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DIALOGUE WORKSHOP ON ASSESSMENT OF COLLECTIVE ACTION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION Panajachel, Guatemala

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA INTRODUCTION

- 1. In decision XII/3, paragraphs 29 to 31, the Conference of the Parties adopted a set of activities to facilitate the exchange of views and experiences on collective action of indigenous peoples and local communities.
- 2. In response, the Executive Secretary circulated a notification (SCBD/TSI/RS/YX/84650, dated 16 April 2015) requesting information on the contribution of collective action to biodiversity conservation, including on experiences and lessons learned in applying pertinent methodologies. Submissions were received from Australia, Canada, Colombia, Nepal and Timor-Leste, as well as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Indigenous Peoples' and Community Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCA) Consortium. These submissions are available at https://www.cbd.int/financial/collectiveaction.shtml.
- 3. The Secretariat also organized an Online Forum on Collective Action of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities which took place from 1 to 15 May 2015. About 52 pieces of additional information were generated from the online forum, and the forum was available at: https://www.cbd.int/financial/forumtk.shtml.
- 4. In notification SCBD/MPO/AF/JS/vf/84402, dated 10 March 2015, the Executive Secretary invited nominations for the Dialogue Workshop on Assessment of Collective Action of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Biodiversity Conservation and Resource Mobilization, to be held in Panajachel, Guatemala, from 11 to 13 June 2015. The Workshop was financed by the European Commission and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency through SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Centre, and also benefited financially from being organized in conjunction with the International Training Workshop on Community–Based Monitoring, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use and Community Protocols within the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, which was financed by the Governments of Guatemala and Japan. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and SwedBio co-organized the workshop.
- 5. A dedicated website has been established to inform participants of information received at: https://www.cbd.int/financial/collectiveworkshop.shtml.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

Expected outcome: Participants united as a group and defining a comprehensive view of individual and collective perceptions of what collective action is from their different starting points, such as indigenous peoples and local communities, Governments, United Nations organizations and scientists.

- 6. The workshop will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, 11 June 2015, by the representative of the Government of Guatemala, with an opening ceremony.
- 7. At the opening session, welcome addresses will be made by representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the co-organizer, SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Centre.
- 8. Presentations will include: an overview of the workshop and explanation of the rules of the dialogue.
- 9. Round-table buzz will be organized to consider the following questions: What is collective action for you? What are your personal experiences of collective action, and what would you like the concept to embrace, from your horizon? What is your expectation on the workshop?

ITEM 2. INTRODUCTION

Expected outcome: That participants have a common understanding of the background and policy framework, and the theoretical framework, and of the conclusions drawn on the last day of the training workshop on community monitoring and information systems and customary sustainable use.

- 10. Under this agenda item, there will be presentations on the outcomes of the workshop on Community-Based Monitoring, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use and Community Protocols within the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, policy context on resource mobilization and collective action, and conceptual and methodological framework for evaluating the contribution of collective action to biodiversity conservation.
- 11. The ensuing discussions will be organized in a plenary setting.

ITEM 3. VALUES AND VALUATION, AND MEASURING THE BENEFITS THEREOF, COLLECTIVE ACTION AND THE CONTRIBUTION TO BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Expected outcome: The session will serve to place issues, perspective and worldviews on the table and, if necessary, clarify issues of divergence and convergence; it will also set the basis for continued dialogue through presentations and appreciation of pluralistic views. The session will reflect on underlying values, how to value and what kind of metrics can be used for measuring collective action of the contribution of indigenous peoples and local communities to biodiversity, for diverse purposes.

- 12. Under this agenda item, there will be presentations on valuation of ecosystems and biodiversity in relation to collective action, national experience and the worldviews and perspectives of indigenous peoples.
- 13. The ensuing discussions will be organized in buzz and plenary settings.

ITEM 4. METHODS FOR MEASURING AND AGGREGATING DATA RELATED TO COLLECTIVE ACTION

Expected outcome: Achieving a common understanding of diverse bottom up and top down methods and processes and linked ethics (for whom by whom) for measuring collective action and existing practices, as well as collecting ideas on how aggregation can be done in the CBD reporting framework on resource mobilization, and elsewhere. It will look into how methods links to policy frameworks, legitimacy, credibility and usefulness, perspectives on top down and bottom up approaches, such as GIS mapping and Community-Based Monitoring, and combinations thereof. The session will also contribute to a common understanding of terminology and practices related to customary sustainable use and community-based monitoring. The session would strive to identify critical knowledge gaps to enhance the applications.

- 14. Under this agenda item, there will be presentations on bottom-up approaches as well as scaling up and aggregating experiences.
- 15. The ensuing discussions will first be organized in buzz and plenary settings, and participants will later be divided into working groups to develop proposals on possible ways of aggregation of contributions of collective action to biodiversity conservation, and how to make the values visible in a way that is ethically and methodologically feasible.

ITEM 5. INDICATORS AND EQUIVALENTS – HOW CAN COLLECTIVE ACTION BE REPORTED IN THE FINANCIAL REPORTING FRAMEWORK?

Expected outcomes: A common understanding (including convergence and divergence) of how metrics and indicators can be used for including collective action in the reporting framework for national monitoring in general and the reporting framework on financial resources under the Convention on Biological Diversity in particular.

- 16. Under this agenda item, there will be presentations on the financial reporting framework under the Convention on Biological Diversity, indicators for traditional knowledge, innovations and practises and customary sustainable use, and reporting experiences.
- 17. The ensuing discussions will be organized in a working group setting. Participants will explore proposals on possible ways reporting collective action in the financial reporting framework.

ITEM 6. SYNTHESIS AND THE WAY FORWARD

Expected outcomes: Exploring the views of participants on how to proceed with the diverse approaches and/or one methodology specifically for CBD reporting frameworks comprising the different methodologies that could be tested and applied for the reporting framework on financial resources under the Convention on Biological Diversity, and other purposes, and to explore principles and values related to the work with the frameworks methodology.

- 18. Under this agenda item, selected participants will reflect on all the issues covered by the workshop.
- 19. The ensuing discussions will be organized in a working group setting, focused on outstanding issues, conclusions, synthesis and the way forward.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

- 20. Under this agenda item, the co-chairs of the workshop will make closing remarks and provide a synthesis. The representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will brief participants on further work related to collective action of indigenous peoples and local communities. Closing remarks will also be made by the representative of the Government of Guatemala on behalf of the host.
- 21. The workshop will close at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 13 June 2015.