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CAPACITY-DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR THE
PACIFIC REGION ON NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY
STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS,
MAINSTREAMING OF BIODIVERSITY AND THE
INTEGRATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Nadi, Fiji, 2-6 February 2009

REVISED ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity has recommended that regional and/or subregional 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, paragraph 6, and IX/8 paragraph 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 the implementation of the Convention (decision IX/16).

2. In response, the Executive Secretary is organizing a series of regional and subregional capacity-development workshops on these issues.

3. The workshop for the Pacific region is being organized jointly by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), in partnership with the Secretariat of the South Pacific Community (SPC), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Fiji Ministry of Tourism and Environment, and with the financial support of the Governments of Spain and Norway. The workshop will be held in Nadi, Fiji, from 2 to 6 February 2009.

4. The purpose of the workshop is to strengthen national capacities for:

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

(b) The integration of climate change impacts and the impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation activities on biodiversity, within national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and their implementation, in line with decision IX/16.

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5. The workshop will be held back-to-back with a capacity-development workshop for the Pacific region on the Convention's programme of work on protected areas to be held at the same venue from 9 to 12 February 2009.

6. The following countries are invited to participate in the workshop: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

7. Participants in the workshop comprise officials from each of the countries in the region responsible for the development and/or implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, 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 national biodiversity strategies and action plans, 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."

8. Participants are requested to bring two copies of their country's national biodiversity strategy and action plan, both in printed and electronic versions, to the workshop. 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 national biodiversity strategy and action plan and its implementation. This might include information on tools and guidelines for the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, 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, and 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, 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.

9. A Preliminary Meeting for the Workshop was held on 19 October 2007 in Alotau, Papua New Guinea, on the margins of the 8th Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas. From reviewing the draft minutes and drawing out the key themes, recurring issues and priority concerns from the NBSAP coordinators, the key theme for focus at the follow-up workshop appeared to be "mainstreaming biodiversity: from national biodiversity strategies and action plans to actual government policy and implementation within the development strategies". The report of the preparatory meeting is available as UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-PAC/1/INF/1.

10. The Secretariat is issuing an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters. The information note is available at www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=NBSAPCBW-PAC-01. The workshop will be held in English.

11. Registration of participants will take place on Monday, 2 February 2009, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

12. Additional information about the workshop will be posted at: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops/pacific.shtml>.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

13. The workshop will be opened at 9 a.m. on 2 February 2009. A representative of the host Government will address the participants. Representatives of SPREP, of the SPC 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 to 7 participants). The workshop will be facilitated by a professional facilitator.

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 national biodiversity strategies and action plans, 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-PAC/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 national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and the integration of climate change in national biodiversity strategies and action plans;
- (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 NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS IN THE REGION

18. Article 6 of the Convention on Biological Diversity 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 national biodiversity strategies and action plans globally, and in the region, is provided in document UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-PAC/1/2. The Conference of the Parties has recently adopted consolidated guidance for the development, updating and implementation of national biodiversity

strategies and action plans (decision IX/8; see document UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-PAC/1/3). In addition, many Parties have developed useful tools and methodologies for developing and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

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 national biodiversity strategies and action plans. ^{1/} Each presentation should be brief (no more than 10 minutes in length) and focused on the following issues:

(a) The main features of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan (or equivalent policy document), 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 national biodiversity strategy and action plan has been revised or updated;

(c) The status of implementation of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan. Participants are asked to review progress made in implementation, based on the framework provided by their own national biodiversity strategy and action plan. 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 target. ^{2/}

(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 and 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 processes at national, provincial and local levels.

The presentation should highlight the role of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan in such biodiversity mainstreaming, as well as the use of other tools, such as strategic environmental assessment and integrated planning processes,

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

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

^{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.

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 national biodiversity strategies and action plans, 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 national biodiversity strategies and action plans that makes them strategically successful (referring to the *strategy*);

(c) Examples of where the national biodiversity strategy and action plan has made a difference (referring to the implementation of the *action plan*);

(d) Tools and methodologies for national biodiversity strategies and action plans developed by the various countries;

(e) Obstacles encountered in the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and means to address them;

(f) Reviews undertaken of the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and assessment of the effectiveness of the strategy.

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

(a) To have evaluated the progress made in their countries and in the region;

(b) To have identified cases of good practice, tools and guidance;

(c) To have identified some mechanisms to overcome or mitigate obstacles; and

(d) To be inspired and enabled to apply lessons learned from experience in the region.

ITEM 4. TOOLS FOR ENHANCING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS 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 the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, 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 tourism and fisheries;
- (b) Role of relevant regional and international programmes;
- (c) Use of the ecosystem approach and examples of strategic environment assessment and 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.

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

- (a) Have identified some cases of the integration of biodiversity into broader national policies and planning processes (e.g., fisheries, tourism, land planning);
- (b) Have an improved understanding of the ecosystem approach and tools for its application, including strategic environment assessment and the framework of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, linking biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well-being;
- (c) 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 use of national biodiversity strategies and action plans as strategic tools for this purpose (including strategic environmental assessment);
- (d) Be aware of some approaches and methodologies for the strategic communication of national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

ITEM 5. INTEGRATING CLIMATE CHANGE INTO NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

27. The impacts of climate change on biodiversity and ecosystems have already been observed in the Pacific 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 national biodiversity strategies and action plans and their implementation (decision IX/16).

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

- (a) An overview of decisions of the Conference of the Parties 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 Pacific towards: (i) assessing impacts and vulnerability; and (ii) adapting to climate change in so far as they relate to the Convention on Biological Diversity;

(d) An overview of tools and methodologies that can be applied to assess vulnerability and monitor impacts of climate change on biodiversity and ecosystem services (including the impacts of climate change response activities).

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

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

(a) Aware of relevant ongoing regional processes for climate-change adaptation and the assessment of impacts and vulnerability;

(b) Familiar with the application of some tools and methodologies that can be employed in order to better integrate climate change within the planning and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, including:

- (i) Assessing the vulnerability of biodiversity, ecosystems and ecosystem services to climate change;
- (ii) Assessing the potential impacts of climate change and climate change response activities (adaptation and mitigation) on biodiversity, ecosystems and ecosystem services;
- (iii) Developing management strategies to respond to climate change taking into account potential positive or negative impacts of climate change response activities on biodiversity including: adaptive management, monitoring and evaluation
- (iv) Developing tools to manage uncertainty in the data on biodiversity and climate change including: the ecosystem approach, enhancing natural adaptive capacity and risk assessments;

(c) Able to identify and propose solutions to challenges and gaps.

ITEM 6. PREPARATION OF THE FOURTH NATIONAL REPORTS

31. 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 important inputs to the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.

32. Under this agenda item, the Secretariat will introduce the guidelines for the fourth national report, which focus on implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans 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.

33. Participants will also hear presentations on the role of the clearing-house mechanism in supporting the exchange of information within and between countries.

34. Finally, the posters linking the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans to the 2010 biodiversity target will be presented. ^{3/}

35. 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 national biodiversity strategies and action plans and how these processes can be linked efficiently and effectively;

(c) Understand the role of the clearing-house mechanism.

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

36. The next two years – 2009 and 2010 – will be particularly significant for the Convention on Biological Diversity. In 2010, the Conference of the Parties is expected to review progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target and agree on an updated and revised Strategic Plan, including an updated post-2010 target. The Conference of the Parties has indicated that all Parties should have national biodiversity strategies and action plans 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.

37. Under this agenda item, the Convention 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 national biodiversity strategies and action plans, 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

38. Under this item, participants will be invited to consider the conclusions of the workshop for incorporation into its final report.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

39. 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 workshops organized within the framework of the Convention.

40. Following brief closing statements by the organizing partners, the workshop is expected to end at approximately 2 p.m. on Friday, 6 February 2009.

^{3/} 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>.

*Annex I***PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2009	
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	<p><i>Item 1: Opening of the workshop</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks on behalf the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) (Kate Brown-Vitolio) • Opening remarks on behalf of the Secretariat of the South Pacific Community (SPC) (Mary Taylor) • Opening remarks on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (David Cooper) • Opening remarks on behalf of the Minister of the Environment, Government of Fiji
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	<i>Coffee and Group Photo</i>
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<p><i>Item 2: Overview of the objectives and programme for the workshop</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and expectations of the participants (Ana Tiraa) • Introduction to the workshop (David Cooper) <p>Plenary Discussion</p>
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p><i>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 into national biodiversity strategies and action plans in the region</i></p> <p>Country presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solomon Islands (Joseph Hurutarau) • Vanuatu (Touasi Tiwok) • Fiji (Colin Simmons) <p>Discussion and group exercises: Identification of good practices and obstacles to implementation</p>
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	<p>Country presentations (continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonga (Tupeope Samani) • Cook Islands (Elizabeth Munro) • Samoa (Seteo Apo) • Tuvalu (Solomona Lotoala t.b.c.) <p>Discussion and group exercises: Identification of good practices and obstacles to implementation</p>
3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	<i>Tea</i>

3:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Country presentations (continued): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiribati (Ratita Bebe) • Nauru (Tyrone Deiye) • Marshall Islands (Deborah Barker-Manase) • Federated States of Micronesia (Alissa Takesy) • Palau (Joe Aitaro) Discussion and group exercises: Identification of good practices and obstacles to implementation
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	<i>Reception</i>
TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2009	
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	“Catch of the day”: Recap of the first day.
8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Country presentations (continued): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Papua New Guinea • Australia (Carey Robinson) Discussion and group exercises: Identification of good practices and obstacles to implementation
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<i>Coffee</i>
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p><i>Item 4: Tools for enhancing NBSAP implementation and integrating biodiversity into sectoral and cross-sectoral plans, programmes and policies and local planning processes</i></p> <p>The mainstreaming challenge – experiences from the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlights from the regional workshop on mainstreaming (Seve Paeniu) • Case-studies from the Cook Islands (Elizabeth Munro) and Samoa (t.b.d.) • Group work and discussion
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<p><i>Item 4 (continued):</i></p> <p>The ecosystem approach, ecosystem services and valuation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction (David Cooper) • Group exercises and general discussion
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Strategic communication for NBSAPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction (Seema Deo) • Group Exercises and General Discussion
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<i>Tea</i>
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<p><i>Item 4 (continued)</i></p> <p>Strategic environmental assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to strategic environmental assessment and the CBD Guidelines (Matt McIntyre) • Group discussions on environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessment • General discussion

WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2009	
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	“Catch of the day”: Recap of the first and second days.
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	<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 to the objectives of the session (Facilitator) • Overview of CBD decisions related to climate change and biodiversity (SCBD)
9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Introductory presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the observed and projected impacts of climate change on biodiversity and biodiversity-based livelihoods in the region (John Duguman) • Description of ongoing programmes and projects in the Pacific (Espen Ronneberg and Mary Taylor)
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<i>Coffee</i>
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p>Integrating climate change into national biodiversity strategies and action plans – in-depth discussion and group exercise #1</p> <p>Practical tools and methodologies to link responses to climate change to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use (John Duguman with Jaime Webbe)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing vulnerability • Managing risks to biodiversity from climate change and response activities • Applying biodiversity tools (Ecosystem approach, protected area gap analysis)
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Integrating climate change into national biodiversity strategies and action plans – In-depth discussion and group exercise #2</p> <p>The role of regional cooperation in integrating climate change into national processes (Espen Ronneberg with Seve Paeniu)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional observation networks and modelling • Addressing common threats under changing climatic conditions (increases in extreme weather events, increased exposure to invasive alien species, etc.) <p>Relevance of international processes under the UNFCCC</p>
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<i>Tea</i>
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Integrating climate change into national biodiversity strategies and action plans – In-depth discussion and group exercise #3</p> <p>Funding opportunities for synergies between biodiversity and climate change (Elisabeth Mausolf with Mary Taylor and Seve Paeniu)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to GTZ funding options • Identifying relevant eligible activities • Key considerations for monitoring and reporting

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	General discussion on updating and improving national biodiversity strategies and action plans and integrating climate change; preparation of main conclusions of the workshop (led by Jaime Webbe and David Cooper)
THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2009	
7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Field study visit
3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Items 4 and 5 continued
FRIDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2009	
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	“Catch of the day”: Recap of the fourth day.
8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	<p><i>Item 6: Preparation of the fourth national reports</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory presentation • Preparation of the fourth national reports (country examples) • The clearing-house mechanism <p>Discussion</p>
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<i>Coffee & snacks</i>
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<p><i>Item 7: The way forward: discussion on next steps in implementing and updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans, mainstreaming of biodiversity and integration of climate change</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The road to COP-10 and the International Year of Biodiversity (David Cooper) • SPREP’s support to COP-10 preparation (Kate Brown-Vitolio) • Panel discussion and consideration of open questions concerning the implementation and updating of NBSAPs
12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p><i>Item 8: Consideration of the conclusions of the Workshop</i></p> <p>Evaluation of the Workshop</p>
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<i>Item 9: Closing of the Workshop</i>
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>

*Annex II***LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

Document Number	Document Title
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-PAC/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-PAC/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-PAC/1/2	Status and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-PAC/1/3	Updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans, mainstreaming biodiversity, communication and reporting
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-PAC/1/4	Compilation of case-studies on the mainstreaming of biodiversity and integration of climate change in the Pacific region
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-PAC/1/5	Fact-sheet on climate change and biodiversity in the Pacific region
Information and background documents (Previously available)	
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-PAC/1/INF1	Report on the preliminary meeting for the joint SCBD/SPREP regional capacity-building workshop on implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans and mainstreaming biodiversity in the Pacific (19 October 2007, Alotau, Papua New Guinea)
UNEP/CBD/NBSAP/CBW-PAC/1/INF2	National biodiversity strategies and action plans: Pacific Regional review prepared by Eleanor Carter (October 2007)
Decision IX/8	Review of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan

Background materials:

Global Biodiversity Outlook-2

Ecosystem Assessment, a guide for decision makers

Mainstreaming biodiversity: workshops on national biodiversity strategies and action plans

<https://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-brochure-nbsap-ws-en.pdf>**Resource materials for the preparation of the fourth national reports:**

Guidelines for the fourth national reports

<https://www.cbd.int/reports/guidelines/>

Reference manual for preparing the fourth national reports

<https://www.cbd.int/nr4/guidelines/manual.shtml>

Guide to assist countries in undertaking assessment of progress towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target (UNDP/UNU/CBD/UNEP/Countdown 2010)

<https://www.cbd.int/nr4/guidelines/2010-guide.shtml>

Sample chapters of the fourth national report prepared by South Africa, Sri Lanka, Australia, Rwanda, Finland, the Czech Republic, the United Kingdom, Thailand and Costa Rica

<https://www.cbd.int/nr4/guidelines/sample/>

CBD training module A-3: An Introduction to National Reporting

<https://www.cbd.int/nr4/guidelines/training.shtml>

CEPA background materials

The Agenda for Action - Short list of Priority Activities for the Programme of Work for CEPA

<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

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International Year of Biodiversity - Action Plan

CEPA Toolkit

<http://www.cbd.int/cepa/toolkit/2008/cepa/index.htm>)

CBD Training modules (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 national biodiversity strategies and action plans

B-6. Getting political support for the national biodiversity strategy and action plan and financing its implementation

B-7. Communication strategy for national biodiversity strategies and action plans
