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REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR THE CARIBBEAN REGION ON TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND CUSTOMARY SUSTAINABLE USE UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda, 14-18 December 2015

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, at its twelfth meeting, and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on ABS, at its first meeting, adopted several decisions relevant to capacity-building and the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention and in the Nagoya Protocol.

2. In addition, in paragraph 1 of decision XI/14 B, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue its efforts to ensure effective implementation of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of decision X/40 A and decisions IX/13 D and E, related to capacity-building, taking also into account decisions VIII/5 B and C, the annex to decision VII/16 and task 4 of annex II to decision V/16.

3. The Conference of the Parties, in its decision X/2, adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and in, paragraph 6 of the same decision, highlighted the need to undertake capacity-building activities and an effective exchange of knowledge, consistent with decisions VIII/8 and IX/8 and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, in order to support all countries, especially developing countries and in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States, the most environmentally vulnerable countries and countries with economies in transition as well as indigenous and local communities, in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 established twenty targets. The following are of particularly relevance to this training initiative:

Target 16: By 2015, the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization is in force and operational, consistent with national legislation.

Target 18: By 2020, the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and their customary use of biological resources, are respected, subject to national legislation and relevant international obligations, and fully integrated and reflected in the implementation of the Convention with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, at all relevant levels.”

4. Pursuant to these decisions, the Secretariat of the Convention, in collaboration with the Precise Development Foundation, is organizing this Capacity-Building Workshop for the Caribbean Subregion on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

5. This capacity-building workshop is made possible thanks to the generous financial support from the Governments of Japan and Antigua and Barbuda.

6. The capacity-building workshop has the following objectives:

(a) To strengthen skills, competencies and abilities of trainers, particularly of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) and increase knowledge and capacity on traditional knowledge under the CBD and the Nagoya Protocol;

(b) To explore the potential of community-based monitoring and information systems as a tool for monitoring the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, especially Target 18;

(c) To exchange information and experiences on Community-Based Monitoring, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use and Community Protocols;

(d) To explore and exchange ideas on the links between biological and cultural diversity and its implications for policymakers.

7. The aim is to train trainers from organizations of indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs), Parties and partners, and to support them in facilitating capacity development activities on the following topics: (a) the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets, with a focus on Target 18; (b) the implementation of the global Plan of Action on Customary Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity; and (c) the Nagoya Protocol, genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, and community protocols, elements of relevance to indigenous peoples and local communities; at the national, subnational and local levels in their home countries.

8. The workshop will take place in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, at the offices of Precision Center Inc., Paynter's Estate Street, St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda. Registration of participants will take place at the site of the workshop from 8.30 a.m. to 9 a.m., on 14 December 2015. The Secretariat will make available an information note containing details of logistical arrangements for the workshop, including registration, travel information, visa requirements, accommodation, venue and other matters.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

9. Representatives of the Executive Secretary, representatives of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and representatives of the Precise Development Foundation will open the workshop at 9 a.m. on Monday, 14 December 2015. It is expected that a local ceremony will also take place to welcome delegates.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Officers

10. The workshop will be facilitated by two representatives of the Secretariat in collaboration with representatives of Precise Development Foundation and local community representatives.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

11. The participants will be invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda that has been prepared by the Secretariat for the workshop.

2.3. Organization of work

12. The workshop will be held in plenary and group sessions, with the methodology of a participatory workshop. Each topic will be presented through PowerPoint presentations and some items will include, in turn, work in small groups, after which the leaders of each group will present their findings to the plenary. There will be practical exercises and case studies where participants will be able to apply what they learnt from the presentations. Annex I includes a list of documents and a list of resources for the workshop.

ITEM 3. OVERVIEW OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, INCLUDING ITS STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY 2011-2020 AND THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS

13. Item 3 will be a general presentation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, with a focus on aspects that are related to traditional knowledge and indigenous peoples and local communities. This will include the historical overview and the analysis of the articles related to traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities and their contribution to achieving the objectives of the Convention. An overview of the different bodies of the Convention such as the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI), the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, the Conference of the Parties, and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing will also be presented.

14. There will also be a presentation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets and of the role of indigenous peoples and local communities and their traditional knowledge in assisting the Convention on Biological Diversity in achieving its goals and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. A special emphasis will be put on the process of reviewing and updating the national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and the inclusion of Target 16 on the Nagoya Protocol and Target 18 on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use.

15. In addition, there will a presentation on traditional knowledge indicators for Target 18 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and the possible contributions from “Community-based Information Systems and Community-Based Monitoring”. There will also be a discussion on how to use these indicators at the national or local level.

16. The participants will work in small groups on the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and their contributions in achieving the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, in their cultural and national contexts.

ITEM 4. PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE WORK OF THE CONVENTION

17. Under this item, mechanisms and instruments to promote the effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention, which have been established in the decisions of the Conference of the Parties, will be explained to the participants. In particular, the operations of the Voluntary Trust Fund for indigenous and local communities, the website on Article 8(j) and the portal of traditional knowledge, as well as digital and print documents will be explained. This

will also include how indigenous and local community representatives can participate and collaborate in the work of the Convention through the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB).

18. Participants will be asked to share their experiences on national participation mechanisms for indigenous and local communities in the implementation of the Convention, reflecting on the revision of the NBSAPs.

ITEM 5. ARTICLES 8 (j), 10 (c) AND RELATED PROVISIONS AND CURRENT WORK IN PREPARATION FOR THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

19. Under this item, there will be a presentation on the Multi-year Programme of Work on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions; including achievements to date and current work, as well as the recommendation from the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

20. There will be a presentation on the plan of action for the sustainable customary use of biodiversity.

21. Participants will be asked to share their experiences and to make presentation on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use of biodiversity.

ITEM 6. INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND THE FAIR AND EQUITABLE SHARING OF BENEFITS ARISING FROM THEIR UTILIZATION

22. Under this item, there will be a presentation and discussion on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing with a focus on the articles related to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources. Participants will be introduced to community protocols on traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources under the Nagoya Protocol, including genetic resources, where IPLCs have an established right to grant access to such resources.

23. The participants will then be invited to take part in a group exercise to consider a hypothetical case on access and benefit-sharing of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources designed to further improve their understanding of the scope and requirements of the Nagoya Protocol.

ITEM 7. LINKS BETWEEN BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CARIBBEAN REGION

24. Under this agenda item, participants will consider the linkages between biological and cultural diversity and its implications for the Caribbean region, with a focus on the joint programme of work between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). After a presentation on links between biological and cultural diversity, participants will work in small groups to discuss local examples and what practical actions could be taken at different levels to recognise and strengthen the links.

25. Based on the presentations on local links and possible actions that could be taken, the participants may wish to adopt a declaration on the links between biological and cultural diversity in the Caribbean

Region, which can be presented at thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, along with other regional declarations.

ITEM 8. EVALUATION OF THE WORKSHOP

26. Under this item, participants will be invited to share what they have learned from the workshop and how they would apply and/or transfer to others the new knowledge and skills acquired. They will also be invited to complete a workshop evaluation form.

27. Workshop participants will also be informed about the opportunity for local training grants and the process for selection of training proposals. Additionally, participants will be informed about training materials under development and other forms of support available to participants, in their efforts to continue training in their home countries.

ITEM 9. CLOSURE OF WORKSHOP

28. After the above exercise, a representative of the Secretariat will make closing remarks and a representative of the host government and partners will officially close the workshop.

29. The workshop is expected to close at 5 p.m. on Friday, 18 December 2015.

Annex I

WORKING DOCUMENTS

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/COP/13/1/Add.1	Preliminary annotations to the provisional agenda of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
UNEP/CBD/NP/COP-MOP/2/1	Provisional Agenda of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/9/6	Report of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity on its ninth meeting (https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/cop/cop-13/official/cop-13-03-en.pdf)
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/7/8	Local Community Representatives within the context of Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/tk/wg8j-07/official/wg8j-07-08-en.pdf)

LIST OF RESOURCES

<i>Resource</i>	<i>Web Page</i>
Text of the Convention on Biological Diversity	http://www.cbd.int/convention/text/default.shtml
Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity	http://www.cbd.int/abs/text/default.shtml
The Akwé: Kon Voluntary Guidelines for the Conduct of Cultural, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments Regarding Developments Proposed to Take Place on, or which are Likely to Impact on, Sacred Sites and on Lands and Waters Traditionally Occupied or Used by Indigenous and Local Communities	http://www.cbd.int/traditional/guidelines.shtml
The Tkarihwaí:ri Code of Ethical Conduct to Ensure Respect for the Cultural and Intellectual Heritage of Indigenous and Local	http://www.cbd.int/traditional/code.shtml

Communities Relevant to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity.

Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

<http://www.cbd.int/sp/targets/>

Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions adopted at its ninth meeting

<https://www.cbd.int/recommendations/wg8j/?m=wg8j-09>

*Annex II***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

Monday 14 December 2015	
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Item 1. Opening of the workshop. Item 2. Organizational matters. Item 3. Overview of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including its Strategic Plan for Biological Diversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
2 – 5 p.m.	Item 4. Participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in the work of the Convention.
Tuesday 15 December 2015	
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Item 5. Articles 8(j), 10(c) and related provisions and current work in preparation for the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
2 – 5 p.m.	Presentations from participants
Wednesday 16 December 2015	
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Item 6. Indigenous and local communities and the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization
2 – 5 p.m.	<i>(Group exercise)</i> Field Trip to a Local community
Thursday 17 December 2015	
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Item 7. Links between biological and cultural diversity and implications for the Caribbean region
2 – 5 p.m.	<i>(Group exercise)</i>
Friday 18 December 2015	
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Consideration of outstanding items
2 – 5 p.m.	Item 8. Evaluation of the workshop. Item 9. Closure of the workshop.