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INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL EXPERT WORKSHOP
ON IDENTIFYING, ACCESSING, COMPILING AND
AGGREGATING DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL
BIODIVERSITY-RELATED INVESTMENTS AND IMPACTS
Mexico City, 5-7 May 2015

BACKGROUND AND PROGRAMME OF WORK

I. Mandate and objective

1. In decision XII/3, on resource mobilization, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention adopted a set of targets for resource mobilization, with a view to achieving an overall substantial increase in total biodiversity-related funding for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 from a variety of sources, namely:

(a) Double total biodiversity-related international financial resource flows to developing countries, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition, using average annual biodiversity funding for the years 2006-2010 as a baseline, by 2015, and at least maintain this level until 2020, in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention, to contribute to the achievement of the Convention's three objectives, including through a country-driven prioritization of biodiversity within development plans in recipient countries;

(b) Endeavour for 100 per cent, but at least 75 per cent, of Parties to have included biodiversity in their national priorities or development plans by 2015, and to have therefore made appropriate domestic financial provisions;

(c) Endeavour for 100 per cent, but at least 75 per cent, of Parties provided with adequate financial resources to have reported domestic biodiversity expenditures, as well as funding needs, gaps and priorities, by 2015, in order to improve the robustness of the baseline;

(d) Endeavour for 100 per cent, but at least 75 per cent, of Parties provided with adequate financial resources to have prepared national financial plans for biodiversity by 2015, and that 30 per cent of those Parties have assessed and/or evaluated the intrinsic, ecological, genetic, socioeconomic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic values of biological diversity and its components;

(e) Mobilize domestic financial resources from all sources to reduce the gap between identified needs and available resources at domestic level, for effectively implementing by 2020 Parties' national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in accordance with Article 20.

2. In paragraph 24 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties adopted a financial reporting framework, intended for use by Parties for providing baseline information and reporting

on their contribution to reach the global financial targets above, and, in paragraph 25, invited all Parties as well as other Governments to report thereon by 31 December 2015. An online version of the reporting framework will be made available on the website of the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention, by 1 June 2015.

3. In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties recalled that national resource mobilization should include, as appropriate, the design and dissemination of a country-specific resource mobilization strategy in the framework of updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans and, in this context, noted with appreciation the work of the Biodiversity Finance Initiative of the United Nations Development Programme and invited UNDP/BIOFIN to continue and further upscale its work with interested Parties.

4. Both tasks, of completing the financial reporting framework and of developing national resource mobilization strategies, require more methodological work. With the exception of the monitoring of external development finance targeting environmental objectives through the Creditor Reporting System of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation (OECD) (the Rio markers system), methodologies for identifying, accessing, compiling and aggregating biodiversity-related funding streams are generally in early stages of development. Work is already under way, and has been noted with appreciation by the Conference of the Parties, to improve the Rio marker methodology, including by fine tuning the Rio marker definitions, improving guidance for assigning markers, and for assessing multilateral contributions. Work is also under way, at various stages and levels, to develop methodologies for identifying, accessing and compiling funding streams from other sources, such as domestic official outlays at various government levels, as well as funding from the private sector. This includes work at the regional and national levels, both in developed and developing countries; including in the presently 19 – and soon to be 29 – core countries receiving financial and technical support from the BIOFIN initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (an updated BIOFIN workbook and related tools have been just released). At the same time, work under other processes, while not exclusively focussed on biodiversity-related investments, is relevant, in particular the ongoing work to implement the United National System for Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) and its Classification of Environmental Protection Expenditures (CEPA).

5. The stocktaking of existing methodologies, based on the ongoing work as described above, and their further development or improvement is needed for two reasons:

(a) First, in order to provide methodological guidance to Parties in meeting their financial reporting requirements by the end of 2015, as explained above. This includes, as a dedicated financial target, the reporting of funding needs, gaps and priorities, which has been identified as a challenge in particular for developing country Parties, because of the existing methodological and data deficiencies;

(b) Second, because such methodologies are needed for the development of effective national resource mobilization strategies or finance plans. In particular, the assessment of funding needs, gaps and priorities are critical steps in such development, and are identified as such in the UNDP/BIOFIN toolbox and guidance.

6. Responding to this need, in paragraph 32 (b) of decision XII/3, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to initiate technical work, in close cooperation with Parties as well as relevant international organizations, such as the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, by organizing a technical expert workshop on identifying, accessing, compiling and aggregating domestic and international biodiversity-related investments and impacts, with a view to:

(a) Presenting, sharing and reviewing experiences;

(b) Assessing experiences and methodologies applied in other sectors with a view to identifying opportunities for methodological transfer;

(c) Identifying options for convergence towards, and possible elements of, a common methodology.

7. The objective of the workshop, in accordance with paragraph 32 (c) of the decision, is to prepare elements that can serve as voluntary guidance for Parties, with a view to:

- (a) Facilitating financial reporting on domestic expenditures and
- (b) Developing national finance plans (or resource mobilization strategies).

8. Pursuant to the request above, the Executive Secretary issued notification 2015-022 and 2015-033, dated 3 March 2015 and 19 March 2015 respectively, calling for nominations of experts for the workshop. Relevant regional and international organizations and initiatives were also invited to send a representative. Experts were selected on the basis of relevant expertise and experiences, taking into account geographical and gender balance. The list of selected experts as well as a preliminary list of experts from international organizations and initiatives was communicated by notification 2015-040 of 2 April 2015.

9. The workshop is being organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in close cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme, through its Biodiversity Finance Initiative. It will be hosted by the Government of Mexico, with financial support provided by the European Union and the UNDP BIOFIN initiative.

10. The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 5 May 2015, and registration will take place at the workshop venue at 8:30 a.m. the same day. The venues for the workshop are as follows:

- The venue of the meeting for **5 May 2015 (ONLY)** has been moved to meeting room (Conference Room "A") at the following location:

Fiesta Inn Centro Histórico

Av. Juárez #76, Col. Centro,
Delegación Cuauhtémoc,
06010,
Distrito Federal, México

Web site: <http://www.fiestainn.com/es/mx-ciudad-de-mexico/hotel-centro-historico>

- The venue of the meeting for **6-7 May 2015** **remains unchanged** in meeting room (Salón José María Morelos) at the following address:

Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores de México

Avenida Juárez #20
Col. Centro
06010

México, D.F., México

Tel: +(55) 3686-5100

Web site: <http://www.sre.gob.mx/index.php>

11. The Secretariat has circulated an information note for participants containing details on logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

12. The information note as well as the draft report of the meeting and other pertinent background information will be made available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMEM-2015-01>.

II. Organization of the workshop

13. In the light of the needs identified above, the programme of the workshop has been structured into sessions on methodologies for assessing international biodiversity-related investments and impacts, and into sessions on methodologies for assessing domestic biodiversity-related investments and impacts. The latter sessions are further divided into methodologies for ex post and ex ante assessment.

14. Each of the resulting three sections will provide overview presentations of important (emerging) methodologies, developed under relevant international organizations, including methodologies developed for application in other sectors, such as health or climate change. It will also provide kickoff presentations on some national approaches and experiences. Towards the end of the sections, break-out groups will provide opportunities for more in-depth exchange of information and experiences on issues that were identified to be of critical importance in plenary (a tentative list of possible topics is provided in the programme). It is expected that break-out groups may reconvene for some issues (deemed to be of cross-cutting importance).

15. A draft of the detailed programme of the workshop is provided below.

16. In the light of the mandate and objective of the workshop, as referenced above, the following are suggested lead questions for the production of the envisaged output of the workshop:

(a) What are the main methodologies (and associated definitions) available, including from other sectors?

(b) What is their respective scope and what are important common features and critical differences?

(c) What are the main challenges faced in using the methodologies and are some methodologies better suited to particular circumstances and, if so, to which ones?

(d) What are possible areas of convergence towards (elements of) a common methodology (and associated definitions)?

(e) What are remaining critical (data and methodological) gaps and challenges and what would need to be done to address these?

(f) Who should be responsible for, or lead, further methodological development, with what resources? What next steps?

17. In order to assist the workshop in its deliberations, a collection of material, prepared with support provided by the UNDP BIOFIN initiative, was circulated before the workshop. The document includes succinct summaries of pertinent methodologies and approaches, based on input from Parties as well as relevant partners, and provides elements of an analysis of these, structured as appropriate along common themes.

18. Participants will be invited to review and, as appropriate, complete pertinent sections of the draft, and to further discuss and fine tune the report at the workshop. The report will be finalized after the workshop, based on its discussions and conclusions as well as the continued interaction with participants, and its release, in a practical and easily accessible format, is planned for late summer/early fall 2015.

19. As requested by the Conference of the Parties, the report will provide voluntary guidance to Parties in meeting their financial reporting obligation by the end of 2015, and in developing their national resource mobilization strategies. As such, the report can be referenced and used, in conjunction with the UNDP/BIOFIN toolbox and guidance, at the upcoming CBD/BIOFIN regional capacity-building workshops, scheduled to take place in the second half of 2015, as well as the planned SCBD webinars on the financial reporting framework, equally scheduled to take place in the second half of 2015.

Annex

International technical expert workshop on identifying, accessing, compiling and aggregating domestic and international biodiversity-related investments and impacts

Draft programme

Time	Session	Presenter/Facilitator
DAY 1		
I. Opening		
08:30	Registration	
09:00	Welcome and opening	SCBD, UNDP, Government of Mexico, EU
09:30	Self-introductions by participants	
10:00	Overview of workshop objectives and process	SCBD
10:30	Tea/coffee break	
II. International biodiversity-related investments and impacts		
11:00	The work of the Joint ENVIRONET-WP-STAT Task Team on improvement to the Rio Markers, Environment and Development Finance Statistics The work of the MDBs to assess multilateral biodiversity-related flows Assessing impacts: lessons from the work of the GEF Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) Q&A; discussion, based on exchange of national experiences/approaches	Ms. Stephanie Ockenden (OECD) Ms. Eva Maria Meyerhofer (EIB) Mr. Aaron Zazueta (GEF IEO) All
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Assessing international biodiversity-related flows: the German approach Assessing private flows: recent work by Switzerland Q&A; discussion, based on exchange of national experiences; identification of topics for break-out groups	Mr. Andreas Gettkant (Germany) Ms. Gabriela Blatter (Switzerland) All
15:00	Tea/coffee break	
15:30	Work in break-out groups (Suggested topics: conceptualizing/defining the term “biodiversity-related funding”; assigning coefficients for funding “indirectly related to biodiversity”; assessing private funding streams; others to be decided)	Facilitators tbc
17:00	Evening break	

Time	Session	Presenter/Facilitator
DAY 2		
09:00	Reporting back from break-out groups; group discussion: Identification of initial results (e.g., on methodological convergence) and further discussion needs	Rapporteurs; all
10:30	Tea/coffee break	
III. Domestic biodiversity-related investments and impacts: ex post assessments		
11:00	The role of environment protection expenditures in SEEA The UNDP BIOFIN approach for assessing public and private biodiversity-related expenditures Climate-related expenditure review: the work of the World Bank Q&A; discussion	Mr. Sokol Vako (UNSD) Mr. David Meyers (UNDP BIOFIN) Ms. Erika Jorgensen (World Bank)
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Biodiversity-related expenditure review: national and regional approaches and experiences Assessing the contribution of collective action Q&A; discussion; identification of (additional) topics for break-out groups	Ms. Laure Ledoux (European Commission) (tbc) Mr. A. Damodaran (India) Ms. Maria Schultz (Swedbio)
15:00	Tea/coffee break	
15:30	Work in break-out groups (Continued work from earlier groups and/or work on new topics; e.g. assessing biodiversity-related expenditures at sub-national level, how to account for expenditures with negative impacts...)	Facilitators tbc
17:00	Evening break	
DAY 3		
09:00	Reporting back from break-out groups; group discussion Further development of results (e.g., on methodological convergence) and further discussion needs	
10:30	Tea/coffee break	
IV. Planned biodiversity-related investments and impacts: ex ante assessments		
11:00	Costing revised NBSAPs: the BIOFIN approach Lessons learned from the UNDP One Health Costing Tool Q&A; discussion	Ms. Jamison Ervin (UNDP BIOFIN) Mr. Gonzalo Pizarro (UNDP)
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Costing revised NBSAPs: the work of the Philippines Mexico's progress on measuring the costs and benefits of	Ms. Armida Andres (Philippines) Mr. Carlos Muñoz Piña (Mexico)

Time	Session	Presenter/Facilitator
	investments in biodiversity Q&A; discussion	
15:00	Tea/coffee break	
15:30	Review of report and next steps	Participants
16:30	Evaluation	All
16:45	Closure: resource mobilization in the lead up to COP-13	Mr. Rodolfo Lacy Tamayo (Mexico)
17:00	End of workshop	