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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties recommended that regional and/or sub-regional workshops be convened to discuss national experiences in implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors, including consideration of obstacles and ways and means for overcoming the obstacles (Decisions VIII/8 (6) and IX/8 (17)). The Conference of the Parties also called for a capacity development workshop for small island developing States on the integration of climate change within national biodiversity strategies and actions plans and implementation of the Convention (Decision IX/16), as well as workshops in support of capacity-development for Communication, Education and Public Awareness (Decisions VIII/6 and IX/32).
2. In response, the Executive Secretary is organizing a series of regional and sub-regional capacity development workshops on these issues.
3. The workshops for the Caribbean region, organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in partnership with the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and with the support of the University of the West Indies, the Cropper Foundation, and the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI), will be held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, from 3-7 November 2008.
4. The purpose of the Regional Capacity Development Workshop for the Caribbean on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, Mainstreaming of Biodiversity, and Integration of Climate Change is to strengthen national capacities for:

(a) the development, implementation, review and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), and for integration of biodiversity considerations into relevant national policies, strategies and planning processes, in line with COP decisions VIII/8 and IX/8; and

(b) the integration of climate change impacts and the impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation activities on biodiversity within NBSAPs and implementation of the Convention in line with decision IX/16.

5. The workshop will be held in parallel with a Capacity Development Workshop on Communication, Education and Public Awareness and Media Relations, 3 – 6 November, 2008. Some agenda items will be shared between the two workshops. The CEPA workshop has four objectives.

(a) Evaluate the capacity for activities related to communication, education and public awareness (CEPA) through an exchange of best practices and a series of evaluation exercises..

(b) Coordinate CEPA activities with NBSAPs planning and use the former as a tool for mainstreaming.

(c) Establish the foundation for national strategies for celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) in 2010.

(d) Learn ways to enhance relationships with the media

6. Participants in the NBSAP/Climate Change workshop comprise officials from each of the countries in the region responsible for the development and/or implementation of NBSAPs, as nominated by the CBD national focal points as well as resource persons selected for their expertise and experience in supporting the development and implementation of NBSAPs, for integrating biodiversity into national development strategies and planning processes, or for building links between climate change and biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. As indicated in the notification for this workshop, the nominated participants “should be in a position to prepare and present a report on progress made in the development, implementation, reviewing and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, as well as the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors (for example, by using the voluntary guidelines annexed to Decision VIII/8). Moreover, following the workshop, the representative should be in a position to translate the capacity gained into concrete actions in support of national implementation.”

7. Participants are requested to bring with them two copies of their country’s NBSAP, both in printed and electronic versions. Secondly, participants are requested to provide the Secretariat (as electronic files, web addresses, or by mail to secretariat@cbd.int) any useful documents prepared by their country in relation to the NBSAP 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 NBSAP for purposes of monitoring and evaluation, communication strategies, and case studies illustrating how biodiversity has been integrated into economic sectors and national strategies for sustainable development, poverty eradication and to achieve the MDGs, as well as strategies to respond to climate change. We will be drawing on these national examples and experiences throughout the workshop, and will also incorporate information provided into the Clearing-House Mechanism.

8. Participants in the CEPA and media workshop comprise officials from each of the countries in the region responsible for communication and outreach activities, as nominated by the CBD national focal points, as well as selected representatives of the media from the region. The workshop will also include resource persons with experience in CEPA, strategic communication and media relations. As indicated in the notification, nominated government representatives should be in a position to prepare and develop the basis for a national CEPA strategy and the IYB strategy for the country. Moreover, following the workshop, the representative should be in a position to implement CEPA strategies, in support of national implementation and in line with the short list of priority activities for the Programme of work for CEPA, as outlined in the “Agenda for Action”.

9. Government participants in the CEPA and media workshop are requested to be prepared to discuss the communications component of their country’s NBSAP, including any relevant communication strategies. These same participants are also requested to bring along any documents on national CEPA

strategies and CEPA capacities, including campaigns, programmes and projects. Representatives of the media are requested to bring along examples of their published work that covers biodiversity issues, as well as recommendations of best practices for working with media.

10. The CEPA and media workshop sessions will be jointly held for agenda items 1 through 4. Parallel sessions will be held for all others (see paragraphs 34-37 and Annex 1).

11. 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 www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=NBSAPCBW-CAR-01. The workshop will be held in English.

12. Registration of participants will take place on Monday morning, 3 November 2008, from 08:00 to 09:00.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

13. The workshop will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on 3 November 2008. A representative of the host Government will address the participants. Representatives of the CARICOM Secretariat, of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and of the host institutions will also welcome the participants and make opening statements.

ITEM 2. OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMME FOR THE WORKSHOP

14. The emphasis of the workshop will be on the exchange of national experiences 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, interactive sessions to introduce relevant tools, and a field study visit. The programme will be carried out in a flexible manner to best meet the needs of the participants and is therefore subject to change. To facilitate work in small groups, participants will be seated around small tables (each sitting 5 – 7 participants). The workshop will be facilitated by a professional facilitator from the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI), working closely with the CBD Secretariat, staff of the Cropper Foundation and other local staff.

15. Under this agenda item, participants will be invited to introduce themselves and present their expectations for the workshop.

16. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will present an overview of the objectives, the programme and the expected outcomes of the workshop, and provide background information on the implementation of the Convention, the 2010 biodiversity target and decisions of the Conference of the Parties concerning NBSAPs, mainstreaming and the integration of climate change. The provisional agenda of the workshop prepared by the Executive Secretary is available in document UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-CAR/1/1. The proposed programme is provided in Annex I below. A list of documents for the workshop is attached as Annex II.

17. By the end of this session of the workshop, participants are expected:

- (a) to have an understanding of the status of implementation of the Convention globally, of the challenges to achieve the 2010 biodiversity target, and of the need to mainstream biodiversity across sectors;
- (b) to be familiar with the updated guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties concerning the development, implementation and updating of NBSAPs, and the integration of climate change in NBSAPs;
- (c) to have a common understanding of the purpose of the workshop.

ITEM 3. STATUS OF THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND UPDATING OF NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS, THE MAINSTREAMING

OF BIODIVERSITY AND THE INTEGRATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN NBSAPS IN THE REGION

18. The Convention on Biological Diversity (Article 6) requires each Party to develop or adapt national strategies, plans or programmes for the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and to integrate, as far as possible and as appropriate, the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity into relevant sectoral or cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies. An overview of the status of NBSAPs globally, and in the region, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-CAR/1/2. The Conference of the Parties has recently adopted consolidated guidance for the development, updating and implementation of NBSAPs (Decision IX/8; see document UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-CAR/1/3). In addition, many Parties have developed useful tools and methodologies for developing and implementing NBSAPs.

19. Under this agenda item, participants from each Party represented will present a brief overview of the main features of the NBSAP in their country, its implementation, biodiversity mainstreaming, and the integration of climate change issues in NBSAPs.¹ Each presentation should be brief (no more than 10 minutes in length) and focussed on the following issues:

(a) The main features of the NBSAP (or equivalent), highlighting elements that make it strategic. There is no need to provide general background information about the country and its biodiversity;

(b) The main improvements and changes made if the NBSAP has been revised or updated;

(c) The status of implementation of the NBSAP. Participants are asked to review progress made in implementation, based on the framework provided by their own NBSAP. Progress should be considered in terms of concrete outcomes. Obstacles may also be identified. Given the short time available for the presentation, participants may wish to choose some examples to illustrate implementation. These might include case studies of activities that contribute to the achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target²;

(d) How biodiversity considerations have been taken into account within other national policies, programmes and planning processes, including:

- (i) Other economic sectors such as agriculture, forestry, fisheries, tourism, mining & oil exploration, trade and industry;
- (ii) National Strategies for Sustainable Development, poverty reduction strategy papers and strategies to achieve the Millennium Development Goals;
- (iii) Planning process at national, provincial and local levels.

The presentation should highlight the role of the NBSAP in such biodiversity mainstreaming as well as the use of other tools such as strategic environmental assessment, integrated planning processes, etc.

(e) Whether and how consideration of the impacts of climate change and climate change mitigation and adaptation activities on biodiversity have been incorporated into NBSAPs and their implementation;

¹ Participants are encouraged to use the COP guidance available at <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/guidance.shtml>, particularly the "Proposed Voluntary Guidelines to Parties for Review of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans", contained in Decision VIII/8 at <http://www.cbd.int/convention/decisions.shtml?m=COP-08&id=11020&lg=0>, as tools in preparing for the workshop.

² Such cases of progress towards the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target should demonstrate significant reductions in the loss of biodiversity (or a specific component) within a defined scale. The case will be most useful if it contains lessons that are more widely applicable. The following information should be provided: (i) Full description of the reduction in biodiversity loss; (ii) Measures taken to achieve the change; (iii) Relevant external factors that may have influenced the rate of biodiversity loss or likely to do so in the future; (iv) Measures in place or planned to ensure that the reduction is sustained; and (v) Conclusions and lessons learned. Besides being included in the presentations, such case studies might be prepared as part of NBSAP posters, or separately, or incorporated into their fourth national reports.

(e) The use of communication, education and public awareness activities in NBSAP implementation and the further needs and challenges in this regard.

20. Participants will then discuss the national experiences presented, and, working in plenary and in small groups, will exchange lessons learned in the development and implementation of NBSAPs, biodiversity mainstreaming and integration of climate change, focusing on:

- (a) Case studies of good practice, including examples of progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target;
 - (b) Elements of NBSAPs that makes them strategically successful (referring to the *strategy*);
 - (c) Examples of where the NBSAP has made a difference (referring to the implementation of the *action plan*);
 - (d) Tools and methodologies for NBSAPs developed by the various countries;
 - (e) Obstacles encountered in the implementation of NBSAPs, and means to address them;
 - (f) Reviews undertaken of the implementation of NBSAPs and assessment of the effectiveness of the strategy;
21. By the end of this session of the workshop, participants are expected;
- To have evaluated the progress made in their countries and in the region;
 - To have identified cases of good practice, tools and guidance;
 - To have identified some mechanisms to overcome or mitigate obstacles; and
 - To be inspired and enabled to apply lessons learned from experience in the region.

ITEM 4. TOOLS FOR ENHANCING NBSAP IMPLEMENTATION AND INTEGRATING BIODIVERSITY INTO SECTORAL AND CROSS-SECTORAL PLANS, PROGRAMMES AND POLICIES AND LOCAL PLANNING PROCESSES

22. The importance of integrating biodiversity considerations into relevant sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies, plans and programmes is underlined in Article 6(b) of the Convention and has been stressed in many decisions of the Conference of the Parties. This includes COP-8 which, in considering the implications of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, urged Parties and other Governments 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.

23. Under this item, workshop participants, building upon the experience presented under agenda item 3, will further explore the opportunities and challenges of mainstreaming, and the role of communication, through a group exercise.

24. Participants will also hear a number of presentations on mainstreaming biodiversity into relevant sectoral strategies, plans and programmes, and on the use of some tools and methodologies for this purpose. These will include:

- (a) Examples of the integration of biodiversity into various sectors such as fisheries;
- (b) The role of relevant regional and international programmes;
- (c) The use of the ecosystem approach and examples of integrated ecosystem assessment.

25. A field study visit will be arranged by the host institutions and local partners during the third day of the workshop to illustrate some of the challenges and opportunities for mainstreaming biodiversity. Participants will travel across the island of Trinidad, via the southern flanks of the Northern Ranges). At

the primary destination – the Nariva Swamp area³ – participants will examine the challenges of managing this area of high biodiversity importance through discussions and group exercises with members of the local communities in the villages of Plum Mitan and Kernaham and discussions with local officials responsible for forestry, fisheries and wildlife management.

26. Through this session, it is expected that participants will:

- Have identified some cases of the integration of biodiversity into broader national policies and planning processes, for example fisheries, tourism and land planning;
- Have an improved understanding of the ecosystem approach and tools for its application, including the framework of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment linking biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well-being;
- Be trained in the application of some tools and methodologies that can be employed in order to better integrate biodiversity into broader national policies, programmes and planning processes and to use NBSAPs as strategic tools for this purpose (including strategic environmental assessment);
- Aware of some approaches and methodologies for the strategic communication of NBSAPs.

ITEM 5. INTEGRATING CLIMATE CHANGE INTO NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

27. The impacts of climate change on biodiversity and ecosystems have already observed in the Caribbean and these impacts are projected to increase. In addition, climate change response measures – both “mitigation” measures to reduce greenhouse gas emission and “adaptation” measures to respond to the impacts of climate change may have positive or negative impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems. In light of this, the Conference of the Parties has called for the integration of climate change impacts and the impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation activities on biodiversity within NBSAPs and their implementation (decision IX/16).

28. Under this agenda item, participants will hear introductory presentations providing:

- (a) an overview of CBD decisions related to climate change and biodiversity;
- (b) an overview of the observed and projected impacts of climate change on biodiversity and biodiversity-based livelihoods in the region;
- (c) a description of on-going programmes and projects in the Caribbean towards (i) assessing impacts and vulnerability and (ii) adapting to climate change;
- (d) an overview of tools and methodologies that can be applied to assess vulnerability and monitor impacts (including the impacts of climate change response activities).

The introductory sessions will be followed by in-depth discussion and group exercises on the above topics.

29. Through this session of the workshop, participants should be:

- aware of ongoing regional processes for climate change adaptation and the assessment of impacts and vulnerability;
- trained in the application of some tools and methodologies that can be employed in order to better integrate climate change within NBSAP planning and implementation;
- able to identify and propose solutions to challenges and gaps.

³ For the field study visit to the Nariva Swamp, participants are advised to wear sturdy, comfortable walking shoes, ankle-length pants and long-sleeved shirts. Participants should also secure insect repellent for the field trip. There is always the possibility of rain in the month of November, and participants are welcome to walk with their umbrellas or other rain gear. All costs associated with the field trip will be covered by the organisers, and lunch will be provided.

ITEM 6. PREPARATION OF THE FOURTH NATIONAL REPORTS

30. All Parties to the Convention are required to prepare their fourth national reports by 30 March 2009. The information in fourth national reports will provide critical information for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target and provide important inputs to the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

31. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce the guidelines for the fourth national report, which focus on implementation of NBSAPs and progress towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target. The Secretariat will also introduce a reference manual developed to assist with the preparation of the fourth national report. Support from GEF for the fourth national reports will be outlined. Countries that have begun the process of developing their fourth national reports will be invited to share their progress with other countries.

32. Participants will also hear presentations on the role of the Clearing-House Mechanism in supporting the exchange of information within and between countries.

Finally, the posters linking NBSAP implementation to the 2010 Biodiversity Target will be presented⁴.

33. Through this session, participants are expected to:

- (a) understand the needs for the fourth national report, as agreed by the Conference of the Parties, and the assistance available to countries to facilitate preparation of the report;
- (b) understand the relationship between the preparation of the fourth national reports and the revision and updating of the NBSAPs and how these processes can be linked efficiently and effectively;
- (c) understand the role of the Clearing-House Mechanism.

PARALLEL SESSIONS ON COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS AND MEDIA RELATIONS.

34. Clearly communicating the importance of NBSAPs and enhancing public awareness of these strategies and action plans are very important for mobilizing public support for and public participation in their development, implementation and updating as well as mainstreaming biodiversity into relevant sectors. Accomplishing this requires certain capacities, and the assertion of a clear communication strategy. It is in this regard that the tools of communication, education and public awareness (CEPA) are central to implementation of the Convention. Participants to the CEPA and media workshop sessions will participate in joint and parallel sessions with the NBSAP workshop. The programme for these is found below in Annex I.

35. In the joint sessions with the NBSAP workshop (agenda items 1 through 4), participants to the CEPA workshop will be asked to identify the communication challenges involved in the mainstreaming, and will participate in an exercise to identify strategic communication tools that can be mobilized in support of NBSAPs and implementation will be undertaken. Participants will join in the field trip under agenda item 4, and identify the communication opportunities offered by the projects as well as ways that they can be presented to the media.

36. In the separate sessions on CEPA and media relations, the following activities will be held:

- (a) Group discussions on the needs for environmental reporting, including an exercise on framing an environmental story, drawn from national experiences.

⁴ An online poster generation tool has been developed by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) that enables users to easily create posters from their own computer. These posters will offer a further opportunity to share national experiences in implementing the Convention through NBSAPs at the workshop. The guidelines for developing posters using the online tool are available at <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/wgri-02/poster-guidelines.shtml>. (The tool itself is available at <http://nbsaps.onlinegeneration.com>). Posters presented at the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (Paris, July 2007) and at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Bonn, May 2008) can be viewed at <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/wgri-02/poster-session.shtml>.

(b) An exercise to identify CEPA capacity for each of the countries, including the identification of gaps, and begin a strategy to overcome these, including identifying partners and the role of the Clearing House Mechanism.

(c) A presentation on the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) and an exercise for the creation of national strategies, drawing on the experiences and strategies identified in the earlier sessions.

(d) A presentation on some of the considerations for mainstreaming biodiversity into formal education programmes, and a group exercise on approaching educational ministries in the region.

37. By the end of the workshop, participants:

- Will have shared stories of the role and contribution of CEPA in NBSAPs and other aspects of implementation of the CBD and will have drawn lessons from this for the use of CEPA in strategic communication;
- Have identified/ are aware of good practices in the region;
- Have identified gaps in capacity and start plans to overcome these;
- trained in the application of CEPA tools and methodologies that can be employed
- Will know the IYB global strategy and will have begun to identify ways that their national strategy can be created.
- Will have an understanding of the information needs of media and will be better able to present story ideas to the press.

ITEM 7. THE WAY FORWARD: NEXT STEPS IN IMPLEMENTING AND UPDATING NBSAPS AND IN MAINSTREAMING OF BIODIVERSITY

38. The next two years – 2009 and 2010 – will be particularly significant for the Convention on Biological Diversity. COP-10 will review progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target and agree an updated and revised Strategic Plan with an updated post-2010 target. The Conference of the Parties has indicated that all Parties should have NBSAPs in place by then, updated if necessary. The year 2010 is also the International Year of Biodiversity, providing opportunities to promote public awareness about biodiversity and the Convention. As noted above, the deadline for the preparation of fourth national reports is 30 March 2009.

39. Under this agenda item, the CBD Secretariat will present a brief overview of these upcoming events. Building upon work in earlier sessions, workshop participants will then examine ways forward and key next steps for implementing and updating NBSAPs, including the integration of climate change, and mainstreaming biodiversity in national strategies and planning processes. A panel will be selected to lead discussions in plenary.

ITEM 8. CONSIDERATION OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE WORKSHOP

40. The Workshop will consider the conclusions of the workshop that will be incorporated into the final report.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

41. Prior to the closure of the workshop, participants will be invited to discuss the results of the workshop in comparison 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 CBD workshops.

42. Following brief closing statements by the organizing partners, the workshop is expected to end at approximately 14:00 on Friday, 7 November 2008.

*Annex I***PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

*Note: Sessions marked with an asterisk will be held jointly with the CEPA Workshop

MONDAY, 3 NOVEMBER	
0900 – 0945*	<p>Item 1: Opening of the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks on behalf of host organizations (Winston Rudder, Cropper Foundation) • Opening remarks on behalf of the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) (Donna McRae-Smith) • Opening remarks on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (David Cooper) • Opening address by the Minister of Planning, Housing and the Environment, Government of Trinidad and Tobago (Senator Hon. Dr. Emily Gaynor Dick-Forde)
0945 – 1030*	<i>Coffee and Group Photo</i>
1030 – 1130*	<p>Item 2: Overview of the objectives and programme for the workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and expectations of the participants (Nicole Leotaud, CANARI) • Introduction to the Workshops (David Cooper and David Ainsworth) <p>Plenary Discussion</p>
1130 – 1230*	<p>Item 3: Status of the development, implementation and updating of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, the mainstreaming of biodiversity and the integration of climate change in NBSAPs in the region</p> <p>Country presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suriname (Ms. Ninotchka Tjin Kong Poek) • Guyana (Ms. Dominique Saheed) • Trinidad and Tobago (Ms Robyn Cross) <p>Discussion and Group Exercises: Identification of good practices and obstacles to implementation</p>
1230 – 1330*	<i>Lunch</i>
1330 – 1515*	<p>Country presentations (continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grenada • St Vincent and the Grenadines (Anthony Simon) • St Lucia (Ms. Anita James) • Barbados <p>Discussion and Group Exercises: Identification of good practices and obstacles to implementation</p>
1515 – 1545*	<i>Tea</i>
1545 – 1730*	<p>Country presentations (continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominica (Bradley Guy) • St. Kitts and Nevis (Ashton Stanley) • Antigua and Barbuda (Orvin Paige) • Bahamas (Ms. Stacy Lubin-Gray) <p>Discussion and Group Exercises: Identification of good practices and obstacles to implementation</p>
1830 – 1930*	<i>Reception (courtesy of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago)</i>

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER		
0830 – 0845*	“Catch of the day”: Recap of the first day	
0845 – 1030*	Country presentations (continued): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jamaica (Ms. Andrea Donaldson) • Haiti (Mr. Joseph Ronald Toussaint) • Belize (Mr. Saul Cruz) • Cuba (Ms. Dalia Salabarría Fernández) Discussion and Group Exercises: Identification of good practices and obstacles to implementation	
1030 – 1100*	Coffee	
1100 – 1230*	Item 4: Tools for enhancing NBSAP implementation and integrating biodiversity into sectoral and cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies and local planning processes Brief Introductory presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstreaming – the challenge (Nicole Leotaud and David Cooper) • Strategic communication for NBSAPs (Frits Hesselink, CEC, & David Ainsworth) Exercise: Mainstreaming & communication challenges	
1230 – 1330*	Lunch	
1330 – 1515	Item 4, continued: The Ecosystem Approach and Ecosystem Assessment; and Regional and Sectoral Perspectives on mainstreaming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the ecosystem approach (David Cooper) • Ecosystem Assessment: The Caribbean Sea Assessment (CARSEA) and the Trinidad Northern Ranges Assessment (John Agard & Keisha Garcia) • Biodiversity, marine resources and climate change (Donna McRae-Smith, CARICOM) 	<u>Parallel Workshop on Communication, Education and Public Awareness</u> Reporting on Biodiversity: Considerations for improved media relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on framing environmental stories (representative of Panos Caribbean) Group discussion on environmental reporting.
1515 – 1545*	Tea	
1545 – 1645	Item 4, continued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisheries (Bisessar Chakalall, FAO) • Payment for Ecosystem Services (Richard Huber, OES) • Tools and methods for mainstreaming (Sarah McIntosh, CANARI) Discussion and Group Exercises	Reporting on Biodiversity: considerations for improved media relations (Continued) Group exercise on framing of environmental stories
1645 – 1730*	Introduction to field study visit (John Agard and Mary Schorse)	
1830 – 1930*	Presentation and Performance by an applied drama group (Arts in Action)	

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER	
0700*	Depart for Field Study Visit
All day*	<p>Field Study Visit (led by Mary Schorse)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel via southern flank of Northern Ranges • Visit to Plum Mitan & Kernaham, communities of Nariva Swamp; Group exercises; Lunch • Visit to Manatee Conservation Trust; Presentations on challenges of managing forestry, fisheries and wildlife in the area. • Return to Port of Spain

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER		
0830 – 0900	"Catch of the day": Recap of the second and third days	
0900 – 1030	<p><i>Item 5: Integrating Climate Change into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans</i></p> <p>Introductory presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction (Annie Cung) • Climate change and biodiversity in the Caribbean: the knowns and unknowns (Sarah McIntosh) • Adaptive Management (Winston Bennett) 	<p><u>Parallel Workshop on Communication, Education and Public Awareness</u></p> <p><i>Communicating Biodiversity:</i> Discussions from field visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Discussion on lessons learned from field visit. <p><i>Capacity for CEPA:</i> Evaluating capacity and overcoming gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -Group exercise to make a capacity assessment for CEPA
1030 – 1100	Coffee	
1100 – 1230	<p>Integrating Climate Change into NBSAPs – In-depth discussion and group exercise:</p> <p>Assessing vulnerability of biodiversity, ecosystem services and related livelihoods to climate change and response options (led by Sarah McIntosh, Winston Bennett & Donna McRae-Smith)</p>	<p><i>Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Education:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on issues in Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Education (David Ainsworth/Frits Hesselink) • Group exercise on strategies to engage educational ministries
1230 – 1330	Lunch	
1330 – 1500	<p>Integrating Climate Change into NBSAPs – In-depth discussion and group exercise:</p> <p>Adaptive Management (led by Sarah McIntosh , Winston Bennett & Donna McRae-Smith)</p>	<p><i>Building national strategies for the International Year for Biodiversity (IYB):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on the IYB (David Ainsworth) • Group exercise on building national strategies
1500 – 1530	Tea	
1530 – 1730	<p>General discussion on updating and improving NBSAPs and integrating climate change; preparation of main conclusions of the workshop (led by Nicole Leotaud, Keisha Garcia & David Cooper)</p>	<p><i>Wrap-up discussion & conclusions</i> (to 1630)</p>

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER	
0830 – 0845	“Catch of the day”: Recap of the fourth day
0845 – 1030	<p>Item 6: Preparation of the Fourth National Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory Presentation (David Cooper) • Preparation of the Fourth National Reports (Ms. Dalia Salabarría Fernández and Ms. Andrea Donaldson) • The Clearing-House Mechanism (to be identified) • Preparation of NBSAP Posters (David Cooper) <p>Discussion.</p>
1030 – 1100	Coffee & snacks
1100 – 1400	<p>Item 7: The way forward: discussion on next steps in implementing and updating NBSAPs, mainstreaming of biodiversity and integration of climate change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The road to COP-10 and the International Year of Biodiversity (David Cooper) • Panel Discussion and consideration of open questions concerning the implementation and updating of NBSAPs (led by Keisha Garcia and Nicole Leotaud)
	<p>Item 8: Consideration of the Conclusions of the Workshop</p> <p>Evaluation of the Workshop</p>
	Item 9: Closing of the Workshop
1400 - 1500	Lunch

*Annex II***LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

Document Number	Document Title
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-CAR/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-CAR/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-CAR/1/2	Status and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-CAR/1/3	Updating NBSAPs, mainstreaming biodiversity, communication and reporting
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-CAR/1/4	Compilation of Case-Studies on the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity and Integration of Climate Change in the Caribbean Region
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-CAR/1/5	Fact Sheet on Climate Change and Biodiversity in the Caribbean Region
Information and background documents (Previously available)	
Decision IX/8	Review of Implementation of Goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan

Background materials:

Global Biodiversity Outlook-2

Caribbean Ecosystem Assessment, Executive Summary

Ecosystem Assessment, a guide for decision makers

CEPA background materials

The Agenda for Action - Short list of Priority Activities for the Programme of Work for CEPA (available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/cop/cop-09/information/cop-09-inf-03-en.doc>)

Draft report of the workshop on Biodiversity and Education (available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/cop/cop-09/information/cop-09-inf-23-en.doc>)

International Year of Biodiversity - Action Plan

CEPA Toolkit (available at: <http://www.cbd.int/cepa/toolkit/2008/cepa/index.htm>)

CBD Training modules (English Only): available at: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/training/>

A-1. Guide to the Convention on Biological Diversity

A-2. Role of the CBD National Focal Point

A-3. An Introduction to National Reporting

B-1. An Introduction to National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

B-2. How to prepare and update a National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan

B-3. Mainstreaming biodiversity into sectoral and cross-sectoral strategies, plans and programmes

B-4. Setting national biodiversity targets, making use of the CBD framework for the 2010 biodiversity target

B-5. Ensuring stakeholder engagement in the development, implementation and updating of NBSAPs

B-6. Getting political support for the NBSAP and financing its implementation

B-7. Communication Strategy for NBSAPs

Other Resources:

Guidelines for the fourth national reports

Draft reference manual for preparing the fourth national reports

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