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EXPERT GROUP MEETING OF LOCAL COMMUNITY
REPRESENTATIVES WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF
ARTICLE 8(j) AND RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Montreal, 14–16 July 2011

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 21 of decision X/43, noted that the involvement of local communities in accordance with Article 8(j) has been limited for various reasons, and requested the Secretariat to convene an ad hoc expert group meeting of local community representatives, bearing in mind geographic and gender balance, with a view to identifying common characteristics of local communities, and gathering advice on how local communities can more effectively participate in Convention processes, including at the national level, as well as how to develop targeted outreach in order to assist in the implementation of the Convention and achievement of its goals, for consideration at the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, which will be held in Montreal from 31 October to 4 November 2011, to assist the Working Group in taking this matter forward.

2. Further to this request, the Executive Secretary of the Convention, by notification 2011-050 (ref. No. SCBD/SEL/OJ/JS/DM/75215) of 4 March 2011, requested nominations from interested parties. A total of 54 nominations were received. The selection of participants was completed by the Secretariat based on the expertise of nominees, the need to ensure fair and equitable geographic representation and gender balance. Thanks to the generous support of the Governments of Japan and the European Union, the Secretariat was able to provide financial assistance to 23 participants from developing and least developed countries, including small island developing States, as well as local communities and experts. The list of participants was circulated through notification 2011-099 (ref. No. SCBD/SEL/OJ/JS/VF/76043) of 17 May 2011.

3. The Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting of Local Community Representatives will be held at L'Hotel, 262 St. Jacques Street, Montreal, from Thursday, 14 July to Saturday, 16 July 2011 inclusive. An information note for participants provides details regarding logistical arrangements for the meeting, including registration, information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters. The information note and other documents of relevance to the meeting can be found at:

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<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=AHEG-LCR-01>. Registration of participants will take place at the venue of the meeting, from 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 14 July.

4. A list of documents for the meeting is provided in annex I. A suggested programme of work is contained in annex II.

ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. The Executive Secretary (or his representative) will open with the meeting with introductory remarks at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 14 July 2011. Participants will then be invited to introduce themselves.

ITEM 2 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Officers

6. In keeping with the established practice for meetings of expert groups, participants will be invited to elect a chairperson or chairpersons.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

7. The meeting is invited to adopt the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/AHEG/LCR/1) prepared by the Executive Secretary in accordance with paragraph 21 of decision X/43, of the Conference of the Parties as the agenda for the meeting.

2.3. Organization of work

8. It is expected that the meeting will work mainly in plenary. However, small groups may be established when necessary and appropriate to examine specific issues.

ITEM 3 PRESENTATION BY THE SECRETARIAT – LOCAL COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONVENTION

9. The Secretariat will provide some background information on participation and on the role of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention with a focus on local communities. The presentation will then be followed by a discussion on local communities within the mandate of the Convention. Discussions under this item are expected to contribute to item 5 of the meeting's agenda, which is to identify common characteristics of local communities.

10. To assist discussions, the Secretariat has made available two working documents, Guidance for the discussions concerning local communities within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the most recent document of the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions on the participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/7/9), as well as an information document on the concept of local communities from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (PFII/2004/WS.1/3/Add.1).

ITEM 4 REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL PRESENTATIONS OF LOCAL-COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES

11. Under this item, local community representatives and experts will provide regional, sub-regional and national experiences, through presentations on characteristics and issues of local communities.

Presentations by experts are expected to include, but are not limited to, the following issues: where are local communities situated; what are some of the ways that local communities manifest themselves under diverse cultural and political situations; characteristics of local communities, what are the similarities and differences between local, traditional and indigenous communities; who are fisher communities; local community case-studies and lessons learned; official recognition of local communities; local communities, traditional knowledge, customary-use practices and customary management practices concerning biological resources; and what is the role of local communities within the Convention on Biological Diversity.

12. Most importantly, the various issues under consideration will contribute to the broader mandate of the meeting, which is to identify common characteristics of local communities, gather advice on how local communities can more effectively participate in Convention processes including at the national level, as well as how to develop targeted outreach in order to assist in the implementation of the Convention and the achievement of its goals.

ITEM 5 IDENTIFICATION OF COMMON CHARACTERISTICS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

13. After the presentations, participants will be invited to break into small groups to discuss lessons learned from the presentations in light of the mandate of the meeting. In particular, under agenda item 5, each group is expected to explore and propose common characteristics of local communities.

14. Each group will appoint a Chairperson and Rapporteur and will have 60 minutes to discuss lessons learned from the presentations and their applicability to the identification of common characteristics of local communities. The Chairperson and Rapporteur of each small group will report back to plenary on this issue.

ITEM 6 EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN CONVENTION PROCESSES, INCLUDING AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL AND THE NATIONAL LEVEL

15. Participants will break into small groups to discuss lessons learned from the presentations made under agenda item 4. in light of the mandate of the meeting. Participants should also reflect on the range of mechanisms for the participation of indigenous and local communities and provide advice on how local communities may more equitably participate in the work of the Convention based on existing mechanisms, as well as propose novel approaches. To assist discussions, the Secretariat has made available two working documents, Guidance for the discussions concerning local communities within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the most recent document of the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions on the Participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/WG8J/7/9).

16. Each group will appoint a Chairperson and Rapporteur and will have 60 minutes to discuss lessons learned from the presentations and how they apply to the effective participation of local communities to assist in the implementation of the convention and its goals. The Chairperson and Rapporteur of each small group will report back to plenary on this issue.

ITEM 7 TARGETED OUTREACH FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND ACHIEVEMENT OF ITS GOALS

17. Under this agenda item, participants will again work in small groups to discuss how the Secretariat and national Governments may develop mechanisms and products for the targeted outreach of local community representatives to ensure their effective participation in meetings held under the Convention, as well as in the national and sub-national implementation of the Convention and its goals. Each group will again have 60 minutes for discussion and afterwards the Chairpersons and Rapporteurs will report back to plenary to present the outcomes of the discussions.

ITEM 8 ADOPTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

18. Participants will be invited to adopt advice and recommendations under the three headings proposed by paragraph 21 of decision X/43 of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (items 5 to 7), which will be submitted for the consideration of the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, to be held in Montreal from 31 October to 4 November 2011.

ITEM 9 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

19. The ad hoc expert group meeting of local community representatives is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Saturday, 16 July 2011.

Annex I

DOCUMENTS

Symbol

Title

Working documents

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| UNEP/CBD/AHEG/LCR/1 | Revised provisional agenda |
| UNEP/CBD/AHEG/LCR/1/Add.1 | Annotated provisional agenda |
| UNEP/CBD/AHEG/LCR/1/2 | Guidance for the discussions concerning local communities within the context of the Convention on Biological Diversity |
| UNEP/CBD/WG8J/7/9 | Report on participatory mechanisms and capacity-building initiatives, including development of alternative means of communication, in diverse formats- including ILC tourism workshop recommendations. |

Information documents

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| PFII/2004/WS.1/3/Add.1 | United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on the Concept of Local Communities (Expert Workshop on Statistics, 2004). |
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*Annex II***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

| Thursday 14 July 2011 | |
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| 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening of the meeting, including introduction of the participants. 2. Organizational matters. 3. Local communities within the framework of the Convention on Biodiversity – presentation by the Secretariat and plenary discussion. 4. Regional, subregional and national presentations by the participants concerning the three thematic areas under discussion – identification of common characteristics; effective participation of local communities in Convention processes (national and international levels); targeted outreach for local communities. <p>* Each presenter will have up to 20 minutes to present and 10 minutes of discussion afterwards.</p> |
| 11.15 a.m. – 1 p.m. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Regional, subregional and national presentations by the participants concerning the three thematic areas under discussion – identification of common characteristics; effective participation of local communities in Convention processes (national and international levels); targeted outreach for local communities. (<i>continued</i>) <p>* Each presenter will have up to 20 minutes to present and 10 minutes of discussion afterwards.</p> |
| 1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. | LUNCH |
| 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Regional, subregional and national presentations by the participants concerning the three thematic areas under discussion – identification of common characteristics; effective participation of local communities in Convention processes (national and international levels); targeted outreach for local communities. (<i>continued</i>) <p>* Each presenter will have up to 20 minutes to present and 10 minutes of discussion afterwards.</p> |
| 4.15 p.m. – 6 p.m. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Regional, subregional and national presentations by the participants concerning the three thematic areas under discussion – identification of common characteristics; effective participation of local communities in Convention processes (national and international levels); targeted outreach for local communities. (<i>continued</i>) <p>* Each presenter will have up to 20 minutes to present and 10 minutes of discussion afterwards.</p> |

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| Friday 15 July 2011 | |
| 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | <p>5. Identification of common characteristics of local communities. The plenary will break into four small groups and each group will appoint a chairperson and a Rapporteur to facilitate the discussion and the take notes. Each group will have one hour to discuss this issue of possible common characteristics.</p> <p>The four Chairpersons and Rapporteurs will have 15 minutes to report back to plenary starting at 10 a.m.</p> |
| 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | <p>6. Effective participation of local communities to assist in the implementation of the Convention and the achievement of its goals. The small group work will continue, each group having one hour to discuss this issue.</p> <p>The four Chairpersons and Rapporteurs will have 15 minutes to report back to plenary starting at noon.</p> |
| 1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. | LUNCH |
| 2.30 p.m.– 3.30 p.m. | <p>6. Effective participation of local communities to assist in the implementation of the Convention and the achievement of its goals. (<i>continued</i>)</p> |
| 3.35 p.m.– 6 p.m. | <p>7. Targeted outreach for local communities to assist in the implementation of the Convention and achievement of its goals.</p> <p>The small-group work will continue to focus on item 7. Each group will have one hour to discuss this issue.</p> <p>The four Chairpersons and Rapporteurs will have 15 minutes to report back to plenary</p> |
| Saturday 16 July 2011 | |
| 9.30 a.m. – 11 a.m. | Preparation of report/recommendations |
| 11.15 a.m.– 1 p.m. | Preparation of report/recommendations |
| 1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. | LUNCH |
| 2.30 p.m.– 4.30 p.m. | 8. Adoption of the report/recommendations. |
| 4.30 p.m. | 9. Closure of the meeting. |