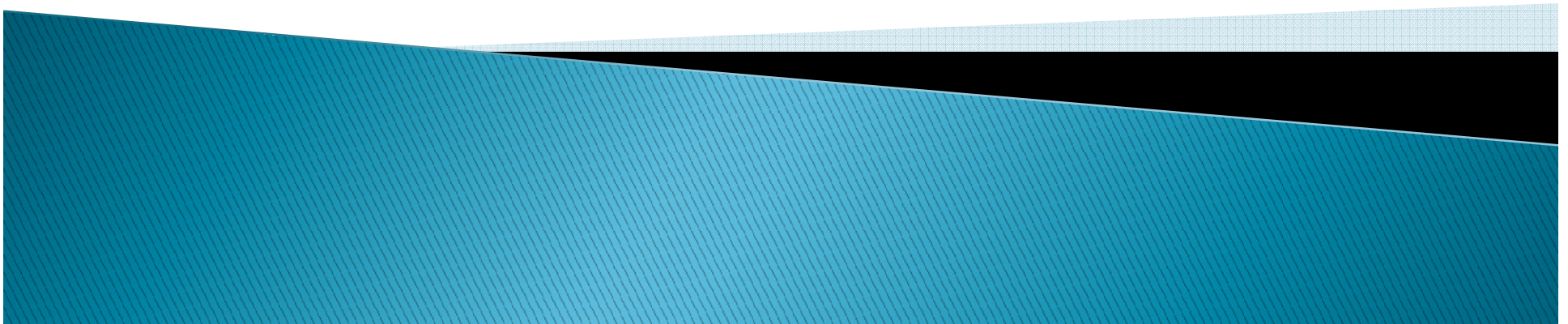
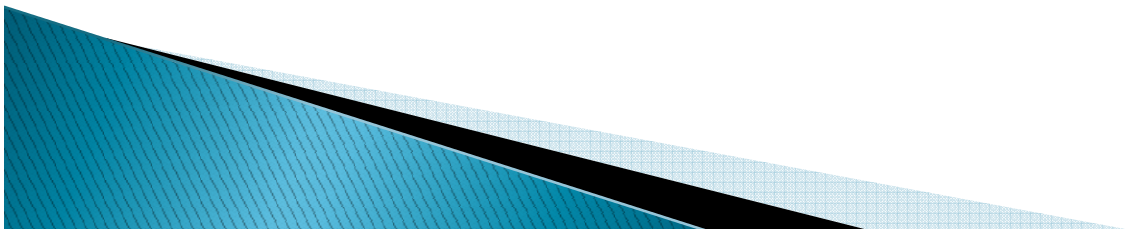


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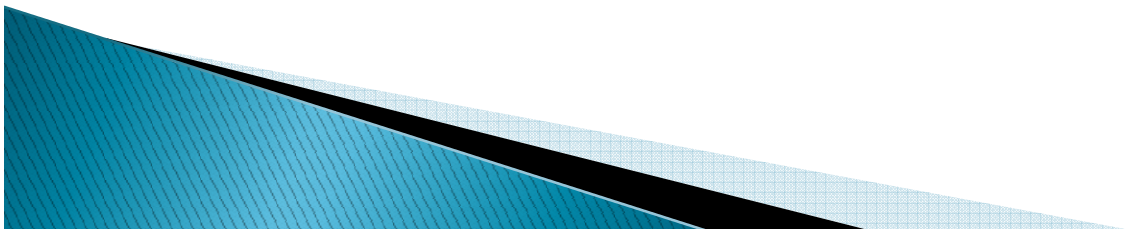
# Objectives of SBSTTA-17

- ▶ to examine, from a scientific and technical perspective, the tools and guidance available both for supporting implementation of the Strategic Plan and for enabling monitoring of progress towards the Targets
- ▶ to identify any important gaps and consider how they might be addressed to feed into the discussions at SBSTTA-18, which, will directly contribute recommendations to COP-12



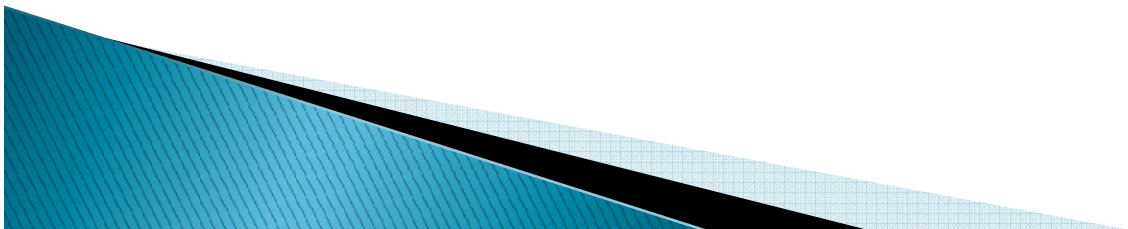
# New Format of Conducting SBSTTA-17

The new format were developed under the guidance of the SBSTTA Bureau and is intended to provide delegates with more time for scientific and technical discussions and exchanges so as to demonstrate how the available scientific information is useful in the Convention process and support Parties towards implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and the multi-year programme of work.



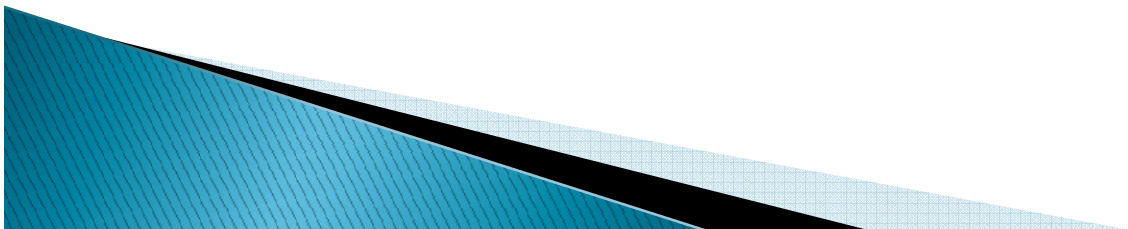
# The New Format

- ▶ All sessions will be held in plenary – No working groups
- ▶ Each Session will consist of panel discussions, introductory presentations and question and answer
- ▶ No Draft Recommendations prepared in advance



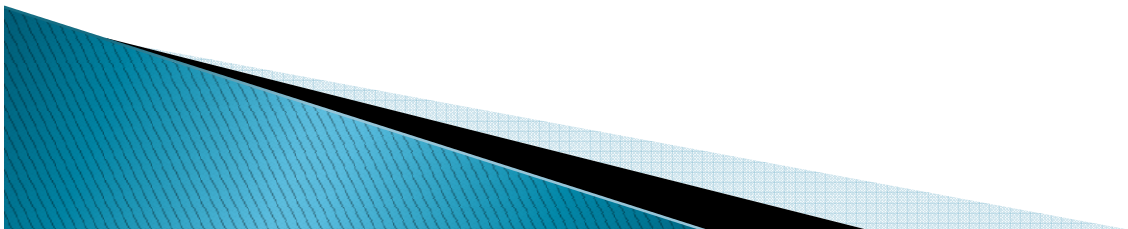
# The Sessions (1<sup>st</sup> Three Days)

- ▶ Facilitating the implementation of the strategic plan for biodiversity 2011–2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- ▶ Assessing the effects of the types of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of the convention (Strategic Goals A to D)
- ▶ Contribution of the Convention to the Intergovernmental Science–policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
- ▶ Progress reports by the Executive Secretary



# The Sessions (Last Two Days)

- ▶ Prepare the conclusions of the meeting



# Issues of Importance to the Caribbean Region

- ▶ Scientific and Technical Needs related to the Implementation of the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Targets
- ▶ Identification and development of national biodiversity target for the Aichi Targets and the Strategic Plan
- ▶ Identification and development of indicators for the Aichi Targets
- ▶ Nomination of a new SBSTTA Bureau Member for the Caribbean

