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OPEN-ENDED WORKSHOP OF THE INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

Bonn, 24 May 2008

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotated provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The open-ended workshop of the Informal Advisory Committee for Communication, Education and Public Awareness of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Saturday, 24 May 2008, in the Hauptmann Room of the Hotel Maritim Bonn.

ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

2. The meeting will be opened at 9.30 a.m. by the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, and the Chair of the Informal Advisory Committee for CEPA, Dr. Peter Bos of the Netherlands.

ITEM 2 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:

3. The workshop is an opportunity for any participants at COP-9 to share and discuss projects, proposals and developments regarding the programme of work on communication, education and public awareness with participants in the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Executive Secretary has therefore prepared the following agenda:

- (a) The Agenda for Action (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/3): next steps and actions for 2008;
- (b) The report of the CBD-UNESCO Expert Workshop on Priority Activity 10-Education (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/23);
- (c) The International Year of Biodiversity (IYB);
- (d) Presentations on CEPA by participants.

ITEM 3 AGENDA FOR ACTION: NEXT STEPS AND ACTIONS FOR 2008-2010

4. The Agenda for Action represents the rolling implementation plan for supporting activities. Under this item, the Secretariat will outline its plan of workshops and materials for the next year.

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Participants are invited to offer their views on the Agenda for Action 2008-2010, and comment on actions that they are taking or willing to take to contribute to its implementation.

ITEM 4 REPORT OF THE CBD-UNESCO EXPERT WORKSHOP ON PRIORITY ACTIVITY 10- EDUCATION

5. The Expert Workshop on Education: Priority Activity 10--Education was held in Paris from 17 to 19 March 2008 at the offices of UNESCO. The report (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/23) outlines a number of steps to be taken to advance this priority activity. The outcomes will be presented by the Secretariat, and the participants in the Workshop are invited to discuss practical options for further work, including the "Learning for Life" project included as an annex to the report, and plans for educational initiatives in the context of regional workshops.

ITEM 5 THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY

6. Under this agenda item, participants are invited to discuss the draft strategy for the preparations for the International Year of Biodiversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/25/Add.1), and to discuss the best way forward for its immediate implementation, including regional coordination meetings held concurrently with CEPA workshops. Participants in the workshop are encouraged to identify key implementation issues that need to be addressed, both at the national and international level, including the options for funding.

ITEM 6 CEPA WORKSHOP

7. Under this agenda item members of the IAC and invited guests will present projects, either in progress or planned, and receive suggestions and input from the participants to the workshop.. Projects to be presented will fall under one of the following 4 themes:

(a) *Projects in support of the Agenda for Action.* Participants will present national initiatives that respond to the priority activities outlined in decision VIII/6. The projects presented respond to at least two of the priority activities and must be either already implemented or planned to be implemented in the next 12 months;

(b) *Projects in support of the International Year of Biodiversity.* The projects presented should respond to the aims and objectives outlined in the strategy for the Year;

(c) *CEPA in support of the other Programmes of Work of the Convention.* Participants will present projects that deliver on the CEPA elements for the Programmes of Work of the Convention. The projects presented must respond to a CEPA element contained in one of the Programmes of Work of the Convention.

(d) *CEPA in support of outreach to major groups and stakeholders.* In this section, initiatives should highlight interesting and new ways to reach out to stakeholders and new groups. Projects should be reaching out to a group that is not typically reached by the work of the Convention.

ITEM 7 OTHER MATTERS

8. The participants may raise other issues under this item.

ITEM 8 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

9. The meeting will be closed at 12:30 p.m. on 24 May, 2008.

Annex

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE OPEN-ENDED WORKSHOP OF THE
INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON
COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS**

Saturday, 24 May 2008

9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters: Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work
3. Agenda for Action: next steps and actions for 2008-2010
4. Report of the CBD-UNESCO Expert Workshop on Priority Activity 10- Education
5. The International Year of Biodiversity 2010 (IYB)
6. CEPA workshop
7. Other matters
8. Closure of the meeting.
