



Convention on Biological Diversity

Distr.
GENERAL

UNEP/CBD/RM/WS/3/1
3 September 2015

ENGLISH ONLY

SUBREGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP
ON FINANCIAL REPORTING AND RESOURCE
MOBILIZATION FOR SOUTH ASIA
New Delhi, 16–18 September 2015

BACKGROUND AND PROGRAMME OF WORK

I. BACKGROUND OF THE WORKSHOP

1. In decision XII/3, on resource mobilization, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted five targets for resource mobilization (paragraph 1) as well as a revised Financial Reporting Framework (paragraphs 14 and 24), and invited parties and other Governments to report thereon, using online reporting systems, where feasible, by 31 December 2015. It also requested the Executive Secretary to organize workshops, in cooperation with relevant organizations and initiatives, with a view to catalysing and supporting the provision of technical guidance and capacity-building on financial reporting, the identification of funding needs, gaps, and priorities, and the development of national resource mobilization strategies, and, in line with the programme of work on incentive measures, on the implementation of the milestones for the full operationalization of Aichi Biodiversity Target 3 (paragraph 32(a)).
2. The subregional capacity-building workshop on financial reporting and resource mobilization for South Asia is part of a series of capacity-building workshops and webinars, organized by the Secretariat of the Convention pursuant to this request of the Conference of the Parties. Hosted by the Government of India, with financial support provided by the European Union and the Government of Japan, the workshop will be held in New Delhi, from 16 to 18 September 2015. The first day of the workshop (16 September) will be held in conjunction with the 10th Sustainability Summit organized by the Center of Excellence for Sustainable Development of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII-ITC); it will consist of a number of biodiversity related events, organized by the Secretariat of the Convention, at the Sustainability Summit (see the draft programme in the annex for details).
3. The objective of the workshop is to enhance the capacity of participants to apply methodologies, frameworks and tools for financial reporting and the development of national finance plans, by sharing and reviewing experiences in applying such methodologies, frameworks and tools; and by providing voluntary guidance thereon, based on the report of the international technical expert workshop on this topic, which was held in Mexico City, from 5 to 7 May 2015.
4. The workshop will be preceded by a webinar providing a succinct introduction to the Financial Reporting Framework, on 9 September at 8 a.m. New Delhi time. The necessary technical information was communicated to the workshop participants.
5. Participants in the workshop comprise two experts officials from each of the countries in the subregion: one expert responsible for the implementation of the Convention, in particular for resource mobilization and/or the development of national resource mobilization strategies for the implementation

of revised national biodiversity strategy and action plans, and one expert from the national statistical department, or similar agency, working on identifying and compiling statistical information on environmental or biodiversity-related expenditures. The following countries were invited to nominate participants: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

6. The Secretariat issued a note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the workshop. The language of the workshop will be English.

7. The venues of the workshop are as follows:

- Day one of the workshop (16 September 2015) will consist of a number of pertinent sessions at the 10th Sustainability Summit, and will take place in

Taj Palace Hotel
Sardar Patel Marg
New Delhi – 110 021

- Days two and three of the workshop (17-18 September 2015) will take place at the

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan
Jorbagh Road
New Delhi - 110 003

8. Sharing national information, in particular practical experiences and good practices, will be a critical contribution towards the success of the workshop. With this in mind, the workshop format features a mix of presentations with question and answer sessions to introduce relevant concepts, tools and mechanisms; discussions to assess the applicability of these concepts, tools and mechanisms in the sub-regional context; and work in break-out groups in order to deepen understanding and further advance the possible application of these concepts, tools, and mechanisms.

9. In preparing for the workshop, participants are encouraged to review their country's fourth national report and the current state of review of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan, and of national resource mobilization plans. In particular, in light of the individual questions in the Financial Reporting Framework, participants may wish to consider the following areas: (a) valuation and inclusion of biodiversity into national priorities or development plans; (b) identifying and assessing biodiversity-related (public and private) domestic expenditures; (c) identifying and assessing funding needs, gaps and priorities; (d) the mobilization of financial resources for biodiversity from various sources, and the development of national finance plans for biodiversity.

10. The registration of participants will commence at the Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi, on Wednesday, 16 September 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

II. DRAFT PROGRAMME

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON VENUES:

Day one of the workshop (16 September) will take place in conjunction with the 10th Sustainability Summit of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), at the Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi.

Days 2 and 3 will take place at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of the Government of India.

The addresses are as follows:

Taj Palace Hotel
Sardar Patel Marg
New Delhi – 110 021

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan
Jorbagh Road
New Delhi - 110 003

Time	Session	Presenter/Facilitator
DAY 1		
I. Opening		
09:30	Registration	
10:00	Welcome and opening	Mr. Ravi Sharma, Principal Officer on Technical Support for Implementation, Convention on Biological Diversity Mr. Hem Pande, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India Representative of the European Union Representative of the Government of Japan
	Self-introductions by participants; Overview of workshop objectives and process	Ravi Sharma, CBD
11:15	Tea/coffee break	
II. Engaging the private sector in resource mobilization		
11:45	The Value & Economic Benefits of Biodiversity Panel discussion Mr. Hem Pande, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India Mr. Ravi Singh, Secretary General & CEO, WWF-India Mr. R Mukundan, Chairman, Indian Business & Biodiversity Initiative (IBBI) and Managing Director, Tata Chemicals Limited N.N. (Hindustan Zinc Ltd.*)	Mr. Ravi Sharma, CBD

Time	Session	Presenter/Facilitator
13:00	Lunch	
15:15	The Role of Private Sector in Achieving National Biodiversity Finance Targets: Identification of Policy Initiatives and Further Requirements Introductory presentations and break-out groups Ms. Divya Narain, Business & Biodiversity Specialist, Environment Management Centre Mr. Prasad Modak, Chief Sustainability Officer, IL&FS Limited Mr. Laxmi Datta Bhatta, Ecosystem Management Specialist, International Centre for Integrated Mountain (ICIMOD) Mr. T Rabikumar, Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority	Mr. Ravi Sharma, CBD Ms. Kristina Neumann, CBD
17:30	Evening break	
DAY 2		
III. CBD financial reporting framework		
09:00	Welcome to MoEFCC	N.N.
09:15	International biodiversity-related flows Presentation Q&A; discussion	Mr. Markus Lehmann, CBD
10:30	Tea/coffee break	
11:00	Assessing biodiversity-related expenditures Introductory presentation: methodologies and guidance from the Mexico workshop; linkages to statistical classifications and related work Q&A; discussion	Mr. Csoban Somodi, CBD
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Assessing biodiversity-related expenditures (cont.) Statistical work at national level: the example of Nepal Assessing biodiversity-related expenditures: the Indian experience Q&A; discussion	Mr. Sushil Sharma, Nepal Mr. A. Damodaran, India
15:00	Tea/coffee break	
15:30	Work in break-out groups: • Making use of statistical frameworks for assessing biodiversity-related expenditures: towards a crosswalk or indicative checklist • Assessing the role of collective action • Mobilizing and assessing private sector contributions	Facilitators to be decided
17:00	Evening break	
18:00	Welcome reception	

Time	Session	Presenter/Facilitator
DAY 3		
09:00	Reporting back from break-out groups; group discussion: Identification of initial results and further discussion needs	Rapporteurs; all
10:30	Tea/coffee break	
11:00	Assessing funding needs: costing the NBSAPs Introductory presentation: methodologies and guidance from the Mexico workshop The BIOFIN methodology Costing the revised NBSAP: Bhutan's approach and experiences Q&A; discussion	Mr. Csoban Somodi, CBD Mr. David Myers, BIOFIN Mr. Karma C. Nyedrup, Bhutan
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Towards national finance plans: Biodiversity finance mechanisms Biodiversity finance mechanisms: the work under the Convention National examples Q&A; discussion	Mr. Markus Lehmann, CBD N.N.
15:00	Tea/coffee break	
15:30	Round table on developing finance plans: next steps, remaining challenges	Mr. Ravi Sharma, CBD; all
16:30	Evaluation and closure	
17:00	End of workshop	Ravi Sharma, CBD