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**MEETING OF THE INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM OF THE CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Curitiba, Brazil
19 March 2006

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held on Sunday, 19 March 2006, in Curitiba, Brazil.
2. Registration of participants will commence at 9 a.m.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

3. The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 19 March 2006.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

ITEM 2.1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. The draft provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/CHM/) addresses proposals contained in the following documents prepared for the Conference of the Parties: activities of the clearing-house mechanism during the inter-sessional period (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/17), Draft updated strategic plan of the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2005-2010 (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/18) and, Proposal for the enhancement of the Clearing-House Mechanism as a key mechanism in technology transfer and cooperation (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/19/Add.1).
2. As section III E of the addendum to the proposed budget for the programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the biennium 2007-2008 (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/28/Add.1) discusses facilitating the full use and access to the services provided by the clearing-house mechanism and presents a vision of the Clearing-House Mechanism, it will also be discussed.
3. 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 2.3. Welcome new members

5. The meeting will welcome all new members who will have the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Item 3. Presentation of the note on clearing-house mechanism activities during the inter-sessional period (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/17)

6. Under this item, the Secretariat will present to the participants a summary of the activities implemented by the Clearing-House Mechanism during its inter-sessional period, as reported in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/17. Comments on the outcomes and lessons learned will be welcomed.

Item 4. Presentation of the draft updated strategic plan of the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2005-2010 (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/18)

7. The Secretariat will present to the participants the updated CHM strategic plan as described in the draft updated strategic plan of the Clearing-House Mechanism for the period 2005-2010 (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/18). The updated strategic plan will underline the key role that the Clearing-House Mechanism can play to facilitate the achievement of the 2010 target.

Item 5: Discussion on the proposals in section III E, Facilitating the full use and access to the services provided by the clearing-house mechanism, of document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/28/Add.1, addendum to the proposed budget for the programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the biennium 2007-2008

8. Participants will be introduced to the vision put forward by the Executive Secretary to facilitate the full use and access to the services provided by the Clearing-House Mechanism. Special emphasis will be placed on how to strengthen National Clearing-House Mechanisms to assist Parties and other Governments to meet the 2010 target. Participants will be invited to express their comments on this new vision.

Item 6: Brainstorming discussion on activities of the Clearing-House Mechanism to contribute to the implementation of the Convention and achievement of the 2010 target with a special focus on capacity-building and technical cooperation

9. The purpose of this item is discuss any activity or initiative that could be realistically undertaken by the Clearing-House Mechanism at the national or international level to contribute significantly to the implementation of the Convention and the achievement of the 2010 target. Participants will be encouraged to make proposals to strengthen the effectiveness of the Clearing-House Mechanism, its network and its services, especially in the field of capacity-building and technical cooperation.

10. During this session, participants are invited to take into account recommendations made in paragraphs 19, 27 and 31 of Document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/19/Add.1, *Proposals for the enhancement of the Clearing-House Mechanism as a key mechanism in technology transfer and cooperation*.

ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS

11. The meeting may wish to consider other matters agreed upon for consideration.

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

12. The meeting will be closed on Sunday, 19 March 2006 at 5 p.m.

Provisional organization of work for the Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee
To the Clearing-house Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity
Curitiba, Brazil
19 March 2006

Sunday

19 March 2006

9:30AM to 12:30PM

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1 Adoption of the agenda
 - 2.2 Organization of the work
 - 2.3 Welcome new members
3. Presentation of document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/17, *Clearing-House Mechanism activities during the inter-sessional period*.
4. Presentation of document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/18, *Draft updated strategic plan of the clearing-house mechanism for the period 2005-2010*
5. Discussion on the proposals in Section III.E, *Facilitating the full use and access to the services provided by the Clearing-House Mechanism*, of document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/28/Add.1, *addendum to the proposed budget for the programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the biennium 2007-2008*.

2:00PM to 5:00PM

6. Brainstorming discussion on the implementation the Convention and achievement of the 2010 target with a special focus on capacity-building and technical cooperation
7. Other matters
8. Closure of the meeting
