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EXPERT MEETING ON THE REPATRIATION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE RELEVANT TO THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Panajachel, Guatemala, 14-15 June 2015

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties, in its decision XII/12 C, paragraph 1, decided to convene a technical expert group meeting to develop draft voluntary guidelines to promote and enhance the repatriation of traditional knowledge of relevance to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, for consideration at the ninth meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, which will be held in Montreal from 4 to 7 November 2015, and with a view to consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.
2. With the generous support of the Governments of Guatemala and Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, as well as the European Union and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency through SwedBio at the Stockholm Resilience Centre, the Secretariat has organized the Expert Meeting on the Repatriation of Traditional Knowledge Relevant to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, which will take place in Panajachel, Guatemala on 14 and 15 June 2015. For efficiency, the expert meeting will be held immediately after the Dialogue Workshop on Assessment of Collective Action of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Biodiversity Conservation and Resource Mobilization (11-13 June) and the International Training Workshop on Community-Based Monitoring, Indicators for Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use and Community Protocols within the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (8-10 June).
3. In accordance with the same decision, the Executive Secretary, in notification SCBD/MPO/AF/JS/VF/84402 of 10 March 2015, invited interested Parties and indigenous peoples and local community organizations to nominate representatives to the expert meeting. In completing the selection, the Executive Secretary took into account budgetary considerations, regional balance, gender, and expertise and made the results available in notification SCBD/MPO/AF/JS/DM/84402 dated 27 April 2015. The list of selected experts and observers is also available in annex I.
4. Furthermore, to assist the expert meeting in its work, and in accordance with decision XII/12 C, the Executive Secretary, in notification SCBD/MPO/AF/JS/VF/84296 dated 5 February 2015, requested Parties, international and non-governmental organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities to submit relevant information, including on best practices, and their views on the development of the draft voluntary guidelines to promote and enhance the repatriation of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. The Secretariat compiled the views received, having regard to the previous submissions on this topic compiled in UNEP/CBD/WG8J/8/INF/7, as well

as the best practices summarized in section V of the note by the Executive Secretary on the development of best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/8/5). The most recent compilation of views received will be made available as UNEP/CBD/A8J/EM/2015/1/INF/1. For ease of reference documents UNEP/CBD/WG8J/8/INF/7 and UNEP/CBD/WG8J/8/5, including section V, are available on the website under “other documents”. In addition, the Executive Secretary, taking into account the information and views received, has prepared, as requested, draft elements of the voluntary guidelines for the consideration of the expert meeting and issued them as UNEP/CBD/A8J/EM/2015/1/2.

5. The Expert Meeting on the Repatriation of Traditional Knowledge Relevant to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity will be held at the **Hotel y Centro de Convenciones Jardines del Lago**, in Panajachel, Guatemala, on 14 and 15 June 2015. An information note for participants has been made available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=A8JWS-2015-01> and provides detailed information regarding logistical arrangements for the meeting, including on travel including airport transfers, visa requirements, accommodation, registration and other matters.

6. A list of documents for the meeting is provided in annex II.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

7. The representative of the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will open the meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 14 June 2015. Registration will commence at 9.00 a.m. The representative will deliver some introductory remarks on behalf of the Executive Secretary. This will be followed by self-introductions by participants.

1.1. Election of officers

8. In keeping with the rules of procedure and established practice, the meeting will be chaired by a representative of a Party. It is expected that an indigenous co-chair will be designated to assist the Chairperson. A Rapporteur will also be appointed by the Chairperson(s) and will be assisted by the Secretariat.

1.2. Adoption of the agenda

9. The meeting is invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/A8J/EM/2015/1/1) prepared by the Executive Secretary in accordance with decision XII/12 C.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

10. To ensure the full participation of experts and observers in the deliberations of the meeting, it is expected that the meeting will work mainly in plenary and, where necessary and appropriate, will establish small groups to examine specific issues. A proposed plan of work is available in annex III.

ITEM 3. INTRODUCTION TO TASK 15 OF THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY: BEST-PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR THE REPATRIATION OF INDIGENOUS AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

11. To assist in the discussions concerning task 15, the Secretariat will provide an overview of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions, with a focus on task 15 and respond to questions from the participants. The presentation will assist participants in focusing on the desired outcome of the expert meeting which is to develop draft voluntary guidelines to promote and enhance the repatriation of traditional knowledge of relevance to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, for consideration at the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, which will be held in Montreal from 4 to 7 November 2015, and with a view to consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATIONS BY ENTITIES WORKING ON REPATRIATION ISSUES RELEVANT TO THE REPATRIATION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES

12. Participants working on repatriation issues relevant to the repatriation of traditional knowledge and related information will present at the meeting. Following the presentations, participants will consider various models outlined in section V of the note by the Executive Secretary on the development of best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/8/5) and the co-chairs will facilitate an exchange on best practices among the participants.

13. After the exchange on best practices, it is suggested that participants will break into small groups to discuss lessons learned from the presentations and to identify essential elements of voluntary guidelines. Each group will appoint a chairperson and a rapporteur and will have 90 minutes to discuss lessons learned from the presentations and essential elements. The chairperson and the rapporteur of each small group will have 30 minutes to report back to plenary with a focus on identifying elements of the proposed guidelines.

ITEM 5. MEASURES AND ACTIONS TO PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE REPATRIATION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

14. Guided by the co-chairs, participants will break into small groups to discuss and reflect on the essential elements of voluntary guidelines that are identified under item 4. On the basis of those elements, participants are requested to determine what measures and actions could be identified to achieve each element, as appropriate. Each group will appoint a chairperson and a rapporteur and will have 60 minutes to discuss and identify measures and actions. The co-chairs and rapporteurs of each small group will have 10 minutes to report back to the plenary with a focus on confirming the essential elements of the proposed guidelines and identifying key measures and actions.

ITEM 6. IDENTIFICATION OF DRAFT ELEMENTS OF GUIDELINES FOR THE REPATRIATION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

15. In order to assist and advance the discussions under this agenda item, the Executive Secretary, on the basis of previous submissions (see UNEP/CBD/WG8J/8/INF/7), as well as the best practices summarized in section V, on development of best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/8/5), will make available a note on draft elements of voluntary guidelines to promote and enhance the repatriation of traditional knowledge of relevance to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity (UNEP/CBD/A8J/EM/2015/1/2).

16. Guided by the co-chairs, the participants are expected to reflect on the outcomes of items 3, 4, and 5 with a focus on essential elements identified by the participants, and taking into account UNEP/CBD/A8J/EM/2015/1/2, to identify common elements, as well as to link the elements to advice on measures and actions.

17. Participants will break into small groups to discuss and determine the essential elements of voluntary guidelines and to determine what measures and actions can be identified under each element as practical advice for repatriating and receiving entities. Each group will appoint a chairperson and a rapporteur and will have 60 minutes to discuss and confirm measures and actions. The co-chairs and rapporteurs of each small group will have 10 minutes to report back to the plenary with a focus on confirming the essential elements of the proposed guidelines and identifying key measures and actions.

ITEM 7. OTHER MATTERS

18. Under this agenda item, participants may wish to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 8. ADOPTION OF THE GUIDANCE

19. The meeting will be invited to adopt by consensus the proposed draft voluntary guidelines to promote and enhance the repatriation of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, prepared by the co-chairs and rapporteur, with the assistance of the Secretariat.

20. The report of the meeting will be circulated to the participants after the meeting, to ensure accuracy and agreement, and in due course, finalized by the Secretariat and made available to the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions as document UNEP/CBD/WG8J/9/INF/2.

21. The elements, measures and actions identified by the expert group will be made available to the Working Group as an official document on best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of indigenous and traditional knowledge (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/9/3).

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

22. The meeting is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Monday, 15 June 2015.

Annex I

**SELECTED PARTICIPANTS FOR THE EXPERT MEETING ON THE REPATRIATION OF
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE RELEVANT TO THE CONSERVATION
AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

Number	Country	Name
1.	Antigua and Barbuda	Ruth Spencer
2.	Benin	Mensah Bienvenu Célestin Bossou
3.	Brazil	Henry-Philippe Ibanez de Novion
4.	Canada	Mark Stephen Graham
5.	Guatemala	Manuel Benedicto Lucas Lopez
6.	India	Kosalai Pargunam Raghuram
7.	Malawi	John Mayamiko Mawenda
8.	Malaysia	Nik Musa'adah Mustapha
9.	Mexico	Rosa Maricel Portilla Alonso
10.	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Marjorie Vernita Falanruw
11.	Norway	Bente Herstad
12.	Peru	Dora Velasquez Milla
13.	Sweden	Pernilla Malmer
14.	Uganda	Esther Katuura-Mwebesa
Observers		
15.	Australia	Christine (Chrissy) Teresa Grant*
16.	Bolivia	Maria Eugenia Choque*
17.	Canada	Myrle Ballard*
18.	Ecuador	Yolanda Teran*
19.	Kenya	Lucy Mullenkei*
20.	Russian Federation	Polina Shulbaeva*
21.	Thailand	Thingreiphi Lungharwo*
22.	United States of America	Preston Hardison*

Note: An asterisk (*) next to a name indicates indigenous peoples and local communities.

Annex II

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
	A. Working documents
UNEP/CBD/A8J/EM/2015/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/A8J/EM/2015/1/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/A8J/EM/2015/1/2	Draft elements of voluntary guidelines to promote and enhance the repatriation of traditional knowledge of relevance to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity
	B. Information documents
UNEP/CBD/A8J/EM/2015/1/INF/1	Compilation of views on task 15 compiled for the Expert Meeting on the Repatriation of Traditional Knowledge and the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions
	C. Other documents
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/8/5	Note by the Executive Secretary on the development of best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, (<i>including section V on best practices</i>)
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/8/INF/7	Compilation of views on task 15 of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions

*Annex III***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

	Plenary
Sunday 14 June 2015	
9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting. 2. Organizational matters. 3. Introduction to task 15 of the Multi-Year Programme of Work on the implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity: Best-practice guidelines for the repatriation of indigenous and traditional knowledge 4. Presentations by entities working on repatriation issues relevant to the repatriation of traditional knowledge and exchange of best practices.
3 – 5.30 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Presentations by entities working on repatriation issues relevant to the repatriation of traditional knowledge and exchange of best practices (<i>continued</i>). 5. Measures and actions to promote and enhance the repatriation of traditional knowledge. <p>* After a full discussion in small groups, the co-chairs and rapporteurs will report back to the plenary.</p>
Monday 15 June 2015	
9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Measures and actions to promote and enhance the repatriation of traditional knowledge (<i>continued</i>) 6. Identification of draft elements of guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge.
3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Identification of draft elements of guidelines for the repatriation of traditional knowledge (<i>continued</i>).
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Other matters. 8. Adoption of the Guidance. 9. Closure of the meeting.