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INFORMAL EXPERT WORKSHOP ON THE
UPDATING OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE
CONVENTION FOR POST-2010 PERIOD
London, 18-20 January 2010

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties, at its tenth meeting, to be held in Nagoya, Japan, in October 2010, is expected to adopt a revised and updated Strategic Plan of the Convention. In decision IX/9, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to solicit views from Parties and observers concerning the revision of the Strategic Plan. The Executive Secretary has prepared, in document UNEP/CBD/SP/PREP/1, an analysis/synthesis of views received. In order to facilitate the widest range of inputs to the revision of the Strategic Plan, the Secretariat, together with partners and Parties, has also organized a series of regional and subregional meetings (see www.cbd.int/sp/sp2010+/).

2. The purpose of this workshop is to provide an opportunity for participants nominated by Parties to contribute to the elaboration of the new Strategic Plan for the period beyond 2010, including its vision, goals, targets and mechanisms to support implementation. The workshop also aims to stimulate thinking about national biodiversity strategic planning beyond 2010 in the light of the possible outcomes of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in October 2010. This informal expert workshop is co-hosted by Brazil and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and will take place in London, from 18 to 20 January 2010.

3. Participants in the workshop will comprise government officials or experts from countries who have been directly involved in the implementation of the Convention, particularly through their national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

4. The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) of the United Kingdom, together with the Secretariat has issued an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the workshop. The language of the workshop will be English.

5. Registration of participants will be done at the venue of the workshop.

6. The provisional agenda of the workshop prepared by the Executive Secretary is available as document UNEP/CBD/SP/EW/1/1. The proposed organization of work is provided in annex I below.

7. The workshop will be co-chaired by Mr. Huw Irranca-Davies, Minister for Marine and Natural Environment (United Kingdom) and Ms. Maria Cecilia Wey de Brito, Secretary for Biodiversity and Forests (Brazil).

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8. A list of documents for the workshop can be found in annex II below. Participants are invited to familiarize themselves with this material prior to the workshop.

9. The emphasis of the workshop will be on exchange and active discussions. It will not conduct negotiations on the issues under review, but the outcome of the discussions will be forwarded for the information of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention when it considers recommendations on the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. With this in mind, the workshop format features a mix of presentations with question-and-answer sessions, discussions in small working groups, and interactive sessions to provide inputs to the updated Strategic Plan. Participants will be seated in small groups to facilitate such active participation and interaction.

10. At the end of the first day, a reception will be held at the Natural History Museum, hosted by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Representatives of the current and incoming COP presidencies will address the reception, to be followed by dinner.

SESSION 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

11. The workshop will be opened by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of the United Kingdom, the Rt. Hon. Hilary Benn MP and the Minister of State for the Environment of Brazil, H.E. Carlos Minc (whose opening remarks will be delivered by video address). Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaf, Executive Secretary, will also deliver opening remarks. This opening session will be moderated by Mr. Peter Unwin (Director General, Environment and Rural Group, DEFRA).

SESSION 2. SCENE-SETTING: OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME AND BACKGROUND PRESENTATIONS

12. The lead facilitator (Ms. Natasha Walker) and a representative of the Secretariat will outline the overall purpose and modalities of the workshop. Participants will be invited to introduce themselves in each of the small groups and to work together to identify their expectations for the workshop.

13. By way of scene setting, some keynote presenters will provide background information on:

(a) Biodiversity status and trends and future scenarios, based on the preparations for the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (Dr Matt Walpole, UNEP-WCMC);

(b) Key challenges, opportunities and needs for global biodiversity, based on the outcome of the biodiversity conference of the InterAcademy Panel on International Issues held in London the previous week (Prof. Georgina Mace, Royal Society);

(c) The economics of ecosystems and biodiversity, based on the on “The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity” (TEEB) study (Mr. Pavan Sukdev, UNEP/TEEB).

14. The presentations will be followed by a plenary discussion led by a panel of the keynote presenters and the chair of the session.

SESSION 3. LESSONS LEARNED FROM WORKING TOWARDS THE 2010 TARGET AND OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE POST-2010 PERIOD

15. Mr. Huw Irranca-Davies will introduce the session and the lead facilitator will explain the modalities.

16. The Secretariat (Dr. David Cooper) will provide background information on the current strategic plan and an overview of the implementation of the Convention and progress toward the 2010 target drawing upon information in fourth national reports and the analysis being undertaken for the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. He will also briefly introduce an analysis of the views

submitted by Parties and Observers to date including the outcome of a number of consultations (see document UNEP/CBD/SP/PREP/1).

17. A number of participants, including one from each region, will be invited to provide brief perspectives on lessons learned and the implications for the new Strategic Plan.

18. Participants will discuss lessons learned from the implementation of the Convention and identify challenges and opportunities for the next phase of implementation. Against this background, participants will then consider the overall rationale and structure of the new Strategic Plan, as well as its overall Vision. Discussions will start in small groups, followed by brief reports to plenary, and discussions among representatives of each small group.

19. These discussions will be supported by documents prepared previously for the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2) as well as analyses of the fourth national reports and the draft Global Biodiversity Outlook (see annex II).

SESSION 4. DEVELOPING A POST-2010 FRAMEWORK OF GOALS AND TARGETS

20. The chair, Mr. Peter Schei, Chair of the Trondheim Conference, will introduce the session and the lead facilitator will explain the modalities.

21. The Secretariat will introduce options for the post-2010 Mission and a framework of Goals and Targets, drawing upon the submissions of Parties and observers, the outcome of consultation workshops and the discussion document prepared by the secretariat (UNEP/CBD/SP/PREP/2).

22. A number of participants, including one from each region, will be invited to provide their perspectives on the post-2010 Targets.

23. Participants will discuss options for the Mission and a balanced targets framework for the period post-2010 for an effective implementation of the three objectives of the Convention. Discussions will start in small groups, followed by brief reports to a plenary session and further discussion.

SESSION 5. IMPLEMENTATION NEEDS AND MECHANISMS

24. Ms. Maria Cecilia Wey de Brito will introduce the session and the lead facilitator will explain the modalities.

25. A representative of the host country will introduce options for mechanisms needed for the implementation of the Strategic Plan under the Convention on Biological Diversity for the period post-2010.

26. A number of participants, including one from each region, will be invited to provide their perspectives on the implementation needs and mechanisms.

27. Participants will discuss the mechanisms needed for the implementation of the Strategic Plan under the Convention on Biological Diversity for the period post-2010, in particular the mechanisms needed to create the conditions for effective implementation of the three objectives of the Convention, its programmes and initiatives and, in particular, the implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) in all countries, particularly in developing countries. Such discussions may include consideration of the functioning of CBD bodies and mechanisms, financial mechanisms, capacity-building mechanisms, science support for policy-making, engagement of different stakeholder groups, mainstreaming, and other issues. Discussions will start in small groups, followed by brief reports to plenary, and discussions among representatives of each small group.

SESSION 6. SYNTHESIS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE WORKSHOP

28. The co-chairs of the workshop will introduce the session and the lead facilitator will explain the modalities. Participants will be invited to reflect on the work done so far and to identify outstanding issues to inform the priorities for the rest of the workshop.

29. A number of participants, including a representative of the Secretariat and one from each region, will be invited to provide their perspectives on the work done so far, focussing on (a) the strategic nature of the framework under development; (b) coherence between the targets (the "what") and the means (the "how") and (c) the balance among the three objectives of the Convention.

30. Participants will discuss outstanding issues. Discussions will start in small groups, followed by brief reports to plenary and further discussion in plenary.

31. In plenary session, participants will identify and adopt the main conclusions of the workshop on the basis of earlier discussions. The full report of the workshop will be developed later by the Secretariat and circulated to participants for their review before finalization.

SESSION 7. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

27. Mr. Huw Irranca-Davies, Minister for Marine and Natural Environment (UK) and Ms. Maria Cecilia Wey de Brito, Secretary for Biodiversity and Forests (Brazil), co-chairs of the workshop, together with a representative of the Executive Secretary will provide closing remarks. The workshop is expected to close at approximately 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 January 2010.

Annex I

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010

9.30 – 10.05 a.m.	**1.**	**Opening of the workshop** (Chair: Peter Unwin, Defra) Opening statements • Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK • Carlos Minc, Minister of State of the Environment, Brazil (by video link, introduced by Maria Cecilia Wey de Brito, Secretary for Biodiversity and Forests, Brazil) • Ahmed Djoghlaf, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity
10.05 – 11 a.m.	**2.**	**Scene Setting** (Chair: Chair: Peter Unwin, Defra) Introduction to the workshop (Natasha Walker, lead facilitator and a representative of the CBD Secretariat) Introductions by participants Background presentations. • Biodiversity status, trends and future scenarios – findings from GBO-3 (Matt Walpole, UNEP-WCMC) • Challenges, opportunities and needs for global biodiversity – outcome of the biodiversity conference of the InterAcademy Panel (Georgina Mace, Royal Society)
11 – 11.30 a.m.		*Coffee/tea break*
11.30 – 12.45 a.m.	**2.**	**Scene Setting** (continued) Background presentations (continued). • The Economic of Ecosystems and Biodiversity – the TEEB study (Pavan Sukhdev, UNEP) Panel-led Plenary Discussion
12.45 – 2 p.m.		*Lunch break*
2 – 3.30 p.m.	**3.**	**Lessons learned – success and challenges of working toward the 2010 target and opportunities for the post 2010 period** (Chair Huw Irranca-Davies) Introduction by the Chair and lead facilitator Introductory Presentation on lessons from experience and implications for the future (David Cooper, CBD Secretariat) Diverse perspectives: short statements by participants Discussions in small groups, focussing on identification of challenges and opportunities and implications for the new Strategic Plan
3.30 – 4 p.m.		*Coffee/tea break*
4 – 6 p.m.	**3**	**Lessons learned** (*continued*) Interim report-back on group discussions and plenary discussion Second round of discussions in small groups, focussing on overall rationale and vision for the new Strategic Plan Report back to plenary by means of a discussion among participants representing the small groups and the facilitator ("fishbowl discussion") Concluding remarks by the Chair
6.30 p.m.		*Depart for evening reception*

7 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.		**Evening Reception at the Natural History Museum** • Welcome (Defra) • Address by COP-9 presidency (Jochen Flasbarth, Germany) • Address by COP-10 presidency, (Mr. Masayoshi Mizuno, Japan) • Evening Meal

TUESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2010

9 – 11 a.m.	**4.**	**Developing a post-2010 framework of Goals and Targets (the strategic "what")** (Chair: Peter Schei, Chair of the Trondheim Conference) Brief recap of day one and overview of plans for day two led by the Chair and lead facilitator Introductory Presentation on options for the framework of goals and targets (Robert Hoft, CBD Secretariat) Diverse Perspectives: short statements by participants Discussions in small groups to identify overall mission and "SMART" targets
11 – 11.30 a.m.		*Coffee/tea break*
11.30 a.m.– 1 p.m.	**4.**	**Developing a post-2010 framework of Goals and Targets (*continued*)** Plenary and inter-group discussions to to identify overall mission and "SMART" targets
1 – 2 p.m.		*Lunch break*
2 – 4 p.m.	**5.**	**Implementation mechanisms and needs (the strategic "how")** (Chair: Maria Cecilia Wey de Brito) Brief introduction and recap of morning's work by the Chair and lead facilitator, questions and comments. Introductory Presentation on implementation needs (Braulio Dias, Brazil) Diverse Perspectives: short statements by participants Discussions in small groups on how to improve implementation, post-2010.
4 – 4.30 p.m.		*Coffee/tea break*
4.30 – 6 p.m.	**5.**	**Implementation mechanisms and needs (*continued*)** Report back to plenary by means of a discussion among participants representing the small groups and the facilitator ("fishbowl discussion") Second round of discussions in small groups, identifying priorities to support implementation Presentation of key mechanisms Concluding remarks by the Chair

WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2009

9 – 10.30 a.m.	**6.**	**Synthesis & recommendations** (Co-Chairs: Huw Irranca-Davies, Maria Cecilia Wey de Brito) Brief recap of day two and overview of plans for day three led by the Chair and lead facilitator, identification of any outstanding issues. Perspectives of participants: Are we strategic enough? Is the "how" sufficient to achieve the "what"? Do we have a balance among the three objectives of the Convention? Discussions in small groups, to ensure we have the strategic elements and necessary coherence in the new strategic plan. Interim report back to plenary

10.30- 11 a.m.		*Coffee/tea break*
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	**6.**	**Synthesis and recommendations** (*continued*) "Open space agenda": Discussions in small groups to address outstanding issues Feedback to plenary
12 – 1 p.m.	**7.**	**Conclusions** (Co-chairs: Maria Cecilia Wey de Brito and Chair Huw Irranca-Davies) Plenary Discussion on overall findings
1 – 2 p.m.		*Lunch break*
2 – 3 p.m.	**7.**	**Conclusions** (*continued*) Presentation by Co-Chairs of overall findings and plenary discussion
3 – 3.30 p.m.	**7.**	**Closing of the workshop** Concluding remarks by the Co-Chairs

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Document symbol	Document title
UNEP/CBD/SP/EW/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SP/EW/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/SP/PREP/1	Revision and updating of the Strategic Plan: Synthesis/Analysis of views
UNEP/CBD/SP/PREP/2	Revision and updating of the Strategic Plan: Possible outline and elements of the new Strategic Plan
UNEP/CBD/SP/PREP/3	Revision and updating of the Strategic Plan: Compilation from Fourth National Reports of National Biodiversity Targets for 2010 and Beyond.
UNEP/CBD/SP/PREP/4	Draft Synthesis of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook
UNEP/CBD/SP/PREP/5	Development, implementation and updating of National biodiversity strategies and action plans and the mainstreaming of biodiversity
Relevant COP decisions and previously available background documents	
Decision IX/9	Revision and updating of the Strategic Plan
Decision IX/8	Review of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan
Booklet (No symbol)	Mainstreaming biodiversity workshops on national biodiversity strategies and action plans https://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-brochure-nbsap-ws-en.pdf
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/2	Status of Implementation of Goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan Focusing on Implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Availability of Financial Resources: An Overview
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/2/Add.1	Synthesis and Analysis of Obstacles to Implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: Lessons Learned from the Review, Effectiveness of Policy Instruments and Strategic Priorities for Action
UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/2/INF/9	National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: A Meta-Analysis of Earlier Reviews

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