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Fourth workshop

Addis Ababa, 6-8 May 2003

ORGANIZATION OF WORK: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Revised annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. In its decision VI/13, adopted at its sixth meeting, in April 2002, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity welcomed the outcome of the three regional workshops on the sustainable use of biological diversity, which took place in Maputo, Hanoi and Salinas, Ecuador, in 2001/02 and requested the Executive Secretary, *inter alia*, "to organize a fourth open-ended workshop on the sustainable use of biodiversity to synthesize the outcomes of the three workshops, integrate different views and regional differences and develop a set of practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity, to be submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for its consideration prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties".
2. In response to this request, the Executive Secretary has convened, with the support of the Governments of Norway and the Netherlands, the Fourth Workshop on the Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, to be held in Addis Ababa from 6 to 8 May 2003.
3. Participants in the Workshop will be selected from among government-designated experts, taking into account the need for a balanced regional distribution. In addition, representatives of competent intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations will participate as observers.
4. A provisional list of the documents for the Workshop is provided in annex I below.
5. The Secretariat will distribute an information note containing details about registration and logistical arrangements for the meeting, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

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ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

6. The Workshop will be opened by the Executive Secretary or his representative at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 6 May 2003. The representative of the host country and the Executive Secretary will make introductory remarks.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

7. Participants will be invited to elect the Co-Chairs for the meeting on the basis of proposals from the floor.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

8. The Workshop will adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/1), which has been prepared by the Executive Secretary on the basis of decision VI/13 of the Conference of the Parties and the discussions held during the three previous workshops.

2.3. Organization of work

9. The language of the meeting will be English.

10. Participants may wish to carry out part of their work in plenary and establish working groups to consider agenda items 6 and 7, respectively. A suggested timetable for the workshop, indicating the allocation of work between the two working groups, is provided in annex II below.

ITEM 3. INTRODUCTION TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND MANDATE OF THE FOURTH WORKSHOP

11. The Secretariat will give a brief overview of the Convention's objectives and programmes of work and review the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties. During the introduction of the issues pertaining to the sustainable use of biological diversity, reference will be made to the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to be circulated as an information document (UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/INF/1). The linkages between the Convention objectives, its Strategic Plan and the broader goals of sustainable development and poverty alleviation will be highlighted.

12. Lastly, the representative of the Secretariat will outline the mandate of the Fourth Workshop, which entails the finalization of practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity as well as the development of practical ways for measuring components of biological diversity and their decline.

ITEM 4: OUTCOME OF THE THREE REGIONAL WORKSHOPS ON THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY HELD IN 2001 AND 2002

13. The Secretariat will report on the outcome and results of the previous regional workshops on the sustainable use of biological diversity, held in Maputo, Hanoi and Salinas. Areas identified in those

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workshops for specific consideration by the Fourth Workshop will be highlighted. The Workshop will have before it the reports of the three workshops (UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/24 and Add.1-3) and a synthesis of the practical principles and operational guidelines developed by the three regional workshops on the sustainable use of biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/2).

ITEM 5: SYNTHESIS OF CASE-STUDIES AND VIEWS, INCLUDING REGIONAL DIFFERENCES, SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT AND IDENTIFICATION OF GAPS

14. Under this item, a representative of the Secretariat will present a compilation of case-studies on best practices and lessons learned from the sustainable use of biological diversity under the thematic areas of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/3), to illustrate how the practical principles and operational guidelines apply to different geographical conditions in the context of the thematic areas addressed by the Convention.

15. Participating experts will be invited to discuss and elaborate on gaps in the synthesis document they have identified regarding the measurement of the decline of components of biological diversity and on principles and practical implementation guidelines produced by the previous workshops. In particular, the representative of the Secretariat will introduce the results of the electronic forum hosted by the Convention Secretariat through its website to gather suggestions and comments for the further development of the practical principles, the operational guidelines and associated instruments. Identified gaps will be considered and addressed under items 6 and 7.

ITEM 6: DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTICAL WAYS FOR MEASURING COMPONENTS OF BIODIVERSITY AND THEIR DECLINE

16. Experts participating in the previous workshops recognized the need to clarify and further develop the terminology on the sustainable use of biological diversity used in the Convention. The current terminology was considered not sufficiently specific to support scientific discussions on the subject-matter relevant to the development of operational guidelines (e.g., “components of biological diversity”, “long-term decline”). Moreover, the previous workshops identified the development of indicators of the impact of use on the components of biological diversity and the elaboration of methods to measure biodiversity decline to be a necessary step in the assessment of the sustainability of uses of biodiversity components.

17. Under this item, experts participating in the Fourth Workshop will consider the issues of: (i) adaptive management; and (ii) monitoring and indicators, as contained in section IV of the above-mentioned synthesis document (UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/2). The Workshop will also have before it the note by the Executive Secretary on designing national-level monitoring programmes and indicators prepared for the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/12), and the report of the Expert Meeting on Indicators of Biological Diversity, including Indicators for Rapid Assessment of Inland Water Ecosystems, held in February 2003.

ITEM 7: FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES AND OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

18. The Group will have before it two notes by the Executive Secretary regarding the further development of practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity

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(UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/2 and UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/INF/2). The discussions will be based mainly on section III of the synthesis document (UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/2).

19. In developing such principles, experts should take into account that guidelines are developed to assist Parties to the Convention, public authorities and other stakeholders at all levels, including policy and decision makers at the national or local level, managers in different economic sectors dealing with biodiversity or its components, the private sector, indigenous and local communities, non-governmental organizations and other organizations, in their implementation of Article 10 of the Convention and related articles. Reference should be made also to the ecosystem approach developed by the Convention (see decision V/6 of the Conference of the Parties and document UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/INF/2), as well as other relevant decisions.

20. Participants may also wish to: (i) make recommendations on ways and means for the implementation of the guidelines, including public education and awareness raising and follow-up activities; (ii) highlight links with issues pertaining to poverty eradication and sustainable consumption and production patterns in the context of the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development; and (iii) make proposals on possible recommendations that SBSTTA at its ninth meeting may wish to forward to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties regarding future work on sustainable use and the implementation of the principles and guidelines.

ITEM 8. OTHER MATTERS

21. Under this item, participants may wish to raise for discussion other issues related to the subject-matter of the workshop.

ITEM 9. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

22. The workshop will consider and adopt its report on the basis of the draft report of the meeting to be prepared and presented by one of the Co-Chairs.

23. The final report of the Workshop will be submitted to SBSTTA at its ninth meeting for its consideration prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

ITEM 10. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

24. The meeting will be closed at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 8 May 2003.

Annex I

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE FOURTH WORKSHOP ON
SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/2	Development of practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/3	Compilation of case-studies on best practices and lessons learned from the sustainable use of biological diversity under the thematic areas of the Convention
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/INF/1	Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development.
UNEP/CBD/WS-Sustainable Use/4/INF/2	Sustainable use within an ecosystem approach.
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/24	Ecosystem approach; sustainable use; and incentive measures. Reports of the regional workshops on the sustainable use of biological diversity.
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/24/Add.1	Report of the Maputo Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, 24-27 September 2001
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/24/Add.2	Report of the second regional workshop on sustainable use of biological diversity, 9-12 January 2002, Hanoi
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/INF/24/Add.3	Report of the third regional workshop on sustainable use of biological diversity, 18-21 February 2002, Salinas, Ecuador
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/12	Indicators and environmental impact assessment: development of national-level monitoring programmes and indicators
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/5/13	Sustainable use of the components of biological diversity
Decision V/6 of the Conference of the Parties	Ecosystem approach
Decisions V/24 and VI/13 of the Conference of the Parties	Sustainable use as a cross-cutting issue

NOTE: Documents will be posted on the website of the Convention on Biological Diversity as they are finalized and will be available at www.biodiv.org, under “Fourth Regional Workshop on the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, Addis Ababa, 6-8 May 2003”.

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Annex II

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE FOURTH REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON
SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group 1</i>	<i>Working Group 2</i>
<i>Tuesday 6 May 2002</i>			
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	<i>Agenda items</i> 1. Opening of the meeting 2. Organizational matters 3. Introduction to the Convention on Biological Diversity and mandate of the fourth workshop		
11:30 a.m.-11.45 a.m.	Break		
11.45 a.m.-1 p.m.	4. Outcome of the three regional workshops on the sustainable use of biological diversity held in 2001 and 2002 5. Synthesis of case studies and views, including regional differences, submitted to the Secretariat and identifications of gaps.		

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group 1</i>	<i>Working Group 2</i>
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.		6. Development of practical ways for measuring components of biodiversity and their decline	7. Further development of practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity
	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group 1</i>	<i>Working Group 2</i>
Wednesday 7 May 2002			
9–10 a.m.	Progress reports on the work of the working groups.	6. Development of practical ways for measuring components of biodiversity and their decline (<i>continued</i>)	7. Further development of practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity (<i>continued</i>)
10 a.m.–1 p.m.			
2.30–6 p.m.		6. Development of practical ways for measuring components of biodiversity and their decline (<i>continued</i>)	7. Further development of practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity (<i>continued</i>)

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Working Group 1</i>	<i>Working Group 2</i>
<i>Thursday 8 May 2003</i>			
9–10.45 a.m.	6. Development of practical ways for measuring components of biodiversity and their decline: consideration of the report of Working Group 1		
10.45–11.15 a.m.	Break		
11.15 a.m.–1 p.m.	7. Further development of practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity: consideration of the report of Working Group 2		
2.30–5 p.m.	Item 8. Other matters. Item 9. Adoption of the report. Item 10. Closure of the meeting		
