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REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR SOUTH AMERICA ON UPDATING NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLANS

Quito, Ecuador, 13-15 July 2011

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. In decision X/2, the Conference of the Parties (COP) adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and other Governments to develop national and regional targets, using the Strategic Plan as a flexible framework, and to review, update and revise, as appropriate, their national biodiversity strategies and action plans in line with the Strategic Plan as well as the guidance adopted in decision IX/8. The Conference of the Parties also urged Parties and other Governments to use the revised and updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) as effective instruments for the integration of biodiversity targets into national development and poverty reduction policies and strategies, national accounting, economic sectors and spatial planning processes.
2. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties emphasized the need for capacity-building activities and the effective sharing of knowledge to support all countries, especially developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States, and the most environmentally vulnerable countries, as well as countries with economies in transition, and indigenous and local communities, in the implementation of the Strategic Plan.
3. In response, the Executive Secretary is organizing a series of regional or sub-regional workshops on updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) in 2011 and 2012. With financial support from the Government of Japan and in-kind support from the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador, the Executive Secretary is organizing this workshop from 13 to 15 July 2011 in Quito, Ecuador.
4. The workshop is being organized back to back with a workshop on the Amazon Regional Biodiversity Strategy organized by the Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) from 11 to 12 July 2011 in the same venue. The Secretariats of ACTO and the Convention on Biological Diversity, as well as the Ministries of Environment and Foreign Affairs of the Government of Ecuador are collaborating in the organization of the two workshops.
5. The workshop is also being organized in collaboration with the regional offices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

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6. The specific objectives of the workshop are to:

(a) Facilitate national implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including by assisting Parties in developing national biodiversity targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

(b) Assist Parties in reviewing, updating, revising and implementing the national biodiversity strategy and action plan, with consideration given to how it can serve as an effective tool for mainstreaming biodiversity into broader national policies;

(c) Raise awareness to stimulate early actions to implement other Aichi-Nagoya outcomes, in particular, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity;

(d) Support countries in making use of the findings of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-3) and the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) study, and in considering how the findings could be integrated into updated and revised NBSAPs;

(e) Facilitate active learning opportunities and peer-to-peer exchanges for National Focal Points and persons in charge of implementing and revising NBSAPs.

7. The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 provides a common approach relevant to all of the biodiversity-related conventions (CBD, CMS, CITES, Ramsar, WHC, ITPGRFA)¹ as well as major conservation organizations. The workshop will be an opportunity to promote synergies among all of these instruments and reflect commonalities in the national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

8. Expected outcomes of the series of workshops include:

(a) Adoption of national targets in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 by 2012;

(b) A new generation of updated and revised NBSAPs, adopted as policy instruments and fully integrated into national planning processes by 2014;

(c) Early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization and the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;

(d) Effective sharing of knowledge, practices and technologies in support of the implementation of the Convention.

9. The following countries are invited to participate in the Workshop: Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Suriname and Venezuela.

10. Participants in the workshop comprise officials and experts from each of the countries in the region responsible for the development, updating and/or implementation of NBSAPs, and integrating biodiversity into national development strategies and planning processes. As indicated in the notification for this workshop, the nominated participants “should be in a position to translate the capacity gained into concrete actions in support of national implementation”. Other country representatives to the workshop on the Amazon Regional Biodiversity Strategy will also participate.

11. A number of representatives of international, regional and sub-regional organizations, indigenous and local communities and non-governmental organizations, as well as expert resource persons will also participate in the workshop.

¹ The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar), the World Heritage Centre (WHC) and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

12. The Secretariat is issuing an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the workshop. The information note is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSCB-REDFD-LAC-01>. The languages of the workshop will be Spanish and English with simultaneous interpretation.
13. Participants are requested to bring copies of their country's fourth national report and national biodiversity strategy and action plan, both in printed and electronic formats, to the workshop. Participants are also requested to provide the Secretariat at secretariat@cbd.int with any useful documents (e.g., electronic files, web addresses) prepared by their country in relation to the national biodiversity strategy and action plan and its implementation. This might include information on tools and guidelines for NBSAP implementation, reviews or progress reports generated at the national level on the national biodiversity strategy and action plan for the purposes of monitoring and evaluation, communication strategies, case studies illustrating how biodiversity has been integrated into economic sectors and national strategies for sustainable development, poverty eradication and to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). We will be drawing on these national examples and experiences throughout the workshop, and will also incorporate information provided in the Convention's clearing-house mechanism (CHM). More suggestions for preparations for this workshop are contained in annex III.
14. Registration of participants will start at the meeting venue at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 July 2011. Early registration will be arranged for those representatives who are also participating in the workshop on the Amazon Regional Biodiversity Strategy.
15. The Government of Ecuador will host a celebration on Wednesday evening, 11 July to mark the launch of the United Nations Decade for Biodiversity in South America.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

16. A representative of the host Government will open the meeting at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 13 July 2011. A representative from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will also make opening statements.
17. Following self-introductions of participants, the representative from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will give an overview of the objectives and expected outcomes of the workshop.
18. The provisional agenda of the workshop, prepared by the Executive Secretary, is available as document UNEP/CBD/CBW-NBSAP/SA/2/1. An overview of the proposed organization of the workshop is provided in annex I.
19. The emphasis of the workshop will be on exchange and active learning. With this in mind, the workshop format features a mix of presentations with question and answer sessions, discussions in small working groups, and interactive sessions to introduce relevant tools and training modules. In addition, there will be opportunities for one-on-one discussions between participants and members of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and resource persons.
20. A list of documents for the workshop is provided in annex II.

ITEM 2. REVIEW OF FINDINGS OF THE THIRD EDITION OF THE GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY OUTLOOK AND OVERVIEW OF THE AICHI-NAGOYA OUTCOMES

21. The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties adopted a total of 47 decisions. Among them are the three decisions by which the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Strategy for Resource Mobilization were adopted.
22. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce:
 - (a) The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in particular the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

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(b) The Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization;

(c) The main findings from the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook;

(d) The United Nations Decade on Biodiversity.

23. Participants will be invited to share their initial thoughts on plans to implement these important outcomes.

24. Following a question and answer session, participants will discuss early actions needed to follow up on the Aichi-Nagoya outcomes, with particular focus on:

(a) The early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization;

(b) Initiation of the process of updating NBSAPs.

ITEM 3. REVIEW AND UPDATING OF NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS(NBSAPS): LESSONS LEARNED AND NEXT STEPS

25. The Conference of the Parties decided to conduct an in-depth review of the implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan, with focus on “the status of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, their implementation and updating, and the extent to which biodiversity concerns are effectively integrated into relevant sectors and have been effectively mainstreamed in accordance with Article 6(b) of the Convention” (para. 10 (a) (ii), decision VIII/8). The Secretariat organized a series of regional and subregional workshops during 2008 and 2009 to contribute to such a review. The review of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan 2002-2010 was presented to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties which adopted, in its decision IX/8, guidance for the development, updating and implementation of NBSAPs.

26. With the understanding that a review of lessons and experiences learned in the past will inform future actions, the Secretariat will introduce:

(a) Findings from the first round of regional and subregional workshops on NBSAPs and mainstreaming of biodiversity (a total of 12 held from 2008 to 2009);

(b) Guidance for NBSAPs adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting (in decision IX/8);

(c) The series of training modules developed by the Secretariat, focussing initially on Modules 1 and 2.

27. A number of countries will make presentations on their updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including relevant processes, target setting and actions proposed. Other countries will be invited to share their national reviews of the implementation of NBSAPs and their plans for next steps.

28. Participants will be invited to undertake a rapid assessment exercise that would allow them to review previous NBSAP effectiveness and identify good cases as well as opportunities for improvement.

29. The procedures for accessing GEF funds for the updating of NBSAPs will be outlined.

ITEM 4. SETTING NATIONAL TARGETS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS

30. While adopting the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties and other Governments to develop national and regional targets, using the Strategic Plan as a flexible framework. Parties were also requested to report on their national targets adopted in line with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

31. Under this item, the Secretariat will introduce a review of national targets beyond 2010 contained in the fourth national reports and some revised NBSAPs and introduce the relevant training module (Module 4).
32. Countries in the region that have developed national biodiversity targets will be invited to share their experience with other participants.
33. As a learning exercise, participants will work in groups to undertake diagnostic assessments of potential contributions to achieving global strategic goals and targets in the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Following group exercises, participants will be invited to propose examples of potential national targets and present their rationales for such targets.

ITEM 5. INTEGRATING BIODIVERSITY INTO RELEVANT NATIONAL AND LOCAL PLANNING PROCESSES

34. The importance of integrating biodiversity considerations into relevant national and local planning processes is underlined in Article 6(b) of the Convention and has been stressed in many decisions of the Conference of the Parties, including the eighth meeting, when, in considering the implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, Parties and other Governments were urged to promote dialogue among different sectors, to mainstream biodiversity at the regional and national levels including, when appropriate, through the processes of the Convention, to address linkages between the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and, among others, international trade, finance, agriculture, forestry, tourism, mining, energy and fisheries. This was reflected in the guidance for NBSAPs adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting in decision IX/8. At its tenth meeting, in its decision on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the Conference of the Parties called for NBSAPs to be adopted as policy instruments.
35. Under this item, participants will hear a few presentations on processes and tools for mainstreaming biodiversity into relevant national and local planning processes, including strategic environmental assessments, landscape and spatial planning. The Secretariat will also present the modules on the mainstreaming of biodiversity (Module 3) and on the development of subnational biodiversity strategies and action plans.
36. Some countries will be invited to share national experiences and lessons learned in mainstreaming biodiversity into various relevant sectors and cross-sectoral strategies, including strategies for poverty alleviation, achieving the MDGs and sustainable development, as well as into local planning processes.
37. Experts from UNEP, UNDP and IUCN will introduce key findings from the Economics of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity (TEEB)² study as well as the report: "Latin America and the Caribbean: A Biodiversity Superpower"³.
38. In groups, participants will discuss ways and means to mainstream biodiversity into relevant national and local planning processes, including sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies, plans and programmes. Participants from ministries of planning will be invited to share their expertise on integrating biodiversity into national planning processes with other participants.

ITEM 6. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

39. Stakeholder engagement and involvement are crucial to ensure that relevant stakeholders have the ownership of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and voluntarily take actions to achieve goals and targets identified in the NBSAP. To do this, strategic communication of the NBSAP for wider acceptance and ownership by relevant stakeholders is very important for revising and implementing the NBSAP. The Conference of the Parties in its many decisions, particularly decision IX/8, encouraged

² <http://www.teebweb.org/>

³ <http://www.undp.org/latinamerica/biodiversity-superpower/>

Parties and Governments to engage indigenous and local communities, all relevant sectors and stakeholders, including representatives of society and the economy, that have a significant impact on, benefit from, or use biodiversity and its related ecosystem services.

40. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat, together with experts from the IUCN Commission on Education and Communication and other partners, will introduce Modules 5 and 7. Participants will hear presentations on how to engage relevant stakeholders in the process of revising, updating and implementing NBSAPs and communicating them to various stakeholders. Participants will also undertake group exercises on this topic, identifying ways and means to engage and involve relevant stakeholders and communicate the NBSAP by various means, particularly by promoting the International Day for Biological Diversity and the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity.

ITEM 7. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION FOR NBSAP IMPLEMENTATION

41. While reviewing progress towards targets 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan 2002-2010, a majority of Parties identified lack of financial, technical and human resources as the biggest challenge faced in the implementation of the NBSAP and the Convention. According to the guidance on NBSAPs adopted at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Parties should develop a plan to mobilize national, regional and international financial resources in support of priority activities, considering existing and new funding sources, during the process of revising and updating NBSAPs. The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in its decision X/3, adopted the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in support of the achievement of the Convention's three objectives. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties reiterated that national implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization should include, as appropriate, the design and dissemination of a country-specific resource mobilization strategy, with the involvement of key stakeholders, in the framework of updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

42. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat, together with experts from UNDP and other organizations will introduce the strategy for resource mobilization and an outline for country-specific strategies for resource mobilization.

43. Participants will be invited to share thoughts and plans on opportunities for funding from various sources through work in groups and in plenary.

ITEM 8. STRENGTHENING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE REGION

44. Most countries report that they lack sufficient human resource capacity for the implementation of the Convention, and that responsible staff often have only limited access to both required information and the means to analyze it. At the same time, the first round of NBSAP workshops (2008-2009) and the fourth national reports have revealed that there exists, in fact, a wealth of information, expertise and experience among the Parties to the Convention and partner organizations. The challenge is to marshal this knowledge to support implementation of the Convention. This requires enhancing the clearing-house mechanism at global, regional and national levels, enabling it to facilitate scientific and technical cooperation, developing a biodiversity knowledge network and promoting technology transfer and cooperation as envisaged in Article 18 of the Convention.

45. Under this agenda item, relevant institutions, including regional organizations and/or national centres of excellence, will share their experiences in supporting scientific and technical cooperation in the region. Some countries will share their national experiences in this field, particularly on how to use national and regional CHMs for this purpose. Participants will discuss ways and means to promote scientific and technical cooperation at various levels to facilitate the implementation of NBSAPs.

ITEM 9. SYNTHESIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE WORKSHOP

46. Under this agenda item, participants will elaborate on the next steps required to revise the NBSAP, including relevant plans, activities and timetables.
47. Participants will also look at all the points and recommendations that have emerged from various plenary and group discussions and, if applicable, adopt the conclusions of the workshop.
48. Prior to the closure of the workshop, participants will be invited to discuss the results of the workshop in relation to their expectations expressed at the beginning of the workshop. Participants will also be asked to anonymously complete an evaluation form. The feedback provided in these forms is used to improve the planning and organization of subsequent workshops.

ITEM 10. CLOSING OF THE WORKSHOP

49. The workshop is expected to close at approximately 5 p.m. on Friday, 15 July 2011.

*Annex I***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK (PROVISIONAL)**

	Wednesday (13 July)	Thursday (14 July)	Friday (15 July)
8.30 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<p>1: Opening of the workshop Opening statements by Ecuador and CBD Introductions of participants Overview of workshop aims and expectations</p> <p>2: Review of the findings of GBO-3 and overview of the Aichi-Nagoya outcomes Scene-setting presentations General discussion</p>	<p>5: Integrating biodiversity into relevant national and local planning processes (continued) Examples of mainstreaming initiatives: Socio Bosque Programme, Ecuador Integration of biodiversity into local land-use planning, Ecuador Regional biodiversity strategies (Peru or Colombia)</p>	<p>4: Setting national targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets: Group exercises for Goals C and D</p>
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<p>3: Review and updating of NBSAPs – lessons learned and next steps Short presentations by national representatives Group exercises to identify lessons learned from first generation of NBSAPs Introduction to guidance of COP-9 and COP-10 and the NBSAP training modules GEF funding of NBSAP revision process</p>	<p>4: Setting national targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (continued) Group exercises on setting targets for Goal A</p> <p>5: Integrating biodiversity into relevant national and local planning processes (continued) Panel discussion on mainstreaming biodiversity into national planning processes General discussion</p>	<p>7: Resource Mobilization for NBSAP implementation. Introduction Examples from participants Group exercises and general discussion on the identification of opportunities for funding, including innovative funding mechanisms</p>
2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<p>4: Setting national targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets Introduction Presentation by Brazil on experience in setting national biodiversity targets for 2010 and plans for setting new targets. National/regional diagnostic. Assessing potential to contribute to global goals</p>	<p>4: Setting national targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (continued) Group Exercises on setting targets for Goal B General discussion</p>	<p>8: Strengthening scientific and technical cooperation in the region. Introduction Presentations by regional organizations Opportunities for strengthening technical and scientific cooperation in the region</p>
4 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<p>5: Integrating biodiversity into relevant national and local planning processes Economic tools (presentation(s) by UNEP, UNDP and IUCN Group exercises and discussion.</p>	<p>6: Stakeholder engagement and strategic communication Introductory presentation Group exercises on stakeholder engagement and strategic communication</p>	<p>9: Synthesis and conclusions of the Workshop Workshop evaluation 10. Closing of the workshop</p>

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Document Title
UNEP/CBD/CBW-NBSAP/SAI/2/1	Provisional agenda
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CBD Training Modules:

1. An Introduction to National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (revised, 2010)
2. The Biodiversity Planning Process: How to Prepare or Update a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
3. Mainstreaming biodiversity into sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies, plans and programmes (revised, 2010)
4. Setting National Biodiversity Targets in line with the Framework of the Strategic plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including Aichi Biodiversity Targets
5. Ensuring inclusive societal engagement in the development, implementation and updating of NBSAPs.
6. Mobilizing financial resources for the implementation of NBSAPs (under revision).
7. Developing a communication plan for NBSAPs.
8. Biodiversity planning for states, provinces, cities and other local authorities: how to develop a sub-national biodiversity strategy and action plan.

Other Resource Materials:

Brochure: "Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Targets"

Brochure: "Action for Biodiversity: Towards a society in harmony with nature"

Brochure: "Mainstreaming Biodiversity: Workshops on national biodiversity strategies and action plans"

Other Information and background documents (Previously available)

UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/3/INF/7	National Biodiversity Targets for 2010 and beyond 2010
UNEP/CBD/COP/9/14/Rev.1	Implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan

Decision IX/8	Review of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan
Decision X/2	The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
Decision X/3	The Strategy for Resource Mobilization in support of the achievement of the Convention's three objectives

Annex III

PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORKSHOP ON UPDATING NBSAPS

In preparation for the workshop, participants are requested:

1. To bring:
 - (a) Copies of their country's NBSAP, both printed and electronic;
 - (b) Copies of their fourth National Report;
 - (c) Any other relevant material such as national tools and guidelines for NBSAP implementation, reviews or progress reports on implementation;
 - (d) Copies of their national development plan, poverty reduction strategies or other relevant national planning documents.
2. To familiarize themselves with their country's Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP), National Development Plans, National Plan to Achieve the MDGs, NBSAP and fourth national report.
3. To familiarize themselves with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the steps that Parties are expected to carry out according to decision X/2 of the Conference of the Parties (see www.cbd.int/sp);
4. To prepare the elements of a roadmap for the revision of their NBSAP, which shows the process by which NBSAPs will be revised and updated, and an outline of the main contents and efforts to develop national targets in line with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and to mainstream biodiversity into main economic sectors, national development planning processes and poverty reduction strategies. In this context, participants may wish to consult the training modules for the revision of NBSAPs available at <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/training/>, especially Modules B-1 to B-4. In this respect, country participants are requested to complete a questionnaire that is being sent separately to participants and to return it to the Secretariat before the workshop.
5. All countries are encouraged to share their national experiences and lessons on various topics to be discussed during the workshop including valuation and incentive measures. Countries are encouraged to indicate to the Secretariat, in advance, if they are interested in presenting national experiences and lessons. In preparing presentations, participants are encouraged to (a) keep length within 5 to 10 minutes; (b) focus on related topics or issues (please avoid a general introduction on biodiversity in their country or a detailed introduction of relevant policy documents), and (c) present the most up-to-date information/developments in their country.
