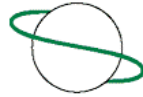




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WORKSHOP ON FINANCING
FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
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Item 2.2 of the provisional agenda*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the Provisional Agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The Workshop on Financing for Biological Diversity is being held in accordance with Decision V/11 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on additional financial resources.
2. In decision V/11 adopted at its fifth session, in May 2000, the Conference of the Parties, *inter alia*, invited:

“the Global Environment Facility to assist the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the relevant international organizations and institutions, to convene a workshop on financing for biodiversity with a view to sharing knowledge and experience among funding institutions, and to explore the potential of the Global Environment Facility to act as a funding catalyst”.
3. The Conference of the Parties further requested the workshop “to provide further advice to the Executive Secretary” on “developing a format for standardized information on financial support from developed country Parties for the objectives of the Convention”.
4. The purpose of the Workshop is to implement these provisions contemplated in decision V/25, paragraphs 2 and 3.
5. Representatives of funding institutions and organizations that are active in financing for biodiversity were invited to participate in the Workshop.
6. A list of the documents for the meeting is attached to the present note.

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7. The Secretariat has distributed an information note containing details of registration and logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

8. The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary or his representative at 10 a.m. on Monday, 16 July 2001. The Chief Executive Officer/Chairman of the Global Environment Facility and the Executive Secretary of the Convention or their representatives will make introductory remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Introduction of Participants

9. Participants will be invited to introduce themselves from the floor.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

10. The Workshop may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda proposed in document CBD-GEF/WG-Financing/1, which has been prepared by the Secretariats of the Convention and the GEF on the basis of the relevant provisions of decision V/11.

2.3. Organization of work

11. The language of the meeting will be English.

12. The Workshop may wish to carry out its work in plenary and establish drafting groups as required.

ITEM 3. SHARING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE AMONG INSTITUTIONS

13. In addressing this substantive item, participants will have a chance to make presentation on their experience in financing biodiversity projects, keeping in mind the special characteristics of biological diversity projects.

14. In assisting the discussion, the Executive Secretary prepared a note entitled "Compilation of information concerning financial resources contained in the first national reports of developed countries Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity" (CBD-GEF/WS-Financing/INF/2).

15. The European region may wish to present their regional perspectives on financing for biological diversity in the light of the developments under the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy.

16. Participants are invited to consider the mechanisms for sharing information and knowledge and make recommendations for consideration of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

17. Documents provided by participants on their biodiversity activities will be issued as information documents for the Workshop.

ITEM 4. THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY AS A FUNDING CATALYST FOR IDENTIFYING AND COORDINATING ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

18. The GEF serves as the financial mechanism of the Convention. In this capacity, it is accountable to the Conference of the Parties for providing new and additional financial resources to enable developing country parties to meet the agreed full incremental costs to them of

implementing measures to fulfill the obligations of the Convention and to benefit from its provisions in accordance with the policy, strategy, programme priorities and eligibility criteria established by the Conference of the Parties.

19. To date, the GEF has committed US\$2.87 billion to 444 projects in 150 countries. Co-financing to these projects equals US\$2.70 billion for total project financing of US \$5.57 billion.

20. A representative of the GEF will brief the meeting on its current portfolio of projects in the biodiversity area and its operational strategy and programs related to the convention and opportunities for co-financing.

21. In his statement to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the GEF noted that the GEF financial resources had served as “seed money” to attract financial support. He also noted that the GEF could do much more, and offered the GEF as a facility which could assist in identifying and coordinating, on behalf of the Convention, additional financial resources from bilaterals, international organizations and the private sector. He remarked that such a role for the GEF would serve to strengthen the relationship between the convention and its financial mechanism.

22. In this regard, the GEF, in collaboration with UNEP, convened a workshop of bilateral and multilateral donors to discuss strategies/benefits/issues and modalities/mechanisms for information sharing and data exchange that could improve access to information on global environment investment and project activities, which are being funded and implemented by different donor organizations. A representative of the GEF will brief the meeting on the outcomes of this workshops (see “Summary Outcome of the GEF/UNEP Information Sharing and Data Exchange Workshop, CBD-GEF/WS-Financing/INF/3).

23. Participants are invited to consider the need and opportunities for data sharing, information/knowledge sharing and financing sharing, and make recommendations on the role of GEF in this respect.

ITEM 5. ADVICE ON DEVELOPING A FORMAT FOR STANDARDIZING INFORMATION ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT

24. In addressing this item, participants may wish to bear in mind that the format for standardized information on financial support will eventually be integrated to the reporting requirements under the Convention on Biological Diversity as already indicated in decision III/6 adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

25. The Workshop should provide guidance on how to define a biodiversity project in the context of development cooperation systems and consider necessary balance between the need for financial information under the Convention process and the burden of generating essential information at operational levels.

26. The Workshop will have before it a note by the Executive Secretary entitled “Format for Reporting Financial Support to Biodiversity” (CBD-GEF/WS-Financing/INF/1).

27. The Workshop is expected to develop such a format for consideration of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS

28. Under this item, participants may wish to raise for discussion other matters related to the subject-matters of the Workshop.

ITEM 7. JOINT SUMMARY OF THE CO-CHAIRS

29. The Group will consider the Joint Summary of the Chairs, on the basis of the draft summary of the meeting to be prepared and presented by the Chairs.

30. The joint summary will be presented by the Executive Secretary of the Convention for the consideration of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

31. The meeting will be closed.

Annex

**DOCUMENTS PREPARED FOR THE WORKSHOP ON FINANCING FOR
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
CBD-GEF/WS-Financing/1	Provisional agenda
CBD-GEF/WS-Financing/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
CBD-GEF/WS-Financing/INF/1	Format for reporting financial support to biodiversity
CBD-GEF/WS-Financing/INF/2	Compilation of information regarding financial resources contained in the first national reports to the Convention on Biological Diversity
CBD-GEF/WS-Financing/INF/3	Summary Outcome of the GEF-UNEP Information Sharing and Data Exchange Workshop

**OTHER DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INFORMATION OF WORKSHOP
PARTICIPANTS**

Brochures from the Convention on Biological Diversity

Operational Report On GEF Programs, December 31, 2000

Report of the GEF to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNEP/CBD/COP/2/8, August 21, 1995

Report of the GEF to the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNEP/CBD/COP/3/5, September 18, 1996

Report of the GEF to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNEP/CBD/COP/4/15, February 24, 1998

Report of the GEF to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNEP/CBD/COP/5/7, December 14, 1999

Life Support, April 2001