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Clearing-house Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity
Montreal, Canada
27 November 2005

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

The meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-house Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held on Sunday, 27 November 2005, in Montreal, Canada.

1. Registration of participants will commence at 9:00AM.

Item. 1. Opening of the meeting

- 2 The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary at 9:30AM on Sunday, 27 November 2005.

Item 2. Organizational Matters

Item 2.1. Adoption of the agenda

3. The draft provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/CHM) addresses proposals contained in documents UNEP/CBD/WGRI/1/4, *Review of the Clearing-House Mechanism* and UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/INF/11, *Strategic Plan of the Clearing-House Mechanism, 2005-2010*. It also addresses all other issues referred to in decision VII/29, transfer of technology and technology cooperation and in activities implemented by the Clearing-House Mechanism in support of the 2010 target. The meeting may wish to adopt the agenda with such amendments as may be agreed upon.

Item 2.2. Organization of Work

4. The meeting will consider the proposed organization of work contained in Annex I below. The meeting may also wish to decide on the nature of the report of the meeting

Item 3. Discussion on recommendations related to the review of the Clearing-House Mechanism (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/1/4) and its draft Strategic Plan (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/INF/11), to be made by the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention

5. Under this item, participants will be invited to discuss recommendations related to the review of the Clearing-House Mechanism (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/1/4) and its draft Strategic Plan (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/INF/11) to made by the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention which will meet in Montreal, Canada from 5 to 9 September 2005.

Item 4: Discussion on implementation of activities in support of decision VII/29, transfer of technology and technology cooperation

6. Participants will be invited to review and discuss activities implemented by the Clearing-House Mechanism in support of Programme Element 2 of the Annex of decision VII/29: Information Systems. Discussion may stress the following elements of Programme Element 2:

PROGRAMME ELEMENT 2: INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The development or strengthening of national, regional and international systems for the gathering and dissemination of relevant information on technology transfer and cooperation and technical and scientific cooperation, including the establishment of effective networks of electronic databases of relevant technology, has been recognized as a tool that facilitates the transfer of technology for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and of technology that makes use of genetic resources and do not cause significant damage to the environment, as well as a tool that promotes and facilitates scientific and technical cooperation. Activities under this programme element should build on existing initiatives and programmes with a view to maximizing synergy and avoiding the duplication of work, and should ensure accessibility of such systems for indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders. At the international level, these systems, using the clearing-house mechanism, would provide, *inter alia*, information on the availability of relevant technologies, including their technical parameters, economic and social aspects, data on patents (owners and date of expiration), models of contracts and associated legislation; the identified technology needs of Parties, as well as case-studies and best-practices on measures and mechanisms to create enabling environments for technology transfer and technology cooperation.

Objective: National, regional and international information systems for technology transfer and cooperation provide comprehensive information of relevance to foster technology transfer and technology cooperation

<p>Operational target 2.1:The clearing-house mechanism is a central mechanism for the exchange of information on and facilitation of technology transfer and technical and scientific cooperation relevant for the Convention on Biological Diversity, providing access to information on national technology needs, available relevant proprietary technologies and technologies in the public domain, including access to databases of existing technologies, and information on best-practices to create enabling environments for technology transfer and technology cooperation.</p>			
<p>Activities</p>			
<p>2.1.1. Develop provisional web pages and print media that provide access to information on relevant initiatives and databases for the transfer of technology and for technology cooperation.</p> <p>Main actor: the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with relevant organizations and initiatives.</p> <p>Timeframe for implementation: post seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>	<p>2.1.2. Development of proposals to enhance the clearing-house mechanism, including its national nodes, particularly those in developing countries, as a key mechanism for exchange of information on technologies and as a core element in its role to promote and facilitate scientific and technical cooperation, for facilitating and promoting technology transfer and cooperation and for the promotion of technical and scientific cooperation relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity or make use of genetic resources and do not cause significant damage to the environment.</p> <p><i>Main actor:</i> the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with Parties, the informal advisory committee of the clearing house mechanism and relevant organizations and initiatives, with support from relevant international funding organizations as appropriate</p> <p><i>Timeframe for implementation:</i> the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties</p>	<p>2.1.3. Development of advice and guidance on the use of new information exchange formats, protocols and standards to enable interoperability among relevant existing systems of national and international information exchange, including technology and patent databases.</p> <p><i>Main actor:</i> the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with Parties, the informal advisory committee of the clearing house mechanism and relevant organizations and initiatives, with support from relevant international funding organizations as appropriate</p> <p><i>Timeframe for implementation:</i> the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties</p>	<p>2.1.4. Implementation of proposals for enhancing the clearing-house mechanism as a central mechanism for exchange of information on technologies, as a core element in its role to promote and facilitate scientific and technical cooperation, for facilitating and promoting technology transfer and for the promotion of technical and scientific cooperation as adopted by the Conference of the Parties, in full synergy with similar initiatives and mechanisms of other Conventions and international organizations.</p> <p>Main actor: the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with the informal advisory committee of the clearing-house mechanism, Parties and relevant organizations and initiatives with support from relevant international funding organizations, as appropriate. This arrangement may be reviewed after a reasonable trial period.</p> <p>Timeframe for implementation: the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, then ongoing.</p>

<p>Operational target 2.2: Opportunities to establish or strengthen national information systems for technology transfer and technology cooperation are identified, with consultation of and input from indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders.</p>		
<p>Activities</p>		
<p>2.2.1. Compilation and synthesis of information on national and regional information systems for technology transfer and cooperation, including the identification of best-practices and of needs for further improvements, in particular in regard to the accessibility of such systems for indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders as well as information on capacity and human resources available and needed.</p> <p>Main actor: the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with input from Parties and in cooperation with relevant organizations as appropriate, and with support from relevant international funding organizations as appropriate.</p> <p>Timeline for implementation: the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, then ongoing.</p>	<p>2.2.2. Develop or strengthen national information systems of technology transfer and technology cooperation.</p> <p>Main actors: Parties in cooperation with the Secretariat and relevant organizations as appropriate, and with support from GEF and from relevant international funding organizations as appropriate.</p> <p>Timeline for implementation: the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>	
<p>Operational target 2.3: National information systems for technology transfer and technology cooperation, especially those functioning through national clearing-house mechanisms, are established or strengthened, are effectively linked to international information systems and contribute effectively to technology transfer, diffusion and adaptation and to the exchange of technologies, including south-south technology transfer.</p>		
<p>Activities</p>		
<p>2.3.1 Development or improvement of national systems of information exchange on technology transfer and technology cooperation, in consultation with indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders, with a view to fostering dialogue between technology holders and prospective users through, inter alia, the application of ways and means to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Effective linkages with existing national, regional and international information systems; (b) Accessibility and adaptability of such systems by indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders; (c) Information on local needs for adaptation, and related capacity, to be effectively channelled into national systems. <p>Main actors: Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in consultation with indigenous and local communities and all relevant national stakeholders, with support by relevant organizations and well as with support from GEF and from relevant international funding organizations as appropriate.</p> <p>Timeline for implementation: the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p>		
<p>Operational target 2.4: Promote the development of regional and international information systems to facilitate technology transfer and technological cooperation.</p>		
<p>Activities</p>		
<p>2.4.1. Initiate and conduct</p>	<p>2.4.2. Compilation and synthesis of</p>	<p>2.4.3 Identify and implement</p>

<p>consultations among relevant organizations, indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders with a view to identifying options to further regional and international cooperation in the development or improvement of information systems on technology transfer and technology cooperation.</p> <p>Main actors: Relevant organizations, indigenous and local communities and all relevant stakeholders with support by national, regional and international donors, and by national Governments with support from relevant international funding organizations as appropriate.</p>	<p>information on regional and international information systems, including best-practices and opportunities for further development and make this information available through the clearing-house mechanism and other means, as appropriate.</p> <p>Main actor: the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity with input from Parties and in cooperation with relevant organizations, as appropriate, with support from relevant international funding organizations, as appropriate.</p> <p>Timeline for implementation: the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, then ongoing.</p>	<p>measures to develop or strengthen appropriate information systems of technology transfer and technology cooperation, including at the local level.</p> <p>Main actor: Parties in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention, relevant organizations, as appropriate, and with support from GEF as well as from relevant international funding organizations, as appropriate.</p> <p>Timeline for implementation: ongoing.</p>
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Item 5: Discussion on activities and initiatives by the Clearing-House Mechanism in support of the 2010 target

7. Under this item, participants will be invited to discuss projects and initiatives undertaken by the Clearing-House Mechanism to assist Parties and other Governments to meet the 2010 target.
8. Participants may also propose and discuss additional issues not necessarily anticipated by the Secretariat.

Item 6. Other matters

- (a) The meeting may wish to consider other matters agreed upon for consideration.

Item 7 Closure of the meeting

- (b) The meeting will be closed on Sunday, 27 November 2005 at 6:00PM.

Annex I

Provisional organization of work for the Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee
To the Clearing-house Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Montreal, Canada

27 November 2005

Sunday

27 November 2005

9:30AM to 1:00PM

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1 Adoption of the agenda
 - 2.2 Organization of the work
3. Item 3. Discussion on recommendations related to the review of the Clearing-House Mechanism (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/1/4) and its draft Strategic Plan (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/INF/11), to be made by the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention

2:00PM to 6:00PM

4. Item 4. Discussion on implementation of activities in support of decision VII/29, transfer of technology and technology cooperation
5. Item 5. Discussion on activities and initiatives by the Clearing-House Mechanism in support of the 2010 target
6. Other matters
7. Closure of the meeting
