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SOUTH AND WEST ASIA SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP  
ON THE REVIEW OF, AND CAPACITY-BUILDING  
FOR, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME  
OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS UNDER THE  
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Dehradun, India, 2-4 April 2007

### ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### INTRODUCTION

1. At its eighth meeting, held in Curitiba, Brazil from 20 to 31 March 2006, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, reviewed progress made in the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas since its adoption in 2004. In paragraph 10 of decision VIII/24, the Conference of the Parties recognized lack of implementation and capacity-building constraints for developing countries, especially in the areas of conducting gap analysis, country-level sustainable financing strategies, and protected area management effectiveness. In the same paragraph, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties to address these constraints as a priority and requested the Executive Secretary to organize regional workshops to review the implementation of the programme of work and to build capacity and encouraged Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to support and implement capacity-building activities.

2. In pursuance of paragraph 14 of decision VIII/24, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity convened an informal planning meeting on 13 and 14 November 2006 in Montreal, with the members of the NGO consortium consisting of The Nature Conservancy, World Wide Fund for Nature, Wildlife Conservation Society, BirdLife International and Conservation International, and the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas. In this meeting it was agreed that for optimum results it would be useful to organize the workshops at sub-regional level and that each partner would cover a number of sub-regions in collaboration with other partners. This meeting also agreed to address at each sub-regional workshop, activities identified by the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for capacity-building and to review implementation of the programme of work on protected areas.

3. In response to the request contained in paragraph 10 of decision VII/24, the Executive Secretary, with the generous financial support of the European Union and the Government of India, is organizing from 2 to 4 April 2007 in Dehradun, India, a South and West Asia subregional workshop on the review of, and capacity-building for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas of the

Convention on Biological Diversity. The Workshop will be held at the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.

4. The objectives of the Workshop are to: (i) review the progress being made in implementing the programme of work on protected areas, including identification of constraints and opportunities to promote implementation; (ii) collect information on the status of implementation of the programme of work in their country, focusing on progress made, challenges/obstacles and capacity-building needs for the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, to be held in February 2008 at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome; and (iii) strengthen the skills and knowledge of protected area functionaries and others who implement the programme of work through an exchange of experiences, sharing of tools, available resources and capacity-building in the areas identified by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 10 of decision VIII/24 (see para. 1 above).

5. A list of documents for the workshop is attached as annex I.

6. 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 language of the workshop will be English.

7. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Monday, 2 April 2007.

#### **ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

8. A representative of the host Government will open the meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 2 April 2007. The representatives of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the representative of the European Union will also welcome the participants.

9. After a brief self-introduction by the participants, the Workshop will elect its Chair based on proposals from the floor. Participants will then be invited to consider the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SWA/1/1), adopt it following any amendments if needed and consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting as contained in annex II below.

10. As a complement to the consideration of the organization of the work, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will give an overview of the programme of work on protected areas (UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SWA/1/2) and describe the purpose and expected outputs of the Workshop. The Workshop will be organized around a hands-on learning programme designed to address key framing questions (see annex III below) in four technical sessions

- *Session 1:* Overviews of progress on country-level implementation, identification of opportunities to promote the implementation of protected areas and obstacles to implementation;
- *Session 2:* Critical action steps and action tools available for: (i) filling ecological gaps; (ii) sustainable finance; and (iii) management effectiveness;
- *Session 3:* Problem-solving clinics and country team break-out groups (focus on the three themes of session 2);
- *Session 4:* Wrap-up.

**ITEM 2. OVERVIEW OF PROGRESS ON COUNTRY-LEVEL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS, IDENTIFICATION OF CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE IMPLEMENTATION**

11. In paragraph 2 of decision VIII/24 on protected areas, the Conference of the Parties recognized that limited availability of relevant information, including the insufficient number of reports submitted, was a major shortcoming in the review of the programme of work on protected areas for the period 2004-2006. In paragraph 3 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties, recognizing the need for the systematic collection of relevant information for evaluating progress in the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas, encouraged Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to provide timely and quality information on the implementation of the programme of work. In paragraph 5 of the decision, the Conference of the Parties agreed that reporting should concentrate mostly on outputs as well as processes, using tools such as the matrix in annex II of recommendation 1/4 of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (UNEP/CBD/WG-PA/1/6 accessible at <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/pa/pawg-01/official/pawg-01-06-en.doc>) and other relevant information, to provide for a strategic assessment of progress made, challenges/obstacles, and capacity-building needs.

16. The Executive Secretary sent out a notification (No. 2006-125, dated 30 November 2006) to Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders, inviting them to submit information on the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas.

17. Under this agenda item, the participants are invited to describe the status of implementation of the programme of work in their country, focusing on progress made, challenges/obstacles and capacity-building needs, using the matrix annexed to the notification of 30 November 2006. Participants are also encouraged to submit progress reports and presentations in advance of the Workshop.

**ITEM 3. STRENGTHENING OF CAPACITY FOR: (i) CONDUCTING ECOLOGICAL GAP ANALYSIS; (ii) DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE FINANCING; (iii) USING GUIDELINES FOR IMPROVING/ASSESSING MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS, THROUGH EXCHANGE OF COUNTRY EXPERIENCES, CASE-STUDIES, AVAILABLE TOOLS AND RESOURCES**

18. Under this item, the Workshop will provide practical hands-on-tools and training on the activities, that were not implemented satisfactorily, and for which the Conference of the Parties recommended capacity-building i.e., (i) ecological gap assessments (ii) sustainable finance plans, and (iii) management effectiveness. Each item is structured as follows: (i) general introduction, (ii) review of critical steps and tools, (iii) case studies, and (iv) interactive sessions for understanding country-specific progress and identification of country-specific challenges, opportunities and ways and means to address these challenges. In the interactive sessions, the participants will be provided with key framing questions for each topic to come out with a description of the present state and a future plan of action. As each country is represented by two participants, concurrent sessions will be organized to provide in-depth discussions and interactive training.

19. The Executive Secretary has prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SWA/1/3) that provides information on critical steps, tools and available resources and case studies for the three items. In addition, participants will be provided with a CD of all the presentations and documents for the workshop, including web links to online resources and tools.

**ITEM 4. INPUTS TO THE SECOND MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON PROTECTED AREAS**

20. In paragraph 15 of decision VIII/24, the Conference of the Parties decided to convene the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas prior to its ninth meeting, to evaluate progress and elaborate recommendations to the Conference of the Parties for improved implementation of the programme of work on protected areas. In paragraph 16 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and other stakeholders to report on progress made towards the targets, challenges/obstacles and capacity-building needs in time for consideration by the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas.

21. It is envisaged that the subregional workshops on protected areas could be used as an effective forum to obtain inputs for the second meeting of the Working Group. Under this item, based upon presentations in agenda item 2, participants are invited to discuss and draft, as a subregion, what inputs they would like to present to the second meeting of the Working Group and their expectations from it, the Working Group, as well as from the Conference of the Parties in terms of effective implementation of the programme of work on protected areas.

**ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS**

22. Under this item, the Workshop may wish to consider any other matters of relevance raised by participants.

**ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

23. The workshop will be invited to consider and adopt its report on the basis of a draft report to be prepared and presented by the Chair.

24. The Workshop is expected to be closed at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 April 2007, followed by a field trip.

*Annex I*

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE SOUTH AND WEST ASIA SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP  
ON THE REVIEW OF, AND CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
CBD PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SWA/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SWA/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SWA/1/2	Programme of work on protected areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/SWA/1/3	Critical steps, tools and available resources and case-studies on: (i) ecological gap analysis (ii) sustainable financing, and (iii) management effectiveness

**Information documents**

CBD Technical Series No 18: *Towards Effective Protected Area Systems. An Action Guide to Implement the Convention on Biological Diversity Programme of Work on Protected Areas*

<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-18.pdf>

CBD Technical Series No 24: *Closing the Gap: Creating Ecologically Representative Protected Area Systems*

<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-24.pdf>

CBD Technical series No 15: *Biodiversity Issues for Consideration in the Planning, Establishment and Management of Protected Area Sites and Networks.*

<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-15.pdf>

CBD Technical series No 13: *Technical Advice on the Establishment and Management of a National System of Marine and Coastal Protected Areas*

<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-13.pdf>

*Annex II***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK****MONDAY 2 APRIL 2007****(Plenary)**

9:30 a.m to 10 a.m.	<b>Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting and organizational matters</b>
10 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.	Overview of CBD programme of work on protected areas
10:20 a.m to 10:30 a.m	Purpose and expected outputs of the programme of work
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	<b>Agenda item 2. Overview of progress on country-level implementation of the programme of work on protected areas, identification of constraints and opportunities to promote implementation (15 minutes for each presentation, with 1 or 2 questions) (Technical session 1)</b>
2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Continuation of agenda item 2
5:30 p.m to 6 p.m.	Wrap-up of day 1: distillation of common areas of progress and obstacles identified

**TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2007****(Plenary)**

	<b>Agenda item 3. Exchange of experiences on: (i) conducting ecological gap analysis; (ii) developing sustainable financing; (iii) using guidelines for improving/assessing management effectiveness (Technical session 2)</b>	
9:30a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Introduction to filling ecological gaps	
9:45 a.m to 10 a.m	Introduction to sustainable finance	
	<b>Working Group 1 (concurrent session) Ecological Gap Analysis</b>	<b>Working Group 2 (concurrent session) Sustainable Finance</b>
10:15a.m to 10:45 a.m	Review of tools and critical steps	Review of tools and critical steps
10:45 a.m to 11:30 a.m	Presentation of case studies	Presentation of case studies
11:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m	Break-out groups to prepare peer review and refine country-specific work plans (Technical session 3)	Break-out groups to prepare peer review and refine country-specific work plans (Technical session 3)
2:30 p.m to 3 p.m	Country-specific reports back to full working group	Country-specific reports back to full working group

	<p><b>Agenda item 3. Exchange of experiences on (i) conducting ecological gap analysis (ii) developing sustainable financing (iii) using guidelines for improving / assessing management effectiveness.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Plenary)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Management Effectiveness</b></p>
3:15 p.m to 3:45 p.m	Introduction to management effectiveness, review of tools and critical steps
3:45 p.m to 4:15 p.m	Presentation of case studies
4:15 p.m to 5:30 p.m	Break-out groups to prepare, peer review and refine country-specific work plans
5:30 p.m to 6 p.m	Country-specific work plans reported back to the plenary

**TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2007**

**(Plenary)**

9:30 a.m to 9:45 a.m	Presentation on governance issues
9:45 a.m to 10:30 a.m.	<b>Agenda item 4 .Discussions on inputs to the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (Technical session 4)</b>
10:30 a.m to 11:30 a.m.	<p><b>Wrap-up of Workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources available when participants return home</li> <li>• Presentation of major “take-home messages” and insights</li> <li>• Ideas on how to maintain momentum (e.g., government collaboration mechanisms, regional learning network on protected areas, periodic regional workshops to share experiences and discuss progress/obstacles)</li> <li>• Second meeting of the Working Group and ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties: expectations and ideas</li> </ul>
11:30 a.m to 12:30 a.m	<p><b>Agenda item 5 Other matters.</b></p> <p><b>Agenda item 6. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.</b></p>

*Annex III*

**KEY FRAMING QUESTIONS**

SESSION/THEME	KEY FRAMING QUESTIONS
<p><b>Session 1:</b> Overviews of progress and obstacles to implementation (agenda item 2)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ For each country, what are the major accomplishments to date and likely catalysts/opportunities to advance implementation of the programme of work?</li> <li>◆ What are the major obstacles faced in implementing the programme of work?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session 2:</b> Critical action steps and action tools (agenda item 3 )</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ For national systems of protected areas, what are the critical action steps and tools for:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> filling ecological gaps;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> sustainable finance;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> management effectiveness;</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ How do these steps vary given differing country-specific settings?</li> <li>◆ Should these steps be integrated into some type of “Master Plan” or “National Strategic Plan”? How?</li> <li>◆ What are the practical considerations for completing these steps (e.g., timing, participants, costs, etc.)?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sessions 3:</b> Problem-solving clinics and country team breakout groups (agenda item 3 )</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ What can we learn from real-world case studies on specific themes (e.g., capacity-building) in terms of success factors, overcoming obstacles, etc.?</li> <li>◆ For each country / theme, what are the concrete steps that belong in a practical work plan designed to advance progress?</li> <li>◆ For each country / theme, what problems are being encountered in implementing these steps, and how can these problems be overcome?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Session 4:</b> Wrap-up. What are the key implementation issues (e.g., obstacles and success factors) that were highlighted during sessions on the main themes of this workshop?(agenda item 4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ What are the major “take-home messages” and insights from this Workshop?</li> <li>◆ What are the key resources that can be drawn upon when participants return home (e.g., funding, roster of experts, guides)?</li> <li>◆ Following this Workshop, how can momentum be maintained (e.g., ongoing peer learning network)?</li> <li>◆ What can we expect at the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas and the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties meeting (both scheduled for 2008)? What might be some desired outcomes of these meetings?</li> </ul>