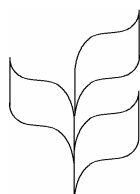




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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Adoption of the agenda
 - 2.2. Organization of the work
3. Operational procedures for the informal advisory committee
 - 3.1. Review of the continuation and mandate of the informal advisory committee (decision V/14, paragraph 8)
 - 3.2. Development of operational procedures for the informal advisory committee (decision V/14, paragraph 9)
4. Progress report on implementation of the activities identified in decision V/14, annex II, decision VI/18, the CHM Strategic Plan, SBBSTA recommendations and IAC recommendations
5. Briefing on the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)
 - 5.1 Summary of work completed on interoperability standards;
 - 5.2 Summary of work completed on capacity building initiatives.
6. Preparation for the next meeting
 - 6.1 Draft provisional agenda
 - 6.2 Tentative date and venue
7. Other matters
8. Closure of meeting