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REPORT ON THE CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAMME ON FINANCIAL REPORTING AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In decision XII/3, on resource mobilization, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted five targets for resource mobilization (paragraph 1) as well as a revised Financial Reporting Framework (FRF hereafter) (paragraphs 14 and 24), and invited parties and other Governments to report thereon, using online reporting systems, where feasible, by 31 December 2015. The decision also requested the Executive Secretary to organize workshops, in cooperation with relevant organizations and initiatives, with a view to catalysing and supporting the provision of technical guidance and capacity-building on financial reporting, the identification of funding needs, gaps, and priorities, and the development of national resource mobilization strategies, and, in line with the programme of work on incentive measures, on the implementation of the milestones for the full operationalization of Aichi Biodiversity Target 3 (paragraph 32 (a)).

2. Pursuant to these requests, the Executive Secretary developed a capacity-building programme on financial reporting and resource mobilization. The programme consisted of the following elements, which were delivered in a staggered manner:

- (a) A series of joint CBD-GEF Expanded Constituency Workshops on CBD implementation and Financial Reporting;
- (b) A series of webinars on financial reporting;
- (c) A series of subregional workshops on financial reporting and resource mobilization.

3. While the joint CBD-GEF workshops were intended to raise awareness and highlight the strategic importance of financial reporting and resource mobilization, the webinars and subsequent subregional workshops were intended to disseminate, and build capacity in applying, the methodological guidance developed by two workshops that were organized pursuant to decision XII/3 on resource mobilization.

4. **Mexico methodology workshop:** As requested in paragraph 32 (b) of decision XII/3, an international technical expert workshop on identifying, accessing, compiling and aggregating domestic and international biodiversity-related investments and impacts developed elements of voluntary guidance for Parties with a view to facilitating financial reporting on domestic expenditures and developing national finance plans. Hosted by the Government of Mexico and with financial support provided by the European

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Union and the Biodiversity Finance Initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP BIOFIN), the workshop was organized in close cooperation with BIOFIN and took place in Mexico City from 5 to 7 May 2015. The report of the workshop, and in particular the compilation and review of methodologies and associated experiences provided in annex II to the report, was used for the preparation of the presentations and exercises at the webinars and the subsequent subregional workshops. The full report was also made available to participants of these meetings and circulated to all Parties through notification 2015/118 of 16 October 2015.¹

5. **Guatemala dialogue workshop on collective action and non-market approaches:** In paragraph 29 of decision XII/3, the Conference of the Parties recognized, in the financial reporting framework, the role of collective action, including by indigenous and local communities, and non-market-based approaches for mobilizing resources for achieving the objectives of the Convention, and resolved to include activities that encourage and support such approaches into reporting under the Convention. Further to paragraph 31 of the decision, the Executive Secretary and the Stockholm Resilience Centre co-organized a dialogue workshop on the assessment of collective action of indigenous peoples and local communities in biodiversity conservation and resource mobilization, which was hosted by the Government of Guatemala and took place in Panajachel, Guatemala, from 11 to 13 June 2015. The workshop was financed by the European Union and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, through SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre.² A summary of the conclusions of the dialogue workshop that pertained to financial reporting under the Convention, as contained in the report of the co-chairs of the meeting,³ was subsequently included into the compilation of relevant material provided in annex II to the report of the Mexico methodology workshop, referenced in the previous paragraph.

6. Financial support for the overall delivery of the capacity-building programme was provided by the European Union and the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF). Partners that provided additional financial, logistical or technical support to individual elements of the programme, or individual meetings, are recognized in the relevant sections below.

II. JOINT CBD-GEF WORKSHOPS ON CBD IMPLEMENTATION AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

7. A series of half-day subregional workshops on CBD implementation and financial reporting was organized in close cooperation with, and financial support provided by, the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Hosted by the respective national government, the meetings preceded the Expanded Constituency Workshops (ECWs) organized by the GEF secretariat, inviting specifically the Focal Points of the Convention or their representatives attending the ECWs, as well as GEF Focal Points and interested organizations. Through presentations provided by the Secretariat of the Convention and the GEF secretariat, followed by plenary discussions, the workshops aimed to:

(a) Provide, based on an analysis of fifth national reports, an overview of the status of implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, as well as of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization

¹ It is available under <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMEM-2015-01>.

² The dialogue workshop also benefited financially from being organized in conjunction with two other workshops held at the same locale: 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 (8-10 June 2015), and Expert Meeting on the Repatriation of Traditional Knowledge Relevant to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity (14-15 June 2015), both financed by the Governments of Guatemala and Japan.

³ Background documents and the report of the co-chairs of the dialogue workshop are available under <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-02>. The presentations made at the workshop are available under <https://www.cbd.int/financial/collectiveworkshop.shtml>.

and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, both globally and in the region, as a basis for an exchange of experiences and perspectives on CBD implementation in the region;

(b) Provide an overview of the opportunities available within the GEF-6 biodiversity strategy, as well as through other GEF programme areas, that would allow countries to implement their commitments and enable the identification of concrete portfolio development opportunities in response to the issues identified under (a) above, with a particular focus on opportunities germane to the constituency;

(c) Sensitize participants on the importance and urgency of preparing financial reports due by end of 2015, build methodological understanding, and identify major outstanding methodological issues for further uptake in the subsequent capacity-building workshops.

8. The workshops were held as follows:

- (a) 16 February 2015, in Windhoek, Namibia, for Southern Africa;
- (b) 2 March 2015, in Managua, Nicaragua, for Central America;
- (c) 16 March 2015, in Colombo, Sri Lanka, for South Asia;
- (d) 13 April 2015, in Asunción, Paraguay, for South America;
- (e) 20 April 2015, in Praia, Cabo Verde, for West Africa;
- (f) 4 May 2015, in Georgetown, Bahamas, for the Caribbean;
- (g) 18 May 2015, in Libreville, Gabon, for West Africa;
- (h) 22 June 2015, in Tbilisi, Georgia, for Eastern Europe;
- (i) 19 July 2015, in Kampala, Uganda, for East Africa;
- (j) 6 September 2015, in Aqaba, Jordan, for West Asia;
- (k) 21 September 2015, in Minsk, Belarus, for Eastern Europe.

9. The agendas for the individual workshops can be retrieved under <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/> and more detailed information can also be retrieved under <http://www.thegef.org/gef/calendar-date>, under the entries for the individual workshops.

III. WEBINARS ON FINANCIAL REPORTING

10. With financial support provided by the Government of Japan, webinars on financial reporting were organized for the participants of the subregional workshops described in the next section. Preceding the subregional workshops, the webinars (a) provided an overview of the context and the mandate for financial reporting under the Convention, making particular reference to the targets for resource mobilization adopted by the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; (b) provided a first “walkthrough” of the financial reporting framework and its online version, with a view to clarifying immediate technical issues any major issue for further discussion at the workshops; and (c) provided an outlook to the respective subregional workshop.

11. The presentation provided at the webinar was posted on the website of the corresponding subregional workshop (see links in the next section). Recordings of the webinars were also posted on YouTube (see links provided in the list below).

12. The webinars were held as follows:

- (a) For South Asia: 9 September 2015;
- (b) For the Pacific: 29 September 2015 (http://youtu.be/j_XVtWurIW0);
- (c) For Spanish-speaking Central American and Caribbean Countries: 16 October 2015 (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ehww1pJ-KRU&feature=youtu.be>);

- (d) For Spanish-speaking South America: 29 October 2015;
- (e) For English-speaking Africa: 30 October 2015 (<https://youtu.be/JsXPQAdhUug>);
- (f) For French-speaking Africa: 17 November 2015 (<http://youtu.be/KczkGtAVISI>);
- (g) For South-East Asia; 18 November 2015 (<http://youtu.be/gWILwKgix6w>);
- (h) For Eastern European and Central and West Asian Countries: 16 February 2016 (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IS-7r4ZC6s&feature=youtu.be>).

IV. SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOPS ON FINANCIAL REPORTING AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

13. A series of subregional workshops was organized with financial support provided by the European Union and the Government of Japan as well as other partners, identified in the subsections below. Unless indicated otherwise, the workshops ran over the course of two days.

14. The Mexico methodology workshop, referenced above, highlighted the importance of building on existing reporting processes and associated datasets, both internationally and nationally, for completion of the financial reporting framework. In the context of quantifying and reporting domestic biodiversity expenditures, specific reference was made by the experts to the Classification of Environmental Protection Activities (CEPA) and its integration in reporting frameworks such as the System of Economic and Environmental Accounting (SEEA), which was recently adopted as an international statistical standard by the United Nations Statistics Commission, or the Classification of the Functions of Government (COFOG), and the associated regional or international reporting processes thereon.

15. In light of the above, governments of countries covered by the respective workshop were invited to nominate two delegates per country to participate in the workshop and the preceding webinar, namely (a) an official in charge of resource mobilization for the implementation of the revised national biodiversity strategy and action plan; and (b) a finance expert from the national statistical department or similar agency, working in particular on identifying and compiling financial information on environmental or biodiversity-related expenditures. A consolidated list of participants is provided in annex III below.

16. The objectives of the workshops were to enhance the capacity of participants to apply methodologies, frameworks and tools for financial reporting and the development of national finance plans, by sharing and reviewing experiences in applying such methodologies, frameworks and tools; and by providing voluntary guidance thereon, based on the report of the Mexico methodology workshop referenced above.

17. Against this background, and building on the webinars above, the workshops consisted of four major building blocks (a generic programme is provided in annex I):

(a) *Reporting international flows*: Referring to the pertinent target of decision XII/3, this block discussed the pertinent section of the online FRF, with emphasis being put on addressing the extent to which reporting under this section is relevant for developing countries and countries with economies in transition. The presentation also pointed to associated methodologies and existing data collections, in particular the electronic database of the Creditor Reporting System (CRS) of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation (OECD DAC) and the associated Rio marker methodology. An interactive exercise sought to familiarize participants with the Rio marker methodology and the CRS database, underlining its potential usefulness for also identifying, at national level, sectors with significant funding indirectly related to biodiversity, and for associated donor mapping;

(b) *Reporting domestic biodiversity-related expenditures*: Referring to the pertinent target of decision XII/3, this block discussed the relevant section of the online FRF, highlighting the different funding sources and categories, such as the contribution of collective action, including by indigenous and

local communities, and non-market approaches. Building on the conclusions and guidance of the Mexico workshop, referenced above, emphasis was put on methodologies for identifying and quantifying funding streams that are indirectly related to biodiversity. With a view to generating synergy and avoiding the duplication of work, emphasis was also given to the potential usefulness of existing statistical frameworks and associated data collection efforts. In an exercise, participants were tasked to use the Classification of Environmental Activities (CEA), under the United Nations System of Economic and Environmental Accounting (SEEA), (a) to identify entries that are of particular potential relevance for biodiversity, and (b) to assign a tentative (range of) coefficients. An aggregation of the results of this exercise from all the workshops is provided in annex IV;

(c) *Reporting funding needs, gaps, and priorities:* Referring to the pertinent target of decision XII/3, this block discussed the relevant section of the online FRF, making particular reference to revised NBSAPs as a basis for assessing funding needs. Reference was also made to the ongoing work of the international group of experts to assess funding needs for GEF-7, with a view to enabling practical synergies at country level. Tools and methodologies were described to disaggregate strategic actions identified in revised NBSAPs into activities that are amenable to costing, making reference to emerging good practices. An interactive spreadsheet-based exercise sought to further familiarize participants with these tools and approaches;

(d) *Closing finance gaps: developing national finance plans:* Referring to the pertinent targets of decision XII/3, this block discussed the relevant sections of the online FRF and presented the range of available financial mechanisms as mapped out in the strategy for resource mobilization and annex IV to decision XII/3, with emphasis on domestic resource mobilization including recent experiences at country level. This overview also covered the milestones for the full implementation of Aichi Biodiversity Target 3 as well as the guidelines on safeguards in biodiversity financing mechanism as adopted by COP-12 (see decision XII/3, annexes I and III). In a subsequent roundtable discussion, participants shared their experiences and progress made in the NBSAP revision and the development of national finance plans.

18. At the end of each workshop, participants were invited to complete an evaluation questionnaire. The consolidated results of the evaluation are provided in annex III.

19. The following subregional workshops were held (the links provided below give access to the relevant background documents, the presentations, and the consolidated results of the exercises):

(a) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Resource Mobilization for CARICOM Member States, 18 to 21 May 2015, St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-01>);

(b) Subregional Capacity-Building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for South Asia, 16 to 18 September 2015, New Delhi, India (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-03>);

(c) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for the Pacific, 5 to 6 October 2015, Avarua, Cook Islands (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-04>);

(d) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for Spanish-speaking Central American and Caribbean Countries, 26 to 27 October 2015, San José, Costa Rica (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-05>);

(e) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for South America, 12 to 13 November 2015, Lima, Peru (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-06>);

(f) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for English Speaking African Countries, 24 to 25 November 2015, Entebbe, Uganda (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-07>);

(g) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for Southeast Asia, 30 November to 1 December 2015, Manila, Philippines (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-08>);

(h) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for French Speaking African Countries, 1 to 2 December 2015, Dakar, Senegal (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-09>);

(i) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for Eastern European and Central and West Asian Countries, 25 to 26 February 2016, Tbilisi, Georgia (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2016-01>).

20. The workshops were held in English, French, or Spanish. With the exception of the workshop in Tbilisi, Georgia, where Russian interpretation was provided, no interpretation was necessary for enhancing interaction. Countries that did not “fit” within the language groups in the respective subregion (i.e. non-Spanish or non-English speaking GRULAC (Group of Latin American and Caribbean countries) or non-French or non-English-speaking African countries) were invited to the geographically closest workshop.

21. The subsections below provide specific information on the individual workshops.

(a) ***Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Resource Mobilization for CARICOM Member States***

22. The workshop was financially supported by the European Union and was co-organized with the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/ROLAC). It was hosted by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

23. The workshop run over four days and provided technical guidance and capacity-building on various aspects of the resource mobilization agenda, including: (a) the identification of funding needs, gaps, and priorities, and associated financial reporting; and (b) the design and implementation of various biodiversity financing mechanisms. In addition, responding to a need identified by country representatives from the subregion at the earlier Regional Workshop on Resource Mobilization for the Latin American and Caribbean region, held in Brasilia from 15 to 17 April 2014, the workshop also focussed on methodologies for the identification and integration of biodiversity values, as a critical precondition for the effective mobilization of resources.

24. In light of its different format and length, a dedicated report was prepared for this workshop. It is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-01>. The link also provides access to the background documents and the presentations given at the workshop.

(b) ***Subregional Capacity-Building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for South Asia***

25. The workshop was hosted by the Government of India. Opening remarks on behalf of the host Government were provided by Ms. Sujata Arora, Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change. Participants elected Mr. A. Damodaran from India to chair the meeting.

26. The workshop ran over three days. Its first day was organized in close cooperation with the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII-ITC), as it was held in conjunction with the 10th Sustainability Summit organized by the CII-ITC. The first day of the workshop hence consisted of a number of biodiversity related events, organized by the Secretariat of the Convention, at the Sustainability Summit, as summarized below.

27. A plenary panel session on the value and economic benefits of biodiversity was moderated by the representative of the Convention Secretariat, Mr. Markus Lehmann, and consisted of Mr. Hem Pande (CBD Primary National Focal Point, Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, India), Mr.

R. Mukundan (Tata Chemicals Limited), Mr. Ravi Singh (WWF India), Mr. Siddharth Jain (Rio Tinto Diamonds), and Mr. Sachin Samar (Hindustan Zinc Limited).

28. Panellists noted that, despite progress made including by the private sector, more efforts are needed to make a compelling business case for biodiversity and on turning the generic case into concrete business opportunities. The important role of governments in creating enabling conditions and an amenable business environment was highlighted by several interventions. Concrete measures could include to integrate biodiversity considerations in financing eligibility criteria and to strengthen the role of environment impact assessments. Enhancing consumer information on biodiversity impacts was identified as another critical factor in driving businesses towards more sustainable behaviour as this would enable consumers to tailor their purchasing decisions accordingly and motivate business to provide corresponding products.

29. The second event, consisting of a series of kick-off presentations followed by a questions and answers session and a brief workshop in breakout groups, addressed the role of the private sector in achieving national biodiversity finance targets. Presentations were given by Ms. Divya Narain (Environmental Management Centre India) on biodiversity offsets, by Mr. Prasad Modak (IL&FS Limited) on green bonds, and Mr. Laxmi Datta Bhatta from the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) in Nepal by) on payments for ecosystem services, while Mr. T. Rabikumar from the National Biodiversity Authority of India provided the necessary policy background by presenting India's national biodiversity targets.

30. The subsequent workshop sought to determine, through breakout groups, the main challenges associated with these finance mechanisms. With regard to green bonds, the biggest change was seen in overcoming the current lack of tools to adequately account for natural capital. While some approaches do exist, in order to mainstream green bonds for biodiversity conservation, more reliable and comparable metrics for natural capital accounting are required to generate return of investments. With regard to both payments for ecosystem services and offsets, the discussion again highlighted the critical importance of an enabling policy environment, making particular reference to stewardship mechanisms or the certification of products.

31. Mr. Damodaran, in his capacity as a member of the expert team charged with providing a full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols for the seventh replenishment period of the trust fund of the Global Environment Facility, in accordance with Decision XII/30, provided a briefing to workshop participants on the recent work of the expert group. In particular, he provided an overview of, and additional explanations to, the questionnaire that was sent out to Parties by notification 2015/094 of 19 August 2015.

32. Days two and three followed the programme provided in annex II and as described above. Additional presentations were provided by:

(a) Mr. Damodaran, on the work in India on assessing biodiversity-related expenditures, including expenditures indirectly related to biodiversity (non-core and peripheral), and associated lessons learned;

(b) Mr. Sushil Sharma from Nepal, on the statistical work undertaken in his country, with focus on the emerging programme of work on implementing the System of Environmental-Economic Accounts Accounting (SEEA) in the context of sustainable development;

(c) Mr. Karma C. Nyedrup from Bhutan, on Bhutan's approach and experiences in costing the revised NBSAP;

(d) Mr. David Myers from UNDP BIOFIN, on BIOFIN methodologies and the recent work of the initiative, both at global level as well as in the various pilot countries.

33. Background documents, presentations provided at the workshop, and the results of the exercises are available under <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-03>.

(c) ***Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for the Pacific***

34. The workshop was held back-to-back to the Expanded Constituency Workshop (ECW) of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), which was held from 7-8 October 2015. It was organized in close cooperation with, and additional financial support from, the GEF secretariat. Welcome remarks were provided by Ms. Elisabeth Munro from the Cook Islands on behalf of the host government, as well as by Ms. Nicole Glineur from the GEF secretariat.

35. The workshop followed the programme provided in annex II and as described above. Additional presentations were provided by:

(a) Ms. Easter Galuvao from the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), on the work of SPREP on financial management and reporting systems in the region;

(b) Mr. Mason Smith, IUCN regional office Fiji, on the role of disaster risk reduction policies in mobilizing resources for biodiversity.

36. The final roundtable was moderated by Ms. Easter Galuvao.

37. Background documents, presentations provided at the workshop, and the results of the exercises are available under <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-04>.

(d) ***Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for Spanish-speaking Central American and Caribbean Countries***

38. The workshop was hosted by the Government of Costa Rica. Opening remarks on behalf of the host Government were provided by Ms. Eugenia Arguedas Montezuma. The workshop followed the programme provided in annex II and as described above. Additional presentations were provided by:

(a) Ms. Fernanda Montero from the national UNDP BIOFIN team of Mexico, covering the approach, methodology and current status of the BIOFIN Project in Mexico;

(b) Mr. Oscar Chacón Acuña, from Costa Rica's Comisión Nacional para la Gestión de la Biodiversidad (CONAGEBio) on the status of research related to financial reporting in Costa Rica.

39. The final roundtable was moderated by Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodríguez, Senior Policy Adviser and Vice President, Center for Environment and Peace, Conservation International.

40. Background documents, presentations provided at the workshop, and the results of the exercises are available under <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-05>.

(e) ***Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for South America***

41. The workshop was hosted by the Government of Peru. Opening remarks on behalf of the host Government were provided by Mr. Jose Álvarez Alonso, Ministry of Environment. The workshop followed the programme provided in annex II and as described above. Additional presentations were provided by:

(a) Ms. Sorka Jannet Copa Romero from Bolivia, on the methodology developed by Bolivia and the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization on ways to account for the contribution of the collective action of indigenous peoples and local communities to the conservation of biological diversity;

(b) Mr. Jose Álvarez Alonso, Ministry of Environment, on the outcomes of recent cooperation with Ministry of Economy and Finance in Peru with regard to guidelines for public investments in biodiversity and ecosystem services;

(c) Mr. Luis Antonio Sanchez Perales from the national UNDP BIOFIN team of Peru, on the transformative political and financial frameworks being put in place in Peru to increase investments in biodiversity;

(d) Ms. Andrea Antonieta Cabezas Correa, national coordinator for the BIOFIN project in Chile, on the methodology, process and progress of the BIOFIN programme in Chile.

42. Background documents, presentations provided at the workshop, and the results of the exercises are available under <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-06>.

(f) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for English Speaking African Countries

43. The workshop was hosted by the Government of Uganda. Opening remarks on behalf of the host Government were provided by Mr. Tom O. Okurut, Executive Director, National Environment Management Authority. The workshop followed the programme provided in annex II and as described above. An additional presentation was provided by Ms. Alice Ruhweza, Senior Technical Advisor with UNDP BIOFIN, on the recent progress made by BIOFIN globally as well as in the region.

44. The final roundtable was moderated by Mr. Francis Ogwal from Uganda.

45. Background documents, presentations provided at the workshop, and the results of the exercises are available under <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-07>.

(g) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for Southeast Asia

46. The workshop was co-organized by the Biodiversity Centre of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and hosted by the Government of Philippines. Opening remarks were provided by Ms. Clarissa Arida on behalf of Mr. Roberto Oliva, Executive Director of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), as well as by Ms. Armida P. Andres on behalf of the host Government. The workshop followed the programme provided in annex II and as described above. An additional presentation was provided by Ms. Annabelle Trinidad, Senior Technical Advisor with UNDP BIOFIN, on the recent progress made by BIOFIN globally as well as in the region.

47. The final roundtable was moderated by Ms. Annabelle Trinidad, Senior Technical Advisor with UNDP BIOFIN.

48. Background documents, presentations provided at the workshop, and the results of the exercises are available under <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-08>.

(h) Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for French Speaking African Countries

49. The workshop was hosted by the Government of Senegal. Opening remarks on behalf of the host Government were provided by Mr. Soulèye Ndiaye from the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Senegal. The workshop followed the programme provided in annex II and as described above. The final roundtable was moderated by Mr. Soulèye Ndiaye.

50. Background documents, presentations provided at the workshop, and the results of the exercises are available under <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-09>.

(i) ***Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization in English and Russian Speaking countries for Eastern European and Central and West Asian Countries***

51. The workshop was hosted by the Government of Georgia. Opening remarks on behalf of the host Government were provided by Mrs. Teona Karchava from the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Georgia. The workshop followed the programme provided in annex II and as described above. An additional two presentations were provided by Mr. David Myers, Senior Technical Advisor with UNDP BIOFIN, on BIOFIN methodologies and of the recent work of the initiative, both at global level as well as in the various pilot countries, and on mobilising resources for biodiversity and sustainable development.

52. The final roundtable was moderated by Mr. David Myers Senior Technical Advisor with UNDP BIOFIN.

53. Background documents, presentations provided at the workshop, and the results of the exercises are available under <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2016-01>.

(j) ***General conclusions***

54. Several common themes and conclusions emerged during the discussions at the workshops. These include:

(a) Participants generally recognized the importance of developing national resource mobilization strategies for the effective implementation of revised NBSAPs, and of associated reporting through the FRF.

(b) Many participants also noted a time lag in implementation, due to various administrative, political, and capacity challenges. A substantial number of participants pointed to delays in the revision of their NBSAP and the associated impact on the development and adoption of the resource mobilization strategy. Several BIOFIN core countries also noted that work under the national BIOFIN project was still ongoing and that it would therefore be difficult to meet the reporting deadline adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision XII/3;

(c) Several participants pointed to the linkages between resource needs and absorption capacities. Even when funds are allocated to biodiversity, implementation may still be delayed due to various administrative, political, and capacity constraints;

(d) Participants frequently emphasized the importance of linking the resource mobilization efforts for the NBSAP, and associated processes, with the national budgeting process;

(e) Further to the previous point, several participants wondered whether the identification of funding gaps, possibly based on the “costing” of the revised NBSAP, would be formally possible in light of the national budgeting process: once funds are allocated to different divisions of government, and activities and expenditures are executed in accordance with available budgets, a “funding gap” would formally not exist, or cease to exist once the budgetary cycle is complete;

(f) Participants frequently underlined the need for methodological guidance that would be, to the extent feasible, standardized while still keeping discretion and the opportunity to tailor it to national circumstances and conditions. For instance, regarding the identification of expenditures that are indirectly related to biodiversity, based on statistical classifications, participants noted the importance of operating in the context of their own national systems.

Annex I

PROGRAMME OF THE SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOPS ON RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

Time	Session
DAY 1	
8.30 a.m.	Registration
9 a.m.	Welcome and opening
9.15 a.m.	Self-introductions by participants; Overview of workshop objectives and process
9.45 a.m.	International biodiversity-related flows Presentation Q&A; discussion
10.30 a.m.	Tea/coffee break
11 a.m.	Work in breakout groups: using the OECD Creditor Reporting System (CRS) database (exercise)
11.30 a.m.	Assessing biodiversity-related expenditures Presentation: methodologies and guidance from the Mexico workshop; linkages to statistical classifications and related work Q&A; discussion
12.30 p.m.	Lunch
1.30 p.m.	Assessing biodiversity-related expenditures (cont.) Work in breakout groups: Making use of statistical frameworks for assessing biodiversity-related expenditures: towards a crosswalk or indicative checklist
3 p.m.	Tea/coffee break
3.30 p.m.	Reporting back from breakout groups; group discussion: Identification of initial results and further discussion needs
5 p.m.	Evening break
DAY 2	
9 a.m.	Assessing funding needs: costing the NBSAPs Presentation: methodologies and guidance from the Mexico workshop Work in breakout groups: moving from strategic targets to “costable” activities (exercise)
10.30 a.m.	Tea/coffee break
11 a.m.	Feedback from exercise Roundtable on progress in revising NBSAPs and costing the revised NBSAP
12.30	Lunch

Time	Session
p.m.	
1.30 p.m.	Towards national finance plans: Biodiversity finance mechanisms Presentation: Biodiversity finance mechanisms: the work under the Convention Q&A; discussion
3 p.m.	Tea/coffee break
3.30 p.m.	Round table on developing finance plans: next steps, remaining challenges
4.30 p.m.	Evaluation and closure
5 p.m.	End of workshop

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*Annex III***CONSOLIDATED EVALUATION OF THE WORKSHOPS**

Questions	AVERAGE	India	Cook Islands	Costa Rica	Peru	Uganda	Philippines	Senegal	Georgia
How do you rate the overall usefulness of the workshop?	4.4	4.1	3.9	4.6	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.8
How well has the workshop contributed to your ability to prepare/update your country's financial report and resource mobilization strategy?	4.1	4.1	3.6	4.1	4.4	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.4
How would you rate the usefulness of the preparatory webinar?	3.9	3.9	3.4	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.8	4.2
In your opinion, as enough time allowed for discussion and interaction?	3.9	3.9	3.7	4.6	4.1	3.6	4.2	3.3	4.3
Did you consider the daily time schedule to be appropriate?	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.9	4.7	4.0	4.4	3.8	4.6
Please rate your satisfaction on the overall logistical organization of the workshop	4.0	3.9	2.8	4.6	4.7	2.9	4.3	4.2	4.6
Please rate your satisfaction on the venue and its facilities	4.4	4.1	4.0	4.9	4.8	4.3	4.6	4.1	4.6

In the additional written comments, participants underscored the usefulness of the workshops in improving understanding of financial reporting and the steps to be taken in developing resource mobilization strategies, highlighting in particular the tools and approaches for identifying expenditures indirectly related to biodiversity, including the assignment of coefficients, as well as the approach and tool provided for the breakdown of the revised NBSAP into “costable” products.

As regards opportunities for improvement, participants noted that more time should be devoted in particular to exercises, concrete case studies, and interaction among participants. These comments were particularly prevalent in larger workshops, i.e. those with a relatively large number of participants, pointing to the need to better manage meeting size, and that additional capacity-building activities should be provided on a continuous basis, in particular detailed, step-by-step guidance. With regard to the latter, it was also noted by several participants that online channels, such as webinars, are sometimes constrained by poor connectivity.

Annex IV

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF THE EXERCISE ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL (PROTECTION) ACTIVITIES (CEPA/CEA)

The table below presents the aggregated information from eight workshops. During the exercise, breakout groups (2-4 per workshop) had to select seven activity categories which group members felt would be particularly important for biodiversity. The first column indicates the frequency by which the individual activity subclass was selected by a breakout group.

	I. Environmental protection
	1 Protection of ambient air and climate
	1.1 Prevention of pollution through in-process modifications
17	1.1.1 For the protection of ambient air
15	1.1.2 For the protection of climate and ozone layer
	1.2 Treatment of exhaust gases and ventilation air
13	1.2.1 For the protection of ambient air
16	1.2.2 For the protection of climate and ozone layer
8	1.3 Measurement, control, laboratories and the like
6	1.4 Other activities
	2 Wastewater management
18	2.1 Prevention of pollution through in-process modifications
14	2.2 Sewerage networks
19	2.3 Wastewater treatment
9	2.4 Treatment of cooling water
11	2.5 Measurement, control, laboratories and the like
11	2.6 Other wastewater management activities
	3 Waste management
17	3.1 Prevention of pollution through in-process modifications
17	3.2 Collection and transport
	3.3 Treatment and disposal of hazardous waste
18	3.3.1 Thermal treatment
24	3.3.2 Landfill
18	3.3.3 Other treatment and disposal
	3.4 Treatment and disposal of non-hazardous waste
16	3.4.1 Incineration
14	3.4.2 Landfill
11	3.4.3 Other treatment and disposal
11	3.5 Measurement, control, laboratories and the like
9	3.6 Other waste management activities
	4 Protection and remediation of soil, groundwater and surface water
12	4.1 Prevention of pollutant infiltration
11	4.2 Cleaning up of soil and water bodies
20	4.3 Protection of soil from erosion and other physical degradation
13	4.4 Prevention and remediation of soil salinity
10	4.5 Measurement, control, laboratories and the like

7	4.6 Other activities
	5 Noise and vibration abatement (excluding workplace protection)
	5.1 Preventive in-process modifications at the source
6	5.1.1 Road and rail traffic
7	5.1.2 Air traffic
6	5.1.3 Industrial and other noise
	5.2 Construction of anti-noise/vibration facilities
9	5.2.1 Road and rail traffic
8	5.2.2 Air traffic
8	5.2.3 Industrial and other noise
3	5.3 Measurement, control, laboratories and the like
3	5.4 Other activities
	6 Protection of biodiversity and landscapes
	6.1 Protection and rehabilitation of species and habitats
	6.2 Protection of natural and semi-natural landscapes
	6.3 Measurement, control, laboratories and the like
	6.4 Other activities
	7 Protection against radiation (excluding external safety)
6	7.1 Protection of ambient media
6	7.2 Transport and treatment of high-level radioactive waste
4	7.3 Measurement, control, laboratories and the like
2	7.4 Other activities
	8 Research and development for environmental protection
	8.1 Protection of ambient air and climate
12	8.1.1 Protection of ambient air
11	8.1.2 Protection of atmosphere and climate
15	8.2 Protection of water
13	8.3 Waste
13	8.4 Protection of soil and groundwater
11	8.5 Abatement of noise and vibration
15	8.6 Protection of species and habitats
7	8.7 Protection against radiation
7	8.8 Other research on the environment
	9 Other environmental protection activities
	9.1 General environmental administration and management
18	9.1.1 General administration, regulation and the like
21	9.1.2 Environmental management
23	9.2 Education, training and information
10	9.3 Activities leading to indivisible expenditure
9	9.4 Activities not elsewhere classified

	II. Natural Resource Management (RM) (interim)
	10 Management of mineral and energy resources
18	10.1 Reduction of the intake of mineral and energy resources
17	10.2 Reduction of mineral use through the reduction of scraps and the production and consumption of recycled materials and products and reduction of heat and energy losses and energy savings
15	10.3 Measurement, control, laboratories and the like related to mineral and energy resources
14	10.4 Other activities for the management of mineral and energy resources
	11 Management of timber resources
17	11.1 Reduction of the intake of timber resources
18	11.2 Reduction of the consumption of forest (wood and non wood)-related products
22	11.3 Reforestation and afforestation
17	11.4 Forest fires
13	11.5 Measurement, control, laboratories and the like related to natural timber resources
12	11.6 Other activities for the management of timber resources
	12 Management of aquatic resources
20	12.1 Reduction of the intake of aquatic resources
15	12.2 Replenishment of aquatic resources stocks
13	12.3 Measurement, control, laboratories and the like related to aquatic resources
14	12.4 Other activities for the management of aquatic resources
	13 Management of other biological resources (excluding timber and aquatic resources)
15	13.1 Reduction of the intake of biological resources (excluding timber and aquatic resources)
15	13.2 Replenishment of biological resources stocks (excluding timber and aquatic resources)
14	13.3 Measurement, control, laboratories and the like related to biological resources stocks (excluding timber and aquatic resources)
11	13.4 Other activities for the management of biological resources (excluding timber and aquatic resources)
	14 Management of water resources
15	14.1 Reduction of the intake of water resources
18	14.2 Reduction of water losses and leaks, water reuse and savings
15	14.3 Replenishment of water resources
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	15 Research and development activities for resource management
12	15.1 Mineral and energy resources
11	15.2 Timber resources

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10	15.4 Other biological resources
9	15.5 Water resources
8	15.6 Other R&D activities for natural resource management
	16 Other resource management activities
	16.1 General administration of natural resources
12	16.1.1 General administration, regulation and the like
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12	16.2 Education, training and information
3	16.3 Activities leading to indivisible expenditure
4	16.4 Activities not elsewhere classified
