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**LIAISON GROUP MEETING OF THE GLOBAL  
STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION**

Second meeting

Dublin, 23-25 October 2006

Item 2 of the provisional agenda\*

**ORGANIZATION OF WORK***Annotations to the provisional agenda***INTRODUCTION**

1. At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted decision VI/9 on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, which includes outcome-oriented global targets for 2010.

2. The Executive Secretary convened an informal liaison group meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in Cartagena, Colombia, on 11-12 October 2002 in order to provide guidance on the implementation and monitoring of the Strategy. The report of the group (UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/1/2) is available on the Secretariat's website ([www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org)). The Group agreed on the need for a programme of stakeholder consultations and suggested a number of lead agencies to facilitate progress for the various targets. It was proposed that target 3 (development of models with protocols), target 14 (education and awareness), 15 (capacity-building and resources) and 16 (networks) should be considered as cross-cutting targets related to the achievement of all the other targets.

3. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary invited a number of organizations to facilitate stakeholder consultations on the various targets, including the development of sub-targets, milestones and indicators for the targets included in the Strategy, and the elaboration of a baseline data for monitoring. The summary of the stakeholder consultations is presented in an information document (UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/2/INF/1).

4. In addition, the Executive Secretary convened an expert group meeting in Dingle, Co. Kerry, Ireland, from 5 to 7 October 2003, which was organized in collaboration with the Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BCGI) and supported by HSBC Holdings plc, through its "Investing in Nature" partnership. The expert group reviewed progress in the stakeholder consultations and prepared advice for the development and implementation of the Strategy and recommended the establishment and operation of a flexible coordination mechanism to promote the implementation of the Strategy. The

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report of the meeting was made available to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its ninth meeting (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/24).

5. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of Parties, in decision VII/10, welcomed the establishment, by the Executive Secretary, of a flexible coordination mechanism for the Strategy, comprising: liaison groups to be convened as necessary according to established procedures; national focal points, as determined by Parties; the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation; and the Secretariat, including the Programme Officer supported by Botanic Gardens Conservation International (hereinafter referred to as “the SCBD/BGCI GSPC Programme Officer”).

6. The Conference of the Parties also welcomed the establishment of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and encouraged the participating organizations to continue to contribute to the implementation of the Strategy. It invited other organizations to join the Partnership and encouraged Botanic Gardens Conservation International to continue its support for the Partnership. The Conference of the Parties also invited the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/WCMC) to support the Executive Secretary in monitoring implementation of the Strategy, working in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation.

7. In addition, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties to nominate focal points for the Strategy, or designate from among existing focal points, in order to:

(a) Promote and facilitate implementation and monitoring of the Strategy at national level, including the identification of national targets and their integration in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and sectoral and cross-sectoral plans programmes and activities;

(b) Promote the participation of national stakeholders in the implementation and monitoring of the Strategy at national level; and

(c) Facilitate communication between national stakeholders and the Secretariat and Global Partnership for Plant Conservation.

8. At the same meeting, the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary, with the support of members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, to elaborate proposals for a toolkit, including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating the targets into their strategies, plans and programmes, for review by SBSTTA prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

9. In decision VII/31, on the multi-year programme of work of the Conference of Parties up to 2010, the Conference of the Parties decided to undertake an in-depth review of the Global Strategy at its ninth meeting, in 2008.

10. In preparation for the in-depth review, the Executive Secretary is convening, in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, a meeting of a liaison group to review the status of implementation of the Strategy, provide further guidance to the in-depth review process and review proposals for a toolkit including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating the GSPC targets into their strategies, programmes and plans.

11. The expected outputs of the meeting include:

(a) A set of recommendations on enhancing national implementation of the Global Strategy, and its contribution to meeting the 2010 biodiversity target and the Millennium Development Goals and responding to the challenges arising from the conclusions of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment;

(b) Advice on the ways and means for undertaking the in-depth review of the Global Strategy;

(c) Proposals of elements of the toolkit for the Global Strategy to assist in national implementation, including proposals for its dissemination;

(d) A review of the potential impact on climate change and other factors that may impact plant conservation and hence implementation of the Global Strategy;

(e) Proposals on options for the Global Strategy after 2010.

12. The meeting will be held in the National Botanic Gardens of Ireland, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, from 23 to 25 October 2006.

13. Registration of participants will commence at 5 p.m. on Sunday, 22 October, 2006.

## **ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

14. The meeting will be opened by a representative of the Government of Ireland at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 23 October, 2006.

15. Participants will be welcomed to the meeting on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Ms. Stella Simiyu, the SCBD/BGCI GSPC Programme Officer, who will outline the mandate of the liaison group.

16. Mr. Peter Wyse Jackson, the Chairman of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and Director, National Botanic Gardens of Ireland, will welcome participants provide information on the logistics of the meeting and other arrangements.

## **ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

### ***2.1. Election of officers***

17. Participants will be invited to elect the Chair and its Rapporteur for the meeting.

### ***2.2. Adoption of the agenda***

18. Participants will also be invited to consider the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/2/1) and adopt it accordingly.

### ***2.3. Organization of work***

19. Participants will be invited to consider the proposed programme of work for the meeting, as contained in annex II below.

20. Participants may wish to work mainly in plenary, establishing working groups as necessary to address particular issues or agenda items. It is proposed that item 3 be taken up in plenary. Informal working groups may be formed to facilitate progress under item 4.

### **ITEM 3. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES: REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION**

#### ***3.1. Preliminary information on the status of implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation***

21. Under agenda item 3.1, the SCBD/BGCI GSPC Programme Officer will present the preliminary information on the status of national implementation of the Global Strategy. As a basis for further deliberation, the Executive Secretary has prepared a summary of the review of the third national reports outlining the current status of implementation of the sixteen targets of the Strategy, the constraints encountered and measures taken (UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/2/2). Participants will be invited to provide any additional information on national implementation and provide advice on addressing constraints and challenges elaborated.

22. To provide an insight into the global implementation of the Strategy, participants from international organizations and other stakeholders will be invited to present an overview of the progress in the implementation of the relevant targets in line with the recommendations of the stakeholder consultations on milestones, indicators and sub-targets.

#### ***3.2. Contribution of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation to meeting the 2010 biodiversity target and the Millennium Development Goals and responding to the challenges arising from the conclusions of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment***

23. For agenda item 3.2, the Executive Secretary has prepared a note (UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/2/3) on the potential opportunities for the process of implementation of the Global Strategy to assist in the implementation of 2010 targets and the Millennium Development Goals and to respond to the challenges identified in the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. Participants will be invited to make recommendation on how to enhance the contribution of the Global Strategy at national level to addressing these global priorities.

#### ***3.3. Proposed elements of a toolkit including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating the targets into their strategies, programmes and plans***

24. Under item 3.3, participants will be invited to review the draft proposal made by the Executive Secretary on elements of a toolkit including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating targets into their strategies, programmes and plans (UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/2/4). Participants will be invited to make a recommendation to be submitted to SBSSTA at its twelfth meeting on the elements of such a toolkit, linkages and opportunities to be considered in integrating the targets at national level and appropriate means and ways for dissemination of the proposed toolkit.

#### ***3.4. Ways and means for the in-depth review of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in preparation for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity***

25. In response to decision VII/31, participants will be invited to deliberate on the proposal prepared by the Executive Secretary for the in depth review of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/2/5) and provide appropriate guidance to ensure that the process and outcomes of the in depth achieve the objectives outlined in decision VII/31.

#### **ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS**

26. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters related to the subject of the meeting.

##### ***4.1. Report of the Gran Canaria Meeting on Climate Change and Plant Conservation organized by the members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation***

27. Under agenda item 4.1, a report on the recent Gran Canaria Meeting on Climate Change and Plant Conservation will be presented by the Group by a representative of Botanic Gardens Conservation International. Members of the group will be invited to review the outcomes of the Gran Canaria meeting, make recommendations on how relevant issues may be addressed within the context of implementing the Global Strategy and provide advice on how to advance the outcomes of the deliberations.

##### ***4.2. Proposals on options for the Global Strategy after 2010***

28. The targets of the Global Strategy are time bound, and linked to the Strategic Plan of the Convention up to 2010 and, hence, the 2010 biodiversity target. In the light of the deliberations on the progress made in the implementation of the Global Strategy and outcomes of the discussions under agenda item 4.1, participants will be invited to deliberate on proposals for considering options for the Global Strategy after 2010.

29. Participants will be invited to raise any other matters.

#### **ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

30. The members of the group will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the meeting, on the basis of the draft report of the meeting and draft conclusions and recommendations to be presented by the Rapporteur.

#### **ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

31. It is expected that the meeting will be closed at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 October 2006.

*Annex I*

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE LIAISON GROUP MEETING ON THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION**

***A. Working documents***

***Notes by the Executive Secretary prepared for the liaison group meeting***

UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/2/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/2/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/2/2	Preliminary information on the status of the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/2/3	A note on the contribution of Global Strategy for Plant Conservation to meeting the 2010 biodiversity target and the Millennium Development Goals and responding to the challenges arising from the conclusions of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/2/4	Proposed elements of a toolkit, including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating the targets into their strategies, programmes and plans
UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/2/5	Ways and means for an in-depth review of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in preparation for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/INF/1	Report on the stakeholder consultations on the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

***B. Background documents***

Delegates are encouraged to review the following relevant documentation:

***Decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention***

Decision VI/9	The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, including outcome-oriented global targets for 2010
Decision VII/10	The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
Decision VII/31	The multi-year programme of work of the Conference of Parties up to 2010

***Documents prepared for SBSTTA***

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14	Integration of outcome-oriented targets into the programmes of work of the Convention, taking into account the 2010 biodiversity target, the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and relevant targets set by the World Summit on Sustainable Development.
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UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/14/Add.2

Implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant  
Conservation

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/24

Report on the Expert Meeting of the Global Strategy  
for Plant Conservation

*Annex II***PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON THE  
GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION*****Sunday , 22 October 2006***

17.00 Registration open at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin

19.30 Welcome reception and dinner

***Monday, 23 October 2006***

9.30 a.m.	Opening of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative of Republic of Ireland</li> <li>• Representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>• Representative of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation</li> </ul>
10 a.m.	Organizational matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of officers</li> <li>• Adoption of the agenda</li> <li>• Organization of work</li> </ul>
10.30 a.m.	Introduction to agenda item 3.1: Preliminary information on the status of implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation Presentation by Stella Simiyu, SCBD/BGCI GSPC Programme Officer
11 a.m.	Coffee break
11.30 a.m.	Further elaboration on agenda item 3.1
1 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30 p.m.	Presentation on agenda item 3.1 by international organizations and other stakeholders;  Deliberations and recommendations on agenda item 3.1
3.30 p.m.	Coffee break
4 p.m.	Agenda item 3.2: Contribution of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation to meeting the 2010 biodiversity target and the Millennium Development Goals and responding to the challenges arising from the conclusions of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
5 p.m.	Adjournment



***Tuesday, 24 October 2006***

9 a.m.	Agenda item 3.3: Presentation on the proposed elements of a toolkit Review of the proposal and preparation of advice on the toolkit for the twelfth meeting of SBSSTA
11.30 a.m.	Coffee break
Noon	Agenda item 3.4: Presentation on ways and means for the in-depth review of the Global Strategy and preparation of advice to the twelfth meeting of SBSTTA
1 p.m.	Lunch break
2.30 p.m.	Agenda item 4.1: Presentation of the report on the Gran Canaria meeting on climate change and plant conservation and group discussion Preparation of advice on how to address climate change issues in the context of the GSPC
4 p.m.	Coffee break
4.30 p.m.	Agenda item 4.1: continued
5.30 p.m.	Adjournment

***Wednesday, 23 October 2006***

9 a.m.	Agenda item 4.2: Proposals on options for the Global Strategy after 2010
10.30 a.m.	Other matters
11 a.m.	Coffee break
11.30 a.m.	Consideration of the report of the meeting including its conclusions and recommendations
Noon	Agenda item 6: Adoption of the report
12.30 a.m.	Closure of the meeting

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