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SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION ON BIODIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT

Third meeting

Incheon City, Republic of Korea, 18-20 May 2011

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

REVISED ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. As welcomed by decision X/23 of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) in Nagoya, Japan, the Third Expert Meeting for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development, hosted by the Republic of Korea through its National Institute of Biological Resources (NIBR), will be held from 18 to 20 May 2011 in Incheon City, Republic of Korea. The meeting is organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in partnership with the Chair of the G77 and with financial support from the Republic of Korea, through the NIBR.

2. Pursuant to operative paragraph 9 of decision X/23 on “Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development” adopted by the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the main objective of the meeting is “to further discuss modalities of South-South and triangular cooperation and the roadmap towards the possible adoption of a Plan at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.”

3. In this context, the meeting will provide an opportunity to: (i) assess the process and roadmap for the adoption of the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development (MYPA) at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-11); (ii) explore ways and means for regional organizations and their secretariats, international organizations, United Nations bodies, other Biodiversity Liaison Group members and Rio conventions, donors, indigenous peoples organizations, non-governmental organizations, and centres of excellence to contribute to the further development and finalization of the Multi-Year Plan of Action; (iii) identify and facilitate potential South-South and triangular collaborative partnerships with the support and contribution of the aforementioned stakeholders, and (iv) discuss the establishment of a network of centres of excellence on South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development and share their experiences on South-South and triangular cooperation initiatives and projects.

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4. By decision X/23 on South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development, the Conference of Parties welcomed the Multi-Year Plan of Action as an important contribution to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The decision requests the Working Group on the Review of Implementation (WGRI), at its fourth meeting, to examine and further develop the Plan for consideration at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties and calls on Parties, other Governments, regional and international organizations, United Nations agencies and NGOs, to contribute to the further development of the Plan and to find ways and means for mainstreaming South-South Cooperation into national planning.

5. The development of the Multi-Year Plan of Action started in 2006, at the request of South Africa as the Chair of the G77. At the time, the Multi-Year Plan of Action was designed as a complement to paragraphs 42 to 46 of the G77 Development Platform for the South launched by the G77 in June 2008 at the twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (IFCC-XII) in Yamoussoukro. A first brainstorming session was held in 2006, taking into account existing national and regional initiatives. In 2008, at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in its decision IX/25, Parties took note of the process and suggested a South-South Cooperation Forum on biodiversity for development to be convened at the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Between the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties held in 2008 and the tenth meeting held in 2010, the Multi-Year Plan of Action was further elaborated and examined through the 2008 first expert meeting, the 2009 first meeting of the Steering Committee and the 2010 second expert meeting.

6. The Multi-Year Plan of Action was welcomed by the G77 at the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in September 2010. On 17 October, 2010, at the First Forum on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development held at the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Multi-Year Plan of Action was amended and endorsed by the G77 and China.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

7. The meeting will be opened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday 18 May 2011 at the Songdo Conventia, in Incheon City, Republic of Korea. Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, will welcome participants and provide an overview and the objectives of the meeting. Dr. Chong-chun Kim, President of NIBR, will give a welcoming remark as host organization. Other statements will be made by various representatives at the opening session listed in annex I.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

8. Participants will be invited to elect the Chair(s) based on proposals from the floor.

9. Under this item, participants will consider the proposed provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/3/1) and organization of work for the meeting as contained in annex I to the present note.

10. The language of the meeting will be English. The documentation listed in annex II below is posted at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting=EMSSC-03>.

ITEM 3. PRESENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE ROADMAP FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION ON BIODIVERSITY TOWARDS COP 11

11. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will present the outcomes of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the

roadmap for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity towards the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/3/2).

ITEM 4. MODALITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

12. NIBR and UNDP's Special Unit for South-South Cooperation will make presentations on their cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the Multi-Year Plan of Action.

13. Under this item, participants will consider the modalities of South-South cooperation mechanisms such as multi-stakeholder collaborative partnerships with Parties, regional organizations and their secretariats, international organizations, United Nations bodies, other Biodiversity Liaison Group members and Rio conventions, donors, indigenous people's organizations, non-governmental organizations, and centres of excellence. Furthermore, the modalities of a network of centres of excellence at national and regional levels to promote technology transfer and capacity-building will be examined.

Financial Mechanism

14. The Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) will present the current status and trends of South-South cooperation in the GEF portfolio, and address decision X/23 inviting the GEF to consider establishing a South-South biodiversity cooperation trust fund for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 based on voluntary contributions.

15. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will also present a strategy for support for South-South cooperation on biodiversity for Development (UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/3/3), followed by a discussion on next steps. Discussions will also consider the experience of the United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation, the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund (PGTF) and others.

ITEMS 5 AND 6. CAPACITY-BUILDING PROGRAMMES, COOPERATION PROPOSALS AND EXCHANGES

16. Various centres and organizations will make a presentation of their training programme and activities which have been successfully implemented through South-South and triangular cooperation mechanism.

17. Participants will share their experiences on South-South and triangular cooperation initiatives and projects, and seek collaborative projects and partnership to develop a South-South biodiversity knowledge network and promote technology transfer and cooperation with the potential partners. Participants will be invited to list their areas of interests for collaboration and identify possible partnerships through interactive exchanges.

ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS

18. Under this item, the meeting may wish to consider any other matters of relevance raised by participants.

ITEM 8. ADOPTION OF CONCLUSIONS

19. The Chair(s) will provide an overview of her/his conclusions, and her/his observations whether meeting objectives have been achieved. Participants will be invited to consider the conclusions of the meeting for incorporation into its final report.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

20. Following brief customary closing statements by the organizing partners, the third Expert Meeting is expected to end by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 19 May 2011.

FIELD VISIT TO BIODIVERSITY-RELATED INSTITUTIONS/INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM/JOINT SESSION WITH THE CONSORTIUM OF SCIENTIFIC PARTERS ON BIODIVERSITY

21. A technical visit to biodiversity-related institutions and attendance to an international symposium on the ABS protocol will be offered to participants on Friday, 20 May 2011.

22. A joint session with the Consortium of Scientific Partners on biodiversity will be held to discuss collaboration on triangular scientific and technical cooperation on biodiversity for development.

Annex I

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE THIRD EXPERT MEETING ON
SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION ON BIODIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT**

WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY	
9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	<i>Item 1: Opening of the meeting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks by Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the CBD • Welcoming remarks by Dr. Chong-chun Kim, President of NIBR • Opening remarks by the delegation of Argentina as Chair country of the G77 • Other statements
9:30 – 9:45 a.m.	<i>Item 2: Organizational Matters</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
9:45 – 10: 15 a.m.	<i>Item 3: Presentation of Strategic Plan</i> Discussion
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30 a.m. – 12 noon	<i>Item 3: Presentation of Strategic Plan and Roadmap</i> Discussion
12 – 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 2:45 p.m.	<i>Item 4: Modalities for implementation and supporting mechanisms</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by GEF • Discussion
2:45 – 3 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
3 – 4:30 p.m.	<i>Item 4: Modalities for implementation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN Fund for South-South Cooperation • Presentation by Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund for Economic and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (PGTF) • Other presentations
6 – 7:30 p.m.	<i>Official Dinner</i>
Thursday, 19 MAY	
9 a.m.– 10:30 a.m.	<i>Item 5: Capacity-building programmes</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by various centres of excellence, regional and subregional organizations • Discussion
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45 a.m. –	<i>Item 5: Capacity-building programmes</i>

12 noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by various centres of excellence, networks, subregional, regional organizations • Discussion
12 – 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	<i>Item 6: Cooperation proposals</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South-South and Triangular partnerships
4:20 – 4:25 p.m.	<i>Item 7: Other matters</i>
4:25 – 4:30 p.m.	<i>Item 8: Adoption of conclusions</i>
4:30 p.m.	<i>Item 9: Closure of the meeting</i>
6 – 7:30 p.m.	<i>Official Dinner</i>
Friday, 20 MAY Field visit	
9 a.m. – 12 noon	<i>Technical visit to biodiversity-related technical institutions/International symposium</i>
12 – 1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<i>Joint session with the Consortium of Scientific Partners on biodiversity</i>
2:30 – 5:40 p.m.	<i>International symposium</i>
6 – 7:30 p.m.	<i>Official Dinner</i>

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Document Number	Document Title
UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/3/1	Provisional Agenda
UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/3/1/Add.1/Rev.2	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/3/2	Support for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development
Other documents	
Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund for Economic and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (PGTF)	
United Nations Fund for South-South Cooperation	
Roadmap for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development towards COP 11 in 2012	
