

Dialogue Seminar

SCALING UP BIODIVERSITY FINANCE

6-9 March 2012

Quito, Ecuador

Conveners: Government of Sweden, Ecuador, Norway, India and Japan, and the CBD Secretariat.¹

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Goal

The purpose of the dialogue seminar is to explore and contribute to understanding and seek to clarify areas of convergence and divergence regarding ways to scale up the mobilization of financial resources and the role and nature of 'innovative financial mechanisms' to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The seminar is expected to feed into the negotiations on resource mobilization under the CBD in 2012, WGRI-4 in May in Montreal and COP 11 in October in India, (and could also have positive impact for other fora, such as the Rio+20).

The seminar will not draft formal recommendations, but rather seek to enhance understanding among participants with a view to facilitate discussions at WGRI-4 and COP-11. The seminar will include a mix of keynote presentations, case studies and small group discussions.

Participants are expected to be key actors regarding financing for biodiversity including experts active in CBD discussions but also from related processes, as well as national level senior experts and actors from sectors dealing with biodiversity and ecosystem services, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, social movements, farmer organizations, local communities and Indigenous Peoples organizations, scientists and the private sector. It is important to get participants from different sectors and disciplines including from development agencies. Government participation would be identified from among nominations received from Parties through the CBD Secretariat. The conveners would identify additional resource persons.

The seminar will be based on the Chatham House rule².

Tuesday, 6 March 2012

9.00 a.m. – 9.45 a.m. Opening Session

- Opening statement by Ecuador's Minister of Environment
- Environment Ambassador of Sweden
- COP President (Japan)
- Introductory remarks by the CBD Executive Secretary

9.45 a.m. – 10.45 a.m. Introductory session

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- Explaining the rules and objectives and “the map” of the dialogue-seminar by the Facilitator/s
- Who are we? Introduction of participants and expectations of the workshop
- Presentation of the background and policy context to the seminar including CBD decisions.

10.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Break

11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. SESSION I: Panel on Values of Biological Diversity

Expected outcome: To clarify issues of divergence and convergence; set the ground for continued dialogue and clarifications, including presentation of and understanding and respect of pluralistic views on value of biodiversity. The session would serve to place issues, perspective and worldviews on the table, rather than attempting to resolve differences.

- Biodiversity’s ecological and resilience value - Presentation by Thomas Hahn, Stockholm Resilience Centre
- Cultural, social and ethical values - Presentation by Bolivian representative on a background report on the Rights of Mother Earth
- Biodiversity’s monetary value - recognising, demonstrating, and capturing biodiversity values Presentation by Pavan Sukhdev UNEP-TEEB
- Q & A + Buzz in groups and discussion in large group.

12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. Lunch

1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. SESSION II: What needs to be financed - Assessing financial gaps to achieve the Biodiversity Aichi Targets

Expected outcome: Presentation and understanding of status and needs regarding financial resources but also the broader context - including other related issues such as rights, institutional framework and efficiency in resource use related to achievements of Aichi targets. This session would ask the fundamental question ‘what is it that needs to be financed?’ as well as clarify what current financing looks like, as well as what various assessments of future needs tell. The session would also strive to identify critical knowledge gaps.

Global assessments

- Brief overview of current financial flows globally and draft GEF needs assessment by Guenter Mitlacher WWF
- Other assessments: Presentation on the approach for the UK/India panel assessment on financial flows by Pavan Sukhdev; Presentation on UNDP Biodiversity Financing Project, by Yves de Soye

Bottom-up assessments

- Case illustrating successful sustainable use (including biodiversity protection) through establishment of cooperatives and local markets – and implications on financing needs – by Dr. André Luiz Rodrigues Gonçalves, Centro Ecológico, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil,
- Cases from indigenous and local peoples organisation such as the Indigenous Community Conserved areas (ICCA) consortium, tbc
- Estimations of the costs to ratify and implement the Nagoya protocol in a country, tbc

Q & A + Buzz in groups and discussion in large group

3.00 p.m. – 3.15 p.m. Break

3.15 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. SESSION III: Principles and experiences of financing for biodiversity and importance of governance.

Expected outcomes: Presentation and understanding of experiences of financing of biodiversity including governance, safeguards and results and efficiency of different options. This block would move into the focus and the substantial section of the seminar. This framing would hopefully allow clarity and a more nuanced overall understanding for the participants as the programme moves in to specific cases and examples.

- Can Markets Protect Biodiversity? An Evaluation of Different Financial Mechanisms, Presentation by Arild Vatn, Norway
- Politics and equity of financing for biodiversity, by the South Centre
- Safeguards – broader coalition of NGOs and other institutions.
- Q & A

4.15 p.m. – 5.45 p.m. Working groups on Principles and experiences of financing for biodiversity

5.45 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Reporting session: Working groups on principles and experiences of financing under Session III

- Reporting by working group coordinators followed by concluding remarks by facilitator

7.00 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. Reception

Wednesday, 7 March 2012

8.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m. SESSION IV: Case studies and options for financing

- Introductory remarks on national and international fiscal instruments. Nordic model of taxation and delivery of public services/Financial transaction tax (Tobin tax), Thomas Hahn and Ecuadorian experiences of environmental taxes, Ministerio del Ambiente en Ecuador tbc
- Traditional and new ODA after Busan, Bente Herstad, NORAD

Group discussion in café sitting or buzz, reflection in large group

9.45 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. Break

10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Session IV continues

- Presentation of overview of options such as marked based PES, auctions, off-sets and bonds by Charlie Parker, Global Canopy Programme
- PES. Introductory remark on PES. Cost Rica Example of Public funded PES, Carlos Manuel Rodríguez, Vice President for Conservation Policy, Conservation International, and Mexican example of public funded PES, Álvaro Salgado, Mexico case Lichuigiri
- Keeping oil in the ground – the example of Yasuni, Dr. Daniel Ortega, Director of Environment and Climate Change, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ecuador

Group discussion in café sitting or buzz, reflection in large group

- Trust Funds/environmental funds, and the case of Amazon Protected Areas Program, Pedro Leitao
- Traditional green markets with help of certification, Roberto Ugas, Vice President of IFOAM
- Microcredits, Africa, tbc
- ABS, tbc, Pierre Plessis, Namibia
- Overview and definition of public private partnership; use of public money – including ODA – to attract private finance for PES and sustainable use. Arild Vatn, UMB
- Norwegian follow-up of TEEB and Waves, Tone Solhaug, Norwegian Ministry of the Environment
- Financial mechanisms for conservation and sustainable use of our biodiversity, Japanese case

Group discussion in café sitting or buzz, reflection in large group

12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. Lunch break

1.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m. Session IV continues

- Open space, suggested cases and issues by participants

Group discussion in café sitting or buzz, reflection in large group

3.45 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. *Break*

4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. **Working groups on Case studies and options for financing**

5.30 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. **Reporting session: Working groups Session IV**

7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. *Dinner and cultural event by participants bring instruments and songs!*

Thursday, 8 March 2012

7.00 a.m. – 6.30 p.m. Field Trip organized by the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador, Socio Bosque Initiative and FONAG to Oyacachi and Papallacta, including, during the day, **Working group discussions on Outstanding issues and way forward:**

Note: a separated agenda for the field trip will be distributed to the participants the first day of the Dialogue Seminar.

Friday, 9 March 2012

8.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. SYNTHESIS PANEL: Outstanding issues and way forward

- Introductory remarks
 - Norway, Bolivia, Brazil, South Centre or TWN, and Global Canopy Programme or Forest Trends
- Panel Discussion reflecting on the discussions and dialogue so far.

10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m. *Break*

10.45 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. Working Groups on outstanding issues, synthesis and way forward

12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m. *Lunch*

1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. Reporting by Working Groups on outstanding issues, synthesis and way forward.

2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Synthesis of the discussions by facilitator and discussion in full group

3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. CONCLUDING SESSION: Way forward

- Closing remarks by Ecuador on behalf of the hosts
- Remarks by COP10 Presidency on WGRI4 (Japan)
- Remarks by COP11 hosts on the COP (India)
