Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on South-South Cooperation

Qingdao, China ● 21st -24th May, 2014

Expected outcomes:

i. Existing needs, barriers/challenges, working modalities and leading agencies and brightspots on Scientific and Technical Cooperation (STC) in the region are assessed (stock-taking);

ii. Based on the above exercise, future options (including a few priority project concepts) are outlined for regional and subregional cooperation in the region, matching gaps and opportunities towards concrete initiatives on STC for WGRI-5 and COP 12;

iii. Other opportunities are identified for mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services into existing cooperation on biodiversity-related STC in the region.

Organization:

- Ministry of Environmental Protection, China: Ms. Zhujun Wang and Ms. Wan Xialin, Foreign Economic Cooperation Office.
- CBD Secretariat: Principal Officer Ms. Amy Fraenkel, Programme Officers Mr. Andre Mader, Mr. Lijie Cai and Mr. Oliver Hillel.

Programme

Wednesday, May 21st	
	9:00 to 10:40, conference center I, Huanghai Hotel • **Agenda item 1: Opening of the Workshop and celebration of International Day for Biodiversity**. Joint session with the Cities and Biodiversity workshop, moderated by the Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection. • Tea/coffee break (10:40-10:55 am)
10:40 Tea Break	

	11:00 – 12:30, room III, Huanghai Hotel • **Agenda Item 2: Workshop Background, Scope and Expected Outcomes.** Overview of workshop programme. Evolution of CBD toolbox, trends in SSC at global level (presentation by Secretariat of the CBD, Oliver Hillel, 15 Min) • **Agenda item 3: Presentations of examples of South-South and triangular cooperation by global/regional organizations** (15 min each, moderated by chosen chair). Current cooperation frameworks by: o ASEAN Center for Biodiversity, Dr. Filiberto Pollisco, Research and Policy Development Specialist o Asian Development Bank, Mr. Sumit Pokhrel, Deputy Technical Program Head, Mekong River Biodiversity Corridor Program o China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Centre, TBD o Questions and Answers (30 min)
12:30 Lunch	
	1:45- 3:30, room III • **Agenda item 3 (cont.): Presentations of examples of South-South and triangular cooperation by National Governments** (moderated by chosen chair) o Country presentations ▪ China – Mr. Kong Xiangwen, Deputy Director of Climate Change Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Zhang Fengchun, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences ▪ others TBD such as Cambodia, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines and/or Singapore (may continue into next session).
3:40 Tea Break	
	3:50 – 6:00 pm, room III • **Agenda item 4 - Mechanisms, actions and steps to improve scientific and technical cooperation in the Convention and implement Aichi Biodiversity Target 19** o Introduction to the methodology, preparations for project marketplace exercise (Secretariat of the CBD, facilitation by Oliver Hillel) o Preparations for group discussions on the next day
	Reception hosted by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of China (18:30-20:30 pm), venue TBD

Thursday, May 22nd	
	9:00 to 12:30 with tea break (10:30-10:50 am), room III • **Agenda item 4 - Mechanisms, actions and steps to improve scientific and technical cooperation in the Convention;** o 9:00 – 9:20 - Operational options and procedures (Amy Fraenkel, Principal Officer, Mainstreaming, Partnership and Outreach, CBD Secretariat, 15 min) – outline of document UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/3/Add.1, elements for STC contributions to COP 12. o Coordination opportunities for STC at regional, subregional and thematic levels (facilitated group discussions, Oliver Hillel, SCBD) – information on the joint session. o Reporting back to plenary from group discussions o Project marketplace exercise (individual statements of needs and offers)
12:30 Lunch	
	1:45 – 5:30 pm with coffee/tea break (3:30-3:50 pm), room III • **Agenda item 4 - Mechanisms, actions and steps to improve scientific and technical cooperation in the Convention** (facilitation by Oliver Hillel) o Project marketplace exercise (open match-making exchanges based on writing contributions on posters) o Group work for concept development (4-5 main projects in 2 different rooms) o Moderated plenary session for project priority setting, consolidation and development (goals, resources, partners, methods, next steps)

Friday, May 23rd	
	9:00 – 10:30, room IV, Huanghai Hotel **Agenda item 5 - Joint session: scientific and technical cooperation on biodiversity and urbanization** (moderated by Oliver Hillel, SCBD) Delegates join others from the Cities and Biodiversity Workshop for cross-briefing. Participants and facilitators from each workshop will report on their discussions, facilitators will help to identify commonalities between the two workshops, and areas where each topic can be mainstreamed into the other. As chair of the session, Director General Mr. Anura Jayatilake of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) is invited to speak on regional scientific and technical cooperation and subnational activities (10 minutes).
10:30 Tea Break	

	10:50 – 12:30, room IV • **Agenda item 6 - Next steps and follow-up** (facilitation by Oliver Hillel, SCBD); Integration of Urban Biodiversity approaches and subnational implementation in previous project outlines
12:30 Lunch	
	1:45 – 3:30, room IV • **Agenda item 6 - Next steps and follow-up** (cont., facilitation OH/SCBD) o Identification and consolidation of 3-4 main follow up projects (phases, responsibilities for follow up, identification of financial, technical and human resources available and needed)

3:30 Tea/coffee break	
	3:50 – 4:50 pm, room IV • **Agenda item 7 - Technical visit to the Qingdao Horticultural Expo 2014** o Outline of opportunities for Scientific and Technical cooperation at the Qingdao Expo (in preparation for the technical visit the next day - 20 min by SCBD and MEP) • **Agenda item 8 - Other matters and closure of the workshop**, room IV o 4:50 – 5:05 - Closing considerations (Amy Fraenkel, Principal Officer, Mainstreaming, Partnerships and Outreach, Secretariat of the CBD) o 5:05 – 5:30 - Next steps and how this workshop will contribute to COP 12 (Oliver Hillel, SCBD)

Saturday, May 24th
9:00 – 3:00 PM • **Agenda item 7 - Technical visit to the Qingdao Horticultural Expo 2014** (including lunch); 3:30-4:30 PM, Huanghai Hotel room VI • Voluntary follow up meeting to identify complementary opportunities arising from the visit to the Qingdao Horticultural Expo.