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**INFORMAL DIVERSITY LIAISON GROUP
MEETING FOR THE JOINT PROGRAMME
OF WORK ON BIOLOGICAL AND
CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY AND UNESCO**

First meeting
New York,
28 April – 29 April 2012

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. The Joint Programme on the Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity was endorsed by the constituencies of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and welcomed by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its tenth meeting, held in October 2010 in Nagoya, Japan (refer to decision X/20). The decision recognized the Joint Programme as a ‘useful coordination mechanism to advance the implementation of the Convention and deepen global awareness of the interlinkages between cultural and biological diversity’. State Parties and other relevant stakeholders were invited to contribute to and support the implementation of this joint programme.

2. Further to this, and thanks to the generous contribution from the Government of Japan, the Executive Secretary decided to convene an informal diversity liaison group (DLG) composed of experts working on biological and cultural diversity issues, along with funders and potential donors (refer to notification 2012-050). The Diversity Liaison Group will meet at the offices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in New York on 28-29 April 2012. Registration of participants will take place at the venue of the meeting from 9 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, 28 April. The Diversity Liaison Group will meet between 9.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

3. An information note for participants, available on the Secretariat website, provides details regarding logistical arrangements for the meeting, including registration, information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters.

4. The results of the deliberations of the DLG will be submitted, in a progress report, as an information document to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting, in October 2012.

Biological and Cultural Diversity Liaison Group Terms of Reference

5. The main objective of the *Biological and Cultural Diversity Liaison Group (DLG)* is to provide technical advice and to assist the Secretariats of the CBD and UNESCO in advancing the Joint Programme, as well as to assessment of the progress made and further definition of the next steps.

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6. The members of DLG are invited to participate in the liaison group by UNESCO and SCBD, based on expertise, ability to contribute to the deeper understanding of the interface between biological and cultural diversity, taking into account gender considerations and geographic balance.

7. The DLG is an informal group, with a fluid membership bringing together the diversity community¹ to assist SCBD and UNESCO on diversity issues. It will meet on an ad-hoc basis, subject to the availability of funding, as well as electronically.

Objectives of the first meeting of the Diversity Liaison Group

8. The objective of the first meeting is to allow members of the DLG to assess advances made since the launch of the Joint Programme in October 2010 and to provide advice on possible steps forward.

9. In particular, DLG is expected to provide comments, suggestions, ideas and guidance on:

(a) Priority focus areas for the Joint Programme² and possible deliverables for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties³;

(b) Conceptual framework for and structure and content of the online platform for resources and knowledge generation and sharing: Global Knowledge Platform on the Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity to be launched at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held in India in October 2012;

(c) Key messages on the links between biological and cultural diversity to be widely communicated through communication/awareness-raising campaign;

(d) Consideration of the development of a diversity guide for policymakers and other practical tools;

(e) Opportunities for highlighting the links between biological and cultural diversity at the UNCSD (Rio+20);

(f) Fund raising opportunities/strategy

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

10. The meeting will be opened by the Programme Officer for Article 8(j) and related provisions, Mr John Scott, on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Mr Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, together with Ms Ana Persic, Science Officer at the UNESCO Liaison Office in New York, on behalf of Ms Gretchen Kalonji, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Officers

11. The informal diversity liaison group (DLG) will be co-chaired by Ms Ana Persic and Mr John Scott.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

12. The DLG is invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/DLG/JPW-BCD/1) as the basis for work.

¹ The “diversity community” refers to experts working on biological and cultural diversity issues along with funders of this work.

² Including advice on potential “value-added” of the joint programme of work to global diversity work. Considering the niche that this programme may occupy to support global diversity work and the diversity community, including the development of cross-sectoral public policy.

³ The liaison group may also consider short (2012), medium (2013-2015) and long-term deliverables (up to 2020).

2.3. Organization of work

12. The Working Group is expected to work mainly in plenary and, where necessary and appropriate, establish small break-out groups to examine specific issues. A chairperson and rapporteur will be appointed by each group to report back to plenary.

13. A suggested programme of work is contained in annex I.

ITEM 3. INTRODUCTION TO THE JOINT PROGRAMME OF WORK ON BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

14. Mr John Scott (SCBD) will provide an overview of the SCBD-UNESCO Joint Programme, including progress made since the launch of the Programme in October 2010, and possible next steps. Participants will also consider the respective mandates of the CBD and UNESCO concerning diversity issues.

15. The members of the Diversity Liaison Group (DLG) will be invited to consider the progress done so far and possible next steps in view of their own current and planned activities.

ITEM 4. PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS FOR THE JOINT PROGRAMME AND POSSIBLE DELIVERABLES FOR COP-11

16. Ms Ana Persic (UNESCO) will briefly present some preliminary reflections on the key focus areas for the Joint Programme and possible deliverables for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

17. Based on their work at the interface between biological and cultural diversity, DLG members will be invited to comment on the above reflections and provide their respective suggestions and agree on 4-6 key priority areas for the Joint Programme.

ITEM 5. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR AND STRUCTURE AND CONTENT OF THE ONLINE PLATFORM FOR RESOURCES AND KNOWLEDGE GENERATION AND SHARING: "GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM ON THE LINKS BETWEEN BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY"

18. Ms Ana Persic and Mr John Scott will present on the online platform for resources and knowledge generation and sharing: "Global Knowledge Platform on the Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity" to be launched at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in October 2012. Based on the identified priority areas and key messages, the DLG members will be invited to discuss and provide suggestions on the conceptual framework for and structure and content of the online platform.

ITEM 6. KEY MESSAGES ON THE LINKS BETWEEN BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY TO BE WIDELY COMMUNICATED THROUGH COMMUNICATION/AWARENESS-RAISING CAMPAIGN

19. Based on the priority areas they have identified, the DLG members will be divided in two break-out groups. Each group will be invited to provide suggestions on the key messages regarding two to three different priority areas. The two groups will then be invited to discuss their suggestions in plenary and agree on a set of key messages to be promoted through communication/awareness raising activities of the Joint Programme.

ITEM 7. CONSIDERATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DIVERSITY GUIDE FOR POLICY MAKERS AND OTHER PRACTICAL TOOLS

20. Under this item, the DLG is invited to provide suggestions on different communication, education and public awareness materials and tools (CEPA) to be developed in the context of the Joint Programme.

**ITEM 8. OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHLIGHTING THE LINKS BETWEEN
BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY AT UNCSD (RIO+20)**

14. DLG members will be invited to provide suggestions on opportunities for highlighting the links between biological and cultural diversity at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) to be held from 20-22 June in Brazil, as well as at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

ITEM 9. FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITIES/STRATEGY

15. The DLG members will be invited to provide suggestions on possible funding opportunities, including opportunities for collaboration.

ITEM 10. ADOPTION OF THE OUTCOMES

16. The Chairpersons will present a summary of the key outcomes of the meeting.

ITEM 11 OTHER MATTERS

17. The Diversity Liaison Group (DLG) will be invited to comment on any other matters, as appropriate

ITEM 12 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

18. The meeting is expected to close at 5. p.m. on Sunday 29 April, 2012.

*Annex I***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE DIVERSITY LIAISON GROUP****Day 1 / 28 April**

9:00 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 9:35	Opening of the meeting
9:35 - 9:45	Organizational matters
9:45 - 10:30	Introduction to the Joint Programme of Work on Biological and Cultural Diversity
10:30 - 11:00	Priority focus areas for the Joint Programme and possible deliverables for COP 11
11:00 - 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 - 13:00	Priority focus areas for the Joint Programme and possible deliverables for COP 11
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:30	Key messages on the links between biological and cultural diversity (two breakout groups)
15:30 - 15:50	Coffee break
15:50 - 17:00	Key messages on the links between biological and cultural diversity (two new breakout groups)
17:00 - 17:30	Agreement on the key messages and communication strategy

Day 2 / 29 April

9:30 - 11:00	Global Knowledge Platform on the Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity - Conceptual framework and structure
11:00 - 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 - 13:00	Global Knowledge Platform on the Links between Biological and Cultural Diversity - Content and working methods
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 - 15:15	Fundraising opportunities/strategy
15:15 - 15:45	Consideration of the development of a diversity guide for policy makers and other practical tools
15:45 - 16:00	Opportunities for highlighting the links between biological and cultural diversity at the UNCSD
16:00 - 16:15	Next steps
16:15 - 16:30	Summary by the Chairpersons
16:30 - 17:00	Closure of the meeting
