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## SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

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Item 6.1 of the provisional agenda\*

### PREPARATION FOR THE TENTH AND ELEVENTH MEETINGS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

#### *Draft provisional agendas*

*Note by the Executive Secretary*

#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. From its fourth to ninth meetings, the work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) has been guided by the programme of work of the Conference of the Parties as adopted at its fourth meeting in 1998 (decision IV/16, annex I), covering the meetings of the Conference of the Parties up to the seventh meeting. At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided, by decision VI/28, paragraph 3, to hold an open-ended inter-sessional meeting to consider the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010, which should report to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

2. Pursuant to that decision, the Open-Ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 was held from 17 to 20 March 2003. Recommendation 3 of the Inter-Sessional Meeting (UNEP/CBD/COP/7/5, annex) contains a proposed multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting in February 2004. The Inter-Sessional Meeting also provided some guidance for future meetings of the Conference of the Parties that SBSTTA should also take into consideration in its work in order to respond to the needs of the Conference of the Parties.

3. Without prejudging the decision of the Conference of the Parties on the proposed multi-year programme of work, the present note was prepared in consultation with the Bureau of SBSTTA in light of the multi-year programme of work recommended by the Inter-Sessional Meeting. Section II presents proposals for a revised structure of the SBSTTA agenda and the items for discussion at its tenth to fifteenth meetings arranged according to that revised structure, bearing in mind that SBSTTA will meet twice between two meetings of the Conference of the Parties. Section III presents the draft provisional agendas for the tenth and eleventh meetings of SBSTTA.

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## **II. PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE AGENDAS FOR SBSTTA MEETINGS AND PROGRAMME OF WORK OF SBSTTA UP TO ITS FIFTEENTH MEETING**

4. Based on the recommendations of the Open-Ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 a revised general structure of SBSTTA agendas is presented below, and a schedule of items for discussion up to the fifteenth meeting of SBSTTA is proposed in table 1.

### *Revised structure of agendas for meetings of SBSTTA*

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1. Election of officers;
  - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
  - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Progress reports on the implementation of the programmes of work of the Convention
4. Substantive issues:
  - 4.1. In-depth review of selected thematic programmes of work and/or cross-cutting issues.
  - 4.2. Consideration of urgent and emerging issues;
  - 4.3. Strategic issues for evaluating progress or supporting implementation: review of progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan, including the 2010 biodiversity target, and contributions to achievement of the Millennium Development Goals/Refining mechanisms to support implementation (at alternate sessions)..
5. Preparation for the two following meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice:
  - 5.1. Draft provisional agendas;
  - 5.2. Dates and venues.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.

5. As is current practice, progress reports on ongoing thematic programmes of work and cross-cutting issues will be presented to each meeting (item 3). These would be provided for information only and it is envisaged that, normally, SBSTTA would not need to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties on these items. Reports of ongoing assessments, including those carried out by ad hoc technical expert groups, as well as relevant external assessments would also be made under this agenda item, (consistent with SBSTTA recommendation V/6).

6. Substantive items would be considered under agenda item 4. Under this agenda item, it is envisaged that SBSTTA would consider the results of relevant assessments and other reports, and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties, as appropriate. This would include periodical, in-depth consideration of the various thematic programmes and cross-cutting issues of the Convention (item 4.1). In proposing the sequencing of items for in-depth consideration and review, consideration has been given to the proposed programme of work of the Conference of the Parties developed by the Inter-Sessional Meeting, with cross-cutting issues, and thematic programmes of work, considered at alternate meetings.

7. In line with the proposed multi-year programme of work developed by the Inter-Sessional Meeting, it is proposed that island biodiversity be considered at the tenth meeting of SBSTTA. In line with the recommendation of the Inter-Sessional Meeting that some flexibility should be retained in the multi-year programme of work in order to accommodate urgent emerging issues (recommendation 3, paragraph 9), provision has also been made for the consideration of urgent emerging issues, as may be determined by the Conference of the Parties, at subsequent meetings. This does not, however, imply the creation of new programmes of work beyond that on island biodiversity.

8. The Inter-Sessional Meeting recommended that the Conference of the Parties consider, at each meeting, strategic issues for evaluating progress or supporting implementation, including:

(a) Progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan, including the 2010 biodiversity target and contributions towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals; and

(b) Refining mechanisms to support implementation.

9. To allow SBSTTA to prepare appropriate advice to the Conference of the Parties on these strategic issues, it is proposed that a corresponding agenda item be included in SBSTTA's agenda (item 4.3), with issues (a) and (b) being addressed at alternate meetings.

10. Under "Progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan, including the 2010 biodiversity target and contributions towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals", SBSTTA would review progress towards global targets, consider related measures such as monitoring and indicators, and evaluate changes in the status and trends of biodiversity (consistent with paragraph 3 of recommendation 2 and recommendation 3 of the Inter-Sessional Meeting). <sup>1/</sup>

11. Under "Refining mechanisms to support implementation", SBSTTA would consider technical aspects related to the financial mechanism, the clearing-house mechanism, technology transfer and capacity building, as well as the effectiveness of SBSTTA recommendations. Bearing in mind that the fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body will be the last to be held prior to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2010, consideration of "Progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan, including the 2010 biodiversity target and contributions towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals" has been scheduled for consideration at that fifteenth meeting of SBSTTA, as well as at the fourteenth.

12. The main themes of the meetings will be decided on the basis of the items for in-depth consideration or review.

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<sup>1/</sup> The changes in the status and trends of biodiversity of specific biomes could also be considered under agenda item 4.1 when the corresponding thematic programmes of work are reviewed under that agenda item.

**B. Proposed schedule of items for consideration up to the fifteenth meeting of SBSTTA**

	<b>SBSTTA-10 2004 <sup>2/</sup></b>	<b>SBSTTA-11 2005</b>	<b>SBSTTA-12 2006</b>	<b>SBSTTA-13 2007</b>	<b>SBSTTA-14 2008</b>	<b>SBSTTA-15 2009</b>
<b>Item 4.1: In-depth review of ongoing work (under the thematic areas and cross-cutting issues)</b>	Global Taxonomy Initiative	1. Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity 2. Other scientific and technical aspects as determined by COP and/or COP/MOP <sup>3/</sup>	1. Ecosystem approach 2. Invasive alien species 3. Incentive measures	1. Agricultural biodiversity 2. Forest biodiversity 3. Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	1. Sustainable use 2. Protected areas 3. Climate change (dependent on the outcome of COP-7)	1. Inland waters biodiversity 2. Marine and coastal biodiversity 3. Mountain biodiversity
<b>Item 4.2. Urgent emerging issues</b>	Island biodiversity	Urgent emerging issues, as required.	Urgent emerging issues, as required.	Urgent emerging issues, as required.	Urgent emerging issues, as required.	Urgent emerging issues, as required.
<b>Item 4.3: Strategic issues for evaluating progress or supporting implementation</b>	Progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan, the 2010 target, and contribution to the MDGs	Refining mechanisms to support implementation	Progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan, the 2010 target, and contribution to the MDGs	Refining mechanisms to support implementation	Progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan, the 2010 target, and contribution to the MDGs	Progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan, the 2010 target, and contribution to the MDGs

<sup>2/</sup> Indicative years for SBSTTA meeting; SBSTTA-10 may take place in early 2005.

<sup>3/</sup> In the event that the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety decides to utilize the services of SBSTTA pursuant to Article 30, paragraph 1, of the Biosafety Protocol.

### **III DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDAS FOR THE TENTH AND ELEVENTH MEETINGS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

13. Under sections A and B below, draft provisional agendas for the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, respectively, are proposed.

#### ***A. Draft provisional agenda for the tenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice***

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1. Election of officers;
  - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
  - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Progress report on the implementation of the programmes of work of the Convention.
4. Substantive issues:
  - 4.1. In-depth review of programmes of work: Global Taxonomy Initiative;
  - 4.2. New issues: island biodiversity;
  - 4.3. Strategic issues for evaluating progress or supporting implementation: Review of progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan, including the 2010 biodiversity target, and contributions to achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.
5. Preparation for the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice:
  - 5.1. Draft provisional agenda;
  - 5.2. Date and venue.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.

***B. Draft provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice***

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1. Election of officers;
  - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
  - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Progress report on the implementation of the programmes of work of the Convention.
4. Substantive issues:
  - 4.1. In-depth review of programmes of work:
    - (a) Dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity;
    - (b) Other scientific and technical aspects as determined by the Conference of the Parties and/or the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; <sup>4/</sup>
  - 4.2. Urgent emerging issues;
  - 4.3. Strategic issues for evaluating progress or supporting implementation: Refining mechanisms to support implementation;
5. Preparation for the twelfth and thirteenth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice:
  - 5.1. Draft provisional agendas;
  - 5.2. Dates and venues.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.

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