



## Convention on Biological Diversity

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### CHAIRS OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BODIES OF BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS AND RIO CONVENTIONS

Second meeting  
Bonn, 25 May 2008

#### ORGANIZATION OF WORK

##### *Annotations to the provisional agenda*

#### ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. The meeting will take place in Hotel Maritim (Saal Rheinaue on the first floor). It will be opened on Sunday, 25 May 2008 at 10 am by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

#### ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

2. The meeting may wish to adopt the agenda and consider the organization of its work.

#### ITEM 3. REVIEW OF PROCESSES AND APPROACHES OF THE CONVENTIONS' SCIENTIFIC BODIES IN PROVIDING SCIENTIFIC ADVICE

3. Under this agenda item, participating conventions will have the opportunity to inform the meeting about processes and approaches of providing scientific advice to their respective governing bodies. They may also wish to discuss any considerations for improving the quality and timeliness of scientific advice within their processes, where appropriate.

#### ITEM 4. STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR FUTURE PROCESSES AND APPROACHES OF THE CONVENTIONS

##### *Towards an Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services*

4. The final meeting of the multi-stakeholder international steering committee for the consultative process on an International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity (IMoSEB) invited the Executive Director of UNEP in collaboration with the government of France, other governments and other partners to convene an intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting to consider an intergovernmental mechanism for biodiversity and ecosystem services (see document [UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/34 "Summary Report, and Conclusions, of the Consultative Process to Assess the Need For, Modalities of, and Options for an International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity"](#)).

5. At the same time, partners involved in the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (MA) discussed the use and impact of the MA and developed a global strategy for a follow-up to the MA, contained in document [UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/26 \(“The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment Follow-Up - A Global Strategy for Turning Knowledge into Action”\)](#).

6. In an effort to avoid two separate and potentially overlapping or competing processes, UNEP and the Government of France organized an informal meeting (Paris, 28-29 March 2008) to develop the conceptual basis for a single process that would build on the MA and IMoSEB consultations, thereby supporting consultations with Governments and partners in the lead-up to the inter-governmental, multi-stakeholder meeting tentatively scheduled for September 2008. A draft of this concept note is contained in document [UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/37 “An Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Strengthening the Science - Policy Interface on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services”](#).

7. The meeting may wish to consider this concept and how it relates to the scientific processes within each Convention, as well as any common issues.

*Complementarities and gaps in guidance developed under the Conventions*

8. The first meeting of Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Conventions (Paris, 1 July 2007) discussed the application of scientific and technical guidance developed under the different convention processes and concluded that it would be useful to fully examine all relevant guidance, including from IUCN, and their respective relevance and adaptability to the work of other conventions.

9. The Ramsar Convention and its STRP has looked at ways and means of assisting its Parties with identifying the available Ramsar guidance (embodied in the [Ramsar 'toolkit' of Wise Use Handbooks](#)) and when and for what purpose each should be applied. In that respect, the Convention has recognized the value of organizing this advice in relation to intervention opportunities indicated in the Conceptual Framework of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. In helping Parties to identify relevant guidance, and when it should be applied, there could be merit in the Secretariats and scientific subsidiary bodies of other MEAs undertaking a similar exercise, using the MA framework as a basis, as a first phase of developing harmonised advice on implementation guidance.

10. The meeting may also wish to assess the potential for collaboration between/across MEAs arising from a [Ramsar Draft Recommendation on the future implementation of scientific and technical aspects of the Convention](#) as well as other options for conducting such an analysis.

*The 2010 Biodiversity Target: a coordinated approach for the work beyond 2010*

11. In 2002, the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted, as the mission statement of its Strategic Plan, the target of achieving by 2010 a significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level as a contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of all life on earth. The target has subsequently been endorsed through various fora and processes and, following the proposal by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, was recently incorporated as a new target under Goal 7 of the Millennium Development Goals (“Ensure environmental sustainability”).

12. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity has decided to consider at its ninth meeting the process for revising and updating the Strategic Plan with a view to adopting a revised Strategic Plan at its tenth meeting.

13. The first meeting of Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Conventions agreed that it is vital to start discussion on a collaborative and cohesive process to formulate appropriate targets and framework for the time beyond 2010. The meeting welcomed the offer of the representative of UNEP to provide financial support for the planned activities on issues related to the post-2010 biodiversity target.

14. The meeting may wish to review the conclusions of the first round of interventions under agenda item 3.7 of CBD COP-9 and consider options for a coordinated approach for the formulation and

endorsement of a biodiversity target beyond 2010 and for developing a coherent strategy for its achievement.

**ITEM 5. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

15. The meeting may wish to decide on the date and venue of the next meeting of the Chairs of Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Conventions and Rio Conventions.

**ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS**

16. Under this item, the meeting may wish to discuss any other relevant issues.

**ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

17. The meeting is expected to be closed at 1 p.m. on 25 May 2008.

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