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**EXPERT MEETING ON INDICATORS
OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
INCLUDING INDICATORS FOR
RAPID ASSESSMENT OF INLAND
WATER ECOSYSTEMS**

Montreal, Canada, 10 - 12 February 2003

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. In its decision VI/7B the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to convene a meeting of an expert group to further develop the three annexes to document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/12 on:

- (a) Principles for developing national-level monitoring and indicators;
- (b) A set of standard questions for developing national-level indicators; and
- (c) A list of available and potential indicators based on a conceptual framework that has qualitative and quantitative approach.

2. Paragraph 4 of decision VI/7B provides some guidance on the content and structure of the report to be prepared by the Executive Secretary for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

3. The meeting will be opened by the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity or his representative, at 9.30 a.m. on 10 February 2003. This will be followed by a brief self-introduction by participants.

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ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1 Election of the Co-Chairs

4. The meeting will be invited to elect two Co-chairs.

2.2 Adoption of the agenda

5. The Secretariat will introduce the subject of the meeting. The experts will then be invited to adopt their agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda proposed in document UNEP/CBD/EM-Indicators/1/1.

2.3 Organization of work

6. The experts will consider the proposed organization of work as contained in annex I below. The proposal is intended to provide for an opportunity to consider in depth the critical agenda items within the timeframe available.

7. The meeting will take up the main substantive issues requiring detailed consideration as reflected under item 3 of the provisional agenda, and then consider other relevant issues and procedural matters. Working groups may be established as need arises.

8. The proposed organization of work also provides for an opportunity for participants to raise any other relevant issues and suggestions. In light of observations and suggestions made, the meeting may wish to recommend strategic issues for the finalization of a document to be presented to SBSTTA 9.

ITEM 3. ISSUES FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION

9. As stated in the provisional agenda, the main substantive issues to be considered in-depth are the principles for developing national-level monitoring and indicators, the set of standard questions leading to the development of national-level indicators and the list of available and potential indicators based on a conceptual framework that has qualitative and quantitative approach. Under this agenda item, document UNEP/CBD/EM-Indicators/1/2 will be introduced by the Secretariat.

3.1 Further development of the principles for developing national-level monitoring and indicators

10. The set of principles proposed in document UNEP/CBD/EM-Indicators/1/2, which takes into account the list contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/12 prepared for the seventh meeting of SBSTTA, will be reviewed. Participants will be invited to make contributions on the basis of their expertise.

3.2 Further development of the set of standard questions for developing national-level indicators

11. Under this item, experts will exchange ideas and make recommendations on how to complement and/or refine the existing set of standard questions contained in Annex II of document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/12 and reorganised, following the guidance of the COP in paragraph 4(b) of decision VI/7B, in Annex 2 of document UNEP/CBD/EM-Indicators/1/2. The experts may also wish to discuss how to link the set of questions to the list of indicators considered under the next agenda item.

12. Questions relating to indicators for the assessment of inland water biodiversity will be considered in the light of the results of the meeting on methods and guidelines for the assessment of biological diversity of inland water ecosystems held in Montreal from 2 to 4 December 2002. Specific questions will also be formulated to assist Parties in their development and monitoring of national targets in the framework of the Convention Strategic Plan, the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD).

3.3. Further development of the list of available and potential indicators based on a conceptual framework

13. Under this item, the experts are expected to consider and provide advice on suitable indicators for each thematic area relevant to the Convention and organize them by type (driver, pressure, state, impact, response to pressure on biodiversity). The list of indicators should be policy and management relevant and provide a resource that will support users in identifying the most appropriate indicators for their needs, including for the rapid assessment of inland water biodiversity and meeting national targets that are being or will be defined in the framework of the Convention Strategic Plan, the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and WSSD Plan of Implementation. The Meeting will also be requested to consider the conceptual framework in which the indicators are used as well as the integration of qualitative and quantitative information into the larger monitoring programme.

14. The meeting may then wish to test the effectiveness of the principles and questions by considering virtual situations for designing national-level monitoring and indicators.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

15. Under this item, the meeting may wish to consider any other matter of relevance raised by participants.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

16. The experts will be invited to formulate its general conclusions and recommendations on the principles, standard questions and indicators. The report of the meeting will be used by the Executive Secretary to prepare his report in response to paragraph 4 of decision VI/7B and will be submitted to the ninth meeting of SBSTTA as an information document.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

17. It is expected that the meeting will be closed on 12 February 2003, at 5 p.m.

ANNEX I

PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE EXPERT MEETING ON DESIGNING NATIONAL-LEVEL MONITORING PROGRAMMES AND INDICATORS

	<i>Plenary</i>
<p><i>Monday</i> <i>10 February 2003</i> 9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.</p>	<p><i>Agenda items:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting. 2. Organizational matters: Election of Chairperson; Adoption of the agenda; 2.3. Organization of work.
<p>10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Agenda item:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Principles for developing national-level monitoring and indicators
<p>2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Agenda item:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.2 Set of standard questions for developing national-level indicators
<p><i>Tuesday</i> <i>11 February 2003</i> 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Agenda item:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.3 List of available and potential indicators based on a conceptual framework that has qualitative and quantitative approach
<p>2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Agenda item 3.3 cont'd</i></p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> <i>12 February 2003</i> 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Agenda items:</i></p> <p>Finalization of discussion on items 3.1, 3.2. and 3.3.</p>
<p>2 p.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Agenda items:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Other matters 5. Adoption of the report 6. Closure of the meeting

Annex II

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE EXPERT MEETING ON
DESIGNING NATIONAL-LEVEL MONITORING PROGRAMMES AND INDICATORS**

A. Working documents

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/EM-Indicators/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/EM- Indicators/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/EM- Indicators/1/2	Developing indicators for national-level monitoring of biodiversity

B. Additional background documents

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/7 - Identification and Monitoring of Components of Biological Diversity of Inland Water Ecosystems: Consideration of Article 7 and Elaboration of Terms in Annex I of the Convention <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-03/official/sbstta-03-07-en.pdf>

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/9 - Recommendations for a core set of indicators on biological diversity <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-03/official/sbstta-03-09-en.pdf>

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/INF.13 - Recommendations for a Core set of Indicators on Biological Diversity. Background paper prepared by the liaison group on indicators of biological diversity <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-03/information/sbstta-03-inf-13-en.pdf>

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/3/INF.14 – Exploring biodiversity indicators and targets under the Convention on Biological Diversity <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-03/information/sbstta-03-inf-14-en.pdf>

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/12 - Development of Indicators of Biological Diversity <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-05/official/sbstta-05-12-en.pdf>

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/12 - Indicators and environmental impact assessment <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/official/sbstta-07-12-en.pdf>

Decision VI/9 - Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
(<http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.asp?lg=0&dec=VI/9>)

Decision VI/26 - Strategic Plan for the Convention on Biological Diversity
(<http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.asp?lg=0&dec=VI/26>)

An advance unedited text (5 September 2002) of the **Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development** is accessible at
www.johannesburgsummit.org/html/documents/summit_docs/2309_planfinal.doc
