Status of GEF funding for Biosafety and options for broadening GEF support for biosafety under the System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR), <i>by Erié Tamale, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
12.30 – 1.00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary discussions: Possible ways and means of enhancing the level of GEF support for biosafety under the STAR Country Allocations
1 – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 – 2.45 p.m.	<p>Item 7. Ratification and implementation of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the core provisions of the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, <i>by Worku Yifru, CBD Secretariat</i> <p>Questions and answers</p>
2.45 – 3.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group exercise – consideration of hypothetical cases on liability and redress
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
4.00 – 4.45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of group exercise reports
4.45 – 5.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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> <p>Questions and answers</p>
Friday, 13 February 2015	
9.00 – 9.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recap of the previous day's work

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9.15 – 10.00 a.m.	<p>Item 8. The way forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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> <p>Questions and answers</p>
10.00 – 10.30 a.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
10.30 – 11.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round-table discussion: Ways and means of increasing the overall visibility and political support for the Cartagena Protocol at the national and regional levels in line with efforts towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 1
11.30 – 1 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorming session: Opportunities for aligning the CBD and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety with the broader national strategies for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals
1 – 2 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2 – 3.00 p.m.	<p>Item 8. The way forward (Cont'd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary discussion: Strategic steps to foster integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol and the Convention on Biological Diversity at the national level through the revised NBSAPs and national resource mobilization plans to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
3.00 – 3.30 p.m.	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	<p>Reflection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on how the knowledge and skills acquired from the workshop could be shared and applied in order to realize the desired outcome • Completion of the workshop evaluation form
4.00 – 4.30 p.m.	<p>Item 9. Closure of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks by a representative of the CBD Secretariat • Closing remarks by a representative of the African Union Commission • Closure of the workshop by the representative of the Government of Ethiopia
