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PROGRESS REPORT ON CAPACITY-BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. The present note provides an overview of the capacity-development activities on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), held during the 2014-2015 Biennium. These activities are aimed at trainers from indigenous peoples' and local communities' organizations and Parties, especially National Focal Points for Traditional Knowledge. They were implemented, through regional, national, subnational or local workshops, in order to encourage and assist trainers to train others, and to continue to develop capacity at the national, subnational and local levels, during 2014-2015 for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for biodiversity 2011-2020.
2. It is provided as a contribution to assist the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation in discussions on the progress in mainstreaming Article 8(j) and related provisions across the areas of work of the Convention, including through capacity-building and participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work the Convention.

A. BACKGROUND

3. Capacity-development activities for indigenous peoples and local communities and Parties, have been requested in the following decisions of the Conference of the Parties:

(a) Decision XII/12 A, paragraph 7, (organize and facilitate international technical workshops and regional workshops on indicators on the status of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices and customary sustainable use and to further explore the added value of contributions of indigenous and local communities' Community-Based Monitoring and Information Systems);

(b) Decision XII/12 B, paragraphs 1 and 8 (support the implementation of the global Plan of Action on Customary Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity through the organization of regional and subregional workshops and other capacity-building activities involving indigenous and local communities).

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(c) Decision NP-1/8, paragraph 10, annex, appendix I (Developing community protocols in relation to access to traditional knowledge and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of that knowledge);

(d) Decision XI/14 B, paragraph 1 (development capacity-building with an appropriate methodology and mechanisms, including its implementation at the national and local levels);

(e) Decision XI/14 B, paragraph 10 (develop, update and translate essential Convention documents into national and local languages);

(g) Decision IX/13 D, on the plan of action for the retention of traditional knowledge, in which the Parties decided that the priority for future work on the plan of action should focus on section E, on capacity-building;

(f) Decision XI/14 B, paragraph 2 (development didactic materials, culturally appropriate tools and instruments);

(a) Decision V/16, annex, Task 4 of the programme of work on Article 8 (j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

4. Pursuant to the above decisions, and thanks to the generous financial support of the Governments of Japan, Sweden, the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the WIN Network of indigenous and local community land and sea managers, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with partners, was able to organize:

(a) Five workshops for LAC, Asian, African and Pacific regions; and

(b) Twenty nine national, subnational and local workshops, which were organized by local trainers and their organizations.

5. The objectives of these activities included:

(a) To strengthen skills, competencies and abilities of IPLCs' and government trainers to use CBD materials;

(b) To develop materials that will assist trainers and their organizations to plan, organize, deliver and evaluate CBD capacity-development events, as well as to encourage them to further adapt training materials for local delivery;

(c) To increase knowledge and capacity of indigenous peoples and local communities as CBD trainers and to support them in the facilitation of workshops at local and national levels, including through ongoing support at national and subnational levels to train others;

(d) To provide capacity-development, knowledge management and policy tools to integrate the links between biological and cultural diversity into the design and implementation of strategies and policies addressing key challenges related to the interconnected loss and erosion of biological and cultural diversity at regional, subregional and national levels;

(e) To explore existing work, and to encourage further initiatives on community-based monitoring and information systems as a tool for the implementation of the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, especially Target 18 on traditional knowledge.

(f) To prepare IPLCs and government representatives for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

B. OVERVIEW OF THE WORKSHOPS

6. Indigenous peoples and local communities and Parties were invited by the Executive Secretary, through notifications, to submit their nominations based on: (a) Their expertise on traditional knowledge and related issues; and (b) their ability to conduct further training at national, subnational or local levels. Based on this and in consultation with partners, the Executive Secretary completed the selection process and informed Parties and selected indigenous peoples and local communities ahead of the meetings of their selection. Some participants received funding assistance, which included the payment of their travel, accommodation, and meals. Given the interest in participating in the workshops, some participants and their organizations covered their own costs.

7. The regional workshops were held with the collaboration of host Parties, namely:

- (a) Government of Bolivia;
- (b) Government of Kenya;
- (c) Government of Thailand; and
- (d) Government of Samoa

8. These regional workshops were organized in partnership with the Indigenous Women Network on Biodiversity of the Latin American and Caribbean region (IWNB-LAC), the Secretariat of ACTO; the Indigenous Information Network (IIN); the Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education (Tebtebba), the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), World Indigenous and Local Community Land and Sea Managers Network (WIN/EI/UNDP) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

9. The following organizations also contributed to the successful facilitation of the workshops:

- (a) Centro de Estudios Aymaras CEM-Aymara);
- (b) Fundación para la Promoción del Conocimiento Indígena (FPCI);

10. The workshops were held in:

- (a) Cochabamba, Bolivia, 9-11 December 2013 (Latin American and Caribbean region);
- (b) Kenya, Nairobi, 26-28 March 2014 (African region);
- (c) Chiang Mai, Thailand, 2-4 June 2014 (Asian region);
- (d) Chiang Mai, Thailand, 6-7 June 2014, (Asian region-CBMIS)
- (e) Apia, Samoa, 26-28 August 2014 (Pacific region).

11. The workshops covered the following topics:

(a) Overview of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

(b) Participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention;

(c) Articles 8(j), 10(c) and related provisions and current work in preparation for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including indicators for Aichi Biodiversity Target 18 on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use and the potential contribution of community-based monitoring and information systems (CBMIS);

(d) The Joint Programme of Work between the Secretariat of the CBD and UNESCO on Biological and Cultural Diversity and Indigenous and Local Communities.

(e) Indigenous and local communities and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization;

(f) Dialogue among diverse knowledge systems: connecting traditional knowledge and science.

12. In each workshop, publications on the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Nagoya Protocol, the Akwé: Kon Voluntary Guidelines, the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and other information on activities and programmes under the Convention related to traditional knowledge were discussed and distributed to participants. USB memories keys were also provided, containing the publications, presentations, official documents and reference materials.

13. The workshops were facilitated by the members of the Secretariat responsible for the programme of work on Article 8(j), in collaboration with partners. The workshops used a participatory methodology, which included training on participation mechanisms in official meetings under the Convention, preparation and use of official documents, and exchange of experience among participants.

14. A total of 169 representatives of indigenous and local communities from Asia, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean attended the workshops (see annex below). The lists of participants are provided in the workshop reports.

15. In general, the participants found the workshops very useful. Many participants enjoyed the methodologies, including role-play and improvisations and believed they were useful learning strategies for skills development, especially negotiation skills.

16. After the regional workshops the participants were invited by the Executive Secretary, through a letter, to submit training proposals to receive small grants with the objective to organize national, subnational or local workshop on issues discussed at the regional workshops. Twelve (12) local training proposals submitted by the trainers who participated in the regional workshops four (4) were selected. Each successful trainer was awarded \$5,000 USD, to organize a national, subnational or local workshop in his home country. A total of twenty-nine subnational, national or local workshops for indigenous peoples and local communities were successfully facilitated by trainers.

17. The Secretariat also provided technical support to the trainers during the planning and development of the local or subnational training national workshops; which included some presentations by skype. Also the Secretariat provided publications and other training materials for each workshop.

C. RESULTS

Latin-American and Caribbean region

18. The workshop for Latin-American and Caribbean region held from 9 to 11, Cochabamba, Bolivia December 2013, was delivered in English and Spanish; all the participants had a working knowledge of either English or Spanish.

19. In connection with this regional workshop the following local, subnational and national workshops were organized by trainers who participated in the regional workshop:

(a) *Training Capacity-building on development of Community Protocols in development of Community Protocols on ABS and Prior Informed Consent on the TKA*, held from 17 to 18 September 2014, Carapari, Bolivia. This workshop was organized by the Government of Bolivia, Unidad de Biodiversidad y Recursos Genéticos, Dirección General de Biodiversidad y Áreas Protegidas (DGBAP), and the Federación Sindical Unica de Comunidades Campesinas de Tarija (FSUCCT). As outcomes the participants developed a community protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing related to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources. The workshop was facilitated by two trainers named Danna Elizabeth Lara Holguín and Rafael A. Murillo Garcia. A total of 33 participants participated in the workshop;

(b) *Training Capacity-building on development of Community Protocols in development of Community Protocols on ABS and Prior Informed Consent on the TKA*, held from 16 to 17 October, Tarija, Bolivia. This workshop was organized by the Government of Bolivia, Unidad de Biodiversidad y Recursos Geneticos, Direccion General de Biodiversidad y Areas Protegidas (DGBAP), and the Federacion Sindical Unica de Comunidades Campesinas de Tarija (FSUCCT). As outcomes the participants developed a community protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing related to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources. The workshop was facilitated by two trainers named Danna Elizabeth Lara Holguín and Rafael A. Murillo Garcia. A total of 33 participants participated in the workshop;

(c) *Training Capacity-building on Traditional Knowledge under the CBD for the Miskitas Communities of Wangki River*, held in Waspmam, Nicaragua from 7 to 10 July 2014. This workshop was organized by the Centro para la Autonomia y Desarrollo de los Pueblos Indigenas (CADPI) and Wangki Tangni organization. The workshop was facilitated by two trainers named Lisbeth Howard, Rose Cunningham. A total of 43 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities participated in the training;

(d) *Workshop on Traditional Knowledge under the CBD*, held in Lonquimay, Chile from 31 July to 1 August 2014. This workshop was organized by the ICCA Consortium and its local organization Observatorio de los Derechos de los Pueblos Indigenas and the Ministerio de Desarrollo Social (MDS) of Chile. The workshop was facilitated by two trainers named Jose Quidel (MDS) and Lorena Arce. A total of 36 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities participated in the training. As outcomes the participants could make recommendations in the discussions on the national draft law related to biodiversity;

(e) *Capacity-building Programme for Indigenous and Indigenous Organizations of the El Salvador on the Nagoya Protocol on ABS*. This programme had the following workshops: two Capacity-building Workshops for Western Region, two Capacity-building Workshops for Eastern Region; two Capacity-building Workshops for Central Region, one national workshop, as follows: 9 February 2015 (Central Region), 9 to 10 February 2015 (Western Region), 11 February 2015 (Eastern Region), 13 April 2015 (National). These workshops were organized by the Mesa Indigena sobre Cambio Climatico de El Salvador, Consejo Indigena de Centro America, Consejo Coordinador Nacional Indigena Salvadoreno (CCNIS) with the support of Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales de El Salvador (MARN). The workshop was facilitated by one trainer named Karla Ciudad Real. A total of 125 representatives from indigenous and local communities participated in this national training programme.

African region

20. The workshop for the Africa Region held in Nairobi, from 26 to 28 March 2014 was delivered in English and French; all the participants had a working knowledge of either English or French.

21. In connection with this regional workshop the following local, subnational and national workshops were organized by trainers who participated in the regional workshop:

(a) *Strengthening Indigenous Peoples participation in Biodiversity conservation and upholding traditional knowledge as stipulated in Articles 8(j), 10(c) and related provisions of the CBD*, held in Nairobi from 29 September to 1 October 2014. This workshop was organized by the Ogiek Peoples' Development Program (OPDP). The workshop was facilitated by one trainer named Daniel Kobei. A total of 45 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities participated in the workshop;

(b) *Capacity-building Workshop on Traditional Knowledge and Access and Benefit-Sharing*, held in Agadir, Morocco from 31 October to 2 November 2014. This workshop was organized by the Centre des Etudes Amazighes Historiques et Environnementales (CEAHE), and the Indigenous Information Network. A total of 43 participants participated in the workshop. The workshop was

facilitated by one trainer named Handaine Mohamed. A total of 43 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities took part of the workshop;

(c) *Traditional Knowledge, customary sustainable use and Access and Benefit Sharing capacity-building training workshop for local communities and relevant stakeholders* held in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 12 to 13 November 2014. This workshop was organized by the Chibememe Earth Healing Association (CHIEHA) in partnership with the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme, Zimbabwe. The workshop was facilitated by one trainer named Gladman Chibememe. A total of 50 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities took part of the workshop;

(d) *Strengthening the capacity of indigenous peoples and local government environmental officer on the CBD, traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use*, held in Namanga, Tanzania from 24 to 26 October 2014. This workshop was organized by Pastoralist Information and Development Organization (PIDO). The workshop was facilitated by one trainer named Martha Ntoipo. A total of 45 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities participated in the workshop.

Asian region

22. Two workshops were organized in the Asian region: in Chiang Mai, from 2 to 4 June 2014 and from 6 to 7 June 2014. The two workshops were connected in term of contents in a complementary manner. The first workshop provided an opportunity to build and strengthen the capacity of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities and government officials working on issues of Article 8(j) and related provisions of the CBD, particularly Target 18 of the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its indicators. The second workshop was more focus in the operationalization process of these indicators relevant for traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use for biodiversity where indigenous organizations and Parties presented their experiences on “Community-Based Monitoring and Information Systems” and how they use a holistic approach that integrates the ecosystems-cultural-and sustainability among other elements. It demonstrated how indigenous peoples and local communities apply their traditional knowledge in community-based monitoring systems, sometimes integrating new technologies into traditional frameworks. A total of 40 participants participated in each workshop.

23. In connection with this regional workshop the following local, subnational and national workshops were organized by trainers who participated in the regional workshop:

(a) *Local capacity-building workshop on traditional knowledge in Nepal* held in Rasuwa, Nepal from 20 to 21 December 2014. This workshop was organized by Federation of Nepalese Indigenous Nationalities (FONIN). The workshop was facilitated by one trainer named Kamal Kumar Rai. A total of 32 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities took part of the workshop;

(b) *Local capacity-building workshop on traditional knowledge for eastern Nepal* held in Sunsari, Nepal, from 26 to 27 December 2014. This workshop was organized by Federation of Nepalese Indigenous Nationalities (FONIN). The workshop was facilitated by one trainer named Kamal Kumar Rai. A total of 29 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities took part of the workshop;

(c) *National Workshop on Traditional Knowledge under the CBD*, held in Kathmandu, Nepal on 7 January 2015. The workshop was facilitated by one trainer named Kamal Kumar Rai. A total of 47 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities took part in the workshop;

(d) *Capacity-building workshop on traditional knowledge under the CBD for indigenous peoples and local communities*, held in Kegalle, Sri Lanka from 13 to 14 February 2015. This workshop was organized by Nirmanne Development Foundation. The workshop was facilitated by one trainer named Hewadhura Gedera Nimalasiri Hewanila. A total of 30 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities took part in the workshop;

(e) *Capacity-building workshop on traditional knowledge under the CBD for indigenous peoples and local community children*, held in Kegalle, Sri Lanka from 13 to 15 February 2015. This workshop was organized by Nirmanne Development Foundation. The workshop was facilitated by the

trainer Nimal Hewanila. A total of 30 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities took part in the workshop.

Pacific Region

24. The workshop for Pacific Region held in Apia, Samoa, from 26 to 28 August 2014 was delivered in English.

25. In connection with this regional workshop the following local, subnational and national workshops were organized by trainers who participated in the regional workshop:

(a) *CBD Training for Indigenous Local Community Resource Managers*, held in Basken Village, Sumkar Districts, Madang, Papua New Guinea from 29 April to 2 May 2015. This workshop was organized by the Mas Kagin Tapini Association. The workshop was facilitated by the trainer Wenceslau Magun. A total of 29 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities took part in the workshop.

(b) *National Capacity-building Workshop for the Solomon Island on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)*, held in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 19 to 20 March 2015. This workshop was organized by the Network for Indigenous Peoples of Solomons (NIPS). The workshop was facilitated by Samson Viulu and Aydah Gwaena Vahia. A total of 35 representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities took part in the workshop.

26. The table with the numbers of participants in the regional and local, subnational or national workshops is made available in the annex to the present document.

D. ONGOING CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

27. Based on the result of the regional and local, subnational and national workshops organized during 2013 to 2015, the Secretariat of the CBD thanks to the financial support of Japan Biodiversity Fund and partners is implementing five regional training programs with the aim to train trainers from indigenous peoples (IP) and local communities (LC) and Parties affiliated to Universities/Educational Institutions on:

(a) Development of community protocols on traditional knowledge (TK) including traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources under the Nagoya Protocol;

(b) Utilization of Indicators on TK and CSU including Community-Based Monitoring and Information Systems (CBMIS);

(c) Customary Sustainable Use of Biodiversity.

28. The programme is designed with a long term approach combining online and face to face training activities with a view to use the train the trainer methodology. This integrated approach connected all levels of all activities. These activities included one international training workshop, five regional training programs and 20 national and subnational workshops including the development of training material in local or indigenous languages. After each regional training programme the participants will be invited to submit their proposals. The best proposals will be selected to receive technical and financial support.

29. To date, three training workshops were implemented:

(a) *International Training Workshop on Community-based Monitoring, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use and Community Protocols, within the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020*, held from 8 to 10 June 2015, Panajachel, Guatemala. This workshop was organized in collaboration with the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB), Forest Peoples Programme (FPP), Natural Justice (NJ), SwedBio, and Sotzil Association, thanks to the generous financial support from the Governments of Guatemala and Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, as

well as the European Union and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, through SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre. As result, the Secretariat with key partners and experts identified the gaps, challenges and recommendations; and developed and designed general guidelines and specific content (Indicators and Community Protocols) of the programme for the regional workshops. A total of 60 participants participated in the workshop;

(b) *Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for the Caribbean Region on Traditional Knowledge and Customary sustainable use under the Convention on Biological Diversity*, held in Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda from 14 to 18 December 2015. This workshop was organized in collaboration with the Precise Development Foundation. A total of 29 participants participated in the workshop;

(c) *African Training Workshop on Community Protocols, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the Convention on Biological Diversity*, from 25 to 29 January 2016, Nairobi. This workshop was organized in collaboration with the Indigenous Information Network (IIN). After the regional workshop the participants will be invited to present their proposal to organize national or subnational workshops.

30. The Secretariat with partners will implement three regional training programs for Latin-American and Caribbean, Asian, and Pacific Region.

E. CONCLUSIONS

31. In conclusion, the implementation of training programmes (2013-2016) with a holistic approach was very efficient and effective, and the participants at the regional training workshops were able to organize local, subnational and national workshop. Their participation at CBD meetings has improved and they are more aware about the importance of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Nagoya Protocol.

32. At the same time, the participants at local, national or subnational workshops were able to make significant contributions in the implementation of COP decisions. For example, participants in the subnational workshop in Chile made comments on the draft law on Biodiversity and Protected Areas (<http://www.observatorio.cl/node/11609>), and participants in the subregional workshops in Bolivia have developed two community protocols on traditional knowledge.

33. The implementation of the regional training programs has some financial limitations, for instance from around 30 participants who participated in the regional training workshops, the Secretariat is only able to support four initiatives.

34. Thus, it would be desirable that more Parties and donor support the capacity-building activities on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use, particularly at local, subnational or national level. This support can contribute to the achievement of the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020, with a special focus on Targets 11, 16 and 18. In addition, it can also address issues under the Nagoya Protocol related to TK at the local, national and regional levels.

35. The Secretariat would like to thank partner organizations, trainers and donors for their support in the implementation of these programs.

Annex

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

1. At the regional level, a total of 184 participants participated in the trainings. In the national, subnational or local workshops organized by the participants of the regional trainings, an additional 678 IPLC and government representatives received training on the Convention.

