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Second Meeting

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organisational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of the officers;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organisation of work.
3. Matters on which advice from the SBSTTA is required by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties:-
 - 3.1. Assessment of biological diversity and methodologies for future assessments
 - 3.1.1. Review of assessment of biological diversity made in 1995, and methodologies for future assessments, as well as the minimum standard data required, as appropriate, to be applied in accordance with national priorities and programmes.
 - 3.2. Identification, monitoring and assessment of components of biological diversity and of processes that have adverse impacts
 - 3.2.1. Alternative ways and means in which the Conference of the Parties could start the process of identification, monitoring and assessment of components of biological diversity, as well as processes and categories of activities which have or are likely to have significant

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adverse impacts on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, in accordance with Article 7.

3.3. Review and promotion of indicators of biological diversity

3.3.1. Review and promotion of indicators of biological diversity to be used for assessment of effectiveness of measures taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention.

3.4. Practical approaches for capacity-building for taxonomy

3.4.1. Consider advice to the Conference of the Parties on ways and means to overcome the current lack of taxonomists taking into account existing initiatives and being mindful of adopting a practical direction to taxonomy linked to bio-prospecting and ecological research on conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and its components.

3.5. Ways and means to promote and facilitate access to, and transfer and development of technology, including biotechnology

3.5.1. Identification of sound technologies, including biotechnology and description of ways and means to promote and facilitate access to, and transfer and development of these technologies, and the role of the clearing-house mechanism.

3.6. Knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities

3.6.1. Ways and means to identify and protect the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles and to compensate through the equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the use of such knowledge, innovations and practices, in accordance with Article 8(j) of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

3.7. Capacity-building for biosafety

3.7.1. Capacity-building in relation to safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms resulting from biotechnology that may have adverse effect on the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components.

3.8. The role of the clearing-house mechanism in promoting technical and scientific cooperation

3.8.1. Role of the clearing-house mechanism in facilitating and promoting technical and scientific cooperation in research and development related to conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components.

- 3.9. Agricultural biological diversity
 - 3.9.1. Scientific, technical and technological aspects of the conservation of agricultural biological diversity and sustainable use of its components.
- 3.10. Terrestrial biological diversity
 - 3.10.1. Scientific, technical and technological aspects of the future programme of work for terrestrial biological diversity in the light of the outcome of deliberations of the third session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in 1995.
- 3.11. Economic valuation of biological diversity
 - 3.11.1. Scientific, technical and technological advice on economic valuation of biological diversity and its components, in particular in relation to access to genetic resources.
- 3.12. Coastal and marine biological diversity
 - 3.12.1. Scientific, technical and technological aspects of the conservation and sustainable use of coastal and marine biological diversity;
 - 3.12.2. Bio-prospecting of genetic resources of the deep seabed.
4. Review of the *modus operandi* of the SBSTTA.
5. Review of the medium-term programme of work of the SBSTTA , 1995-1997.
6. Draft provisional agenda of the third meeting of the SBSTTA.
7. Date and venue of the third meeting of the SBSTTA.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting.