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BRAINSTORMING MEETING OF  
SBSTTA CHAIRS ON WAYS AND MEANS  
TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS  
OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY  
Paris, 24-25 July 2006

**ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The role of science in supporting or guiding initiatives and actions towards the implementation of the objectives of the Convention and, more specifically, the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target has been stressed in many forums in past years, particularly in the light of the findings of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. At the same time, many find that the operations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) should be improved so that this body can provide the Parties to the Convention with authoritative assessments of the status and trends of, and threats to, biodiversity, and with policy-relevant advice that could facilitate linking scientific assessments to the mobilization of solutions, particularly at the national level.
2. The Executive Secretary is convening this brainstorming meeting of the past, present and future Chairs of SBSTTA to identify ways and means to enhance the scientific underpinning of the Convention by the Subsidiary Body and improve its effectiveness in the light of the Convention's Strategic Plan and the 2010 target, and to make concrete proposals on how to operationalise the requests of the Conference of the Parties.
3. The meeting will be hosted by the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France on 24 and 25 July 2006.

**ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

4. The meeting will be opened by Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention, on Monday 24 July 2006 at 9.00 a.m. A representative of the French authorities will make a statement followed by welcoming remarks by Mr Bertrand Galley, the Director of the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle. The chair of SBSTTA 12, Mr Christian Prip, and the representative of the Executive Director of UNEP, Mr Bakary Kante, the Director of UNEP's Division of Environmental Conventions, will also address the meeting.

**ITEM 2 REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF SBSTTA**

5. The Secretariat of the Convention will summarize the outcomes of previous assessments of SBSTTA drawing on document UNEP/SBSTTA/8/13 containing information on the review of SBSTTA

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recommendations made to the Conference of the Parties, Section II on SBSTTA in recommendation 1/2 (Review of processes) contained in the report of the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/4/REV1) and the consolidated *modus operandi* of SBSTTA in decision VIII/10.

6. The meeting will have before it a note prepared by the Executive Secretary on guidance from the Conference of the Parties on ways and means for improving the effectiveness of SBSTTA (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/BRAINSTORMING/1/2)

### **ITEM 3. WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SBSTTA**

#### ***Item 3.1. Lessons learned from other scientific bodies***

7. The meeting will discuss collectively the lessons learned from the operation of other scientific bodies. To assist the meeting the Secretariat gathered in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/BRAINSTORMING/1/3 some information on the operations of the Scientific Committees of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); the Scientific Council of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS); the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) of the Ramsar Convention and the Scientific and Advisory Panel of the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

#### ***Item 3.2. Concrete proposals from each Chair of SBSTTA***

8. Under this item, each Chair of SBSTTA will present his views on ways and means to strengthen the role of SBSTTA. The Chairs' proposals could be structured around the issues listed in paragraph 3 of document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/BRAINSTORMING/1/2.

### **ITEM 4 : SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION .**

9. Drawing on the proposals put forward by each SBSTTA Chair, the meeting will develop a set of targeted actions to be undertaken to strengthen the role of SBSTTA. The moderator of the meeting will summarize the discussion which will be submitted to the meeting of the bureau of SBSTTA 12 to be held in the afternoon of 26 July 2006.

*Annex I*

**PROVISIONAL ORGANISATION OF WORK FOR THE BRAINSTORMING  
MEETING OF THE SBSTTA CHAIRS ON WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE THE  
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY**

*Agenda items*

**Monday, 24 July 2006**

9:00 -12:00

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Review and assessment of SBSTTA
- 3.1 Lessons learned from other scientific bodies

12.00 -14.00

Lunch

14.00-17.00

- 3.2 Concrete proposals from each Chair of SBSTTA

**Tuesday, 25 July 2006**

9:00. – 12:00

- 3.3 Synthesis of proposals

12:00 – 14:00

Lunch hosted by the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle

14:00 – 16:00

4. Other matters

5. Adoption of the Report

16:00 – 17:00

Guided tour of the museum

*Annex II*

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE BRAINSTORMING MEETING OF  
THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL  
ADVICE CHAIRS ON WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
THE SUBSIDIARY BODY**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/BRAINSTORMING/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/BRAINSTORMING/1/Add1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/BRAINSTORMING/1/2	Ways and means to improve the effectiveness of SBSTTA: Guidance from the Conference of the Parties
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/BRAINSTORMING/1/3	Information on the Processes and Operations of Scientific Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions and the Global Environment Facility

*Other useful documents*

UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/8/13	Operations of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice - Review of SBSTTA recommendations made to the Conference of the Parties
UNEP/CBD/COP/8/4.REV1	Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working group on Review of Implementation.
Section II of Decision VIII/10	Operations of the Convention