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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE STATUS AND TRENDS REGARDING THE KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATIONS AND PRACTICES OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES RELEVANT TO BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

African Regional Meeting

New York, United States of America, 21-22 May 2005

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotated provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. In paragraph 4(a) of decision VII/16 of its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties, requested the Executive Secretary to continue work on phase one of the composite report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities in order to produce a revised version of it, taking into account the following elements, *inter alia*: (a) the organization of regional workshops ... an African Regional Meeting on status and trends on Traditional Knowledge will be held in New York, 21-22 May, 2005. The meeting will be conducted in English.

2. The regional workshop is made possible thanks to the generous support of the Government of the Netherlands and is organized by the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity in cooperation with the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). The meeting will provide the opportunity to contribute to the preparation and substantive content of the report on the status and trends of traditional knowledge and of the factors that threaten such knowledge in the African region.

3. The African regional workshop will occur on the weekend during the Fourth Session of the UNPFII. Although a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) will be made available for CBD participants for 21-22 May only, CBD funded participants may wish to arrange their travel to also include some participation at the Fourth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Information about the Fourth Session of the UNPFII and registration is available through their website at <http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/4session/4session.htm>.

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ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Saturday 21 May 2005 by the co-organizers. Registration of participants will commence from 9.30 am on Saturday 21 May 2005.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Officers

5. The meeting will be chaired by the UNPFII. The African regional consultant will act as Rapporteur.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

6. The meeting is invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda that has been prepared by the Executive Secretary.

2.3. Organization of work

7. The workshop will be conducted in plenary and group sessions. The plenary will consider agenda items 1 to 3.1, after which the plenary will break into groups for discussion purposes for agenda item 3.2. The plenary will reconvene for agenda 3.3, which involves a brief presentation and a question and answer session. Agenda item 4 (4.1-4.3) will occur in workshops (group work), after which group leaders will report back their outcomes to the plenary.

8. Items 5,6 and 7 will occur in plenary during the last meeting of the workshop, scheduled for Sunday, 22 May, 2.00 pm –6.00 pm.

ITEM 3. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND ARTICLE 8J

9. Item 3.1 will commence with a power-point presentation, as an introduction to the CBD and Article 8j and related articles and issues. After this introduction, under agenda 3.2, the plenary will break into groups for a mind-mapping exercise on traditional knowledge, which will provide a context for future discussions. Group leaders will report the outcomes of the mind-mapping exercise back to the plenary. Under agenda item 3.3, Reflections on work commenced, the participants will receive a presentation from the SCBD and the consultant on areas of interest from the first phase of the composite report on the status and trends regarding traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities, relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for the African region, as a stimulus for further discussions.

ITEM 4. THE STATE OF RETENTION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE; PROCESSES THAT MAY THREATEN TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND POSSIBLE MEASURES AND INITIATIVES TO PROTECT TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

10. Item 4 provides an opportunity to build on issues raised in the initial first phase of the composite report and to extend these discussions to consider threats to the retention of traditional knowledge at local and national levels and possible identification of measures to protect, promote and facilitate the use of traditional knowledge. Item 4 will take the form of group work. Three group discussions are envisaged and will include: the state of retention of traditional knowledge, the processes at the local level and national levels that may threaten traditional knowledge, and the identification and assessment of measures and initiatives to protect, promote and facilitate the use of traditional knowledge. Group leaders at the end of each group discussion will report back to the plenary.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

11. Under this item, delegates may propose for discussion other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

12. The Plenary of the African Regional Workshop on the Composite Report will be invited to adopt its report/recommendations, which will be submitted to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, which was established by decision IV/9 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions will hold its fourth meeting in Spain in January 2006.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

13. The African Regional Workshop on the Composite Report on Traditional Knowledge will be closed at 6.00 pm on Sunday 22 May, 2005.

Annex I

DOCUMENTS FOR THE REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE STATUS AND TRENDS REGARDING
THE KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATIONS AND PRACTICES OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL
COMMUNITIES RELEVANT TO BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

African Regional Workshop

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
	<i>A. Working documents</i>
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/RW/Africa	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/RW/Africa/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/3/4	Executive Summary - Report on the first phase of the composite report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.
	<i>B. Background/information documents</i>
UNEP/CBD/WG8J/3/INF/3	Composite Report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities. Regional Report: Africa

Annex II

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE STATUS AND TRENDS REGARDING
THE KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATIONS AND PRACTICES OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES RELEVANT TO
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

AFRICAN REGION

	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<i>Saturday</i> 21 June 2005 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	1. Opening of the meeting; 2. Organizational matters: 2.1 Election of Officers; 2.2 Adoption of the Agenda; 2.3 Organization of Work. 3. Background and Introduction to the CBD and Article 8j and Related articles and Issues. 3.1 3.1 CBD and Article 8j;	1. Meeting opened by the CBD and the UNPFII; 2. CBD consultant will assist as Rapporteur; Representative of UNPFII will act as chairperson. 3.1 Power-Point presentation of CBD and Article 8j by Programme Officer for Traditional Knowledge, SCBD.
2.00 pm – 4.00 p.m.	3.2 Mind-Mapping Traditional Knowledge 3.3 Reflections on Work commenced	3.2 Group activity designed to demonstrate the interconnectedness of TK and Indigenous perspectives and to provide a context for the following discussions; 3.3 Reflections on work commenced will take the form of a brief presentation and responses from the group to specific issues raised in the First Phase of the Composite Report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities, relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity for the African region. These reflections will be presented by the regional Consultant and CBD programme officer for 8J and TK.
4.00 pm to 6.00 pm	4. The State of Retention of Traditional Knowledge; factors that may threaten Traditional Knowledge; and possible measures and initiatives to protect	Item 4 will take the form of group work with various experts brainstorming on these issues in the order they appear on the agenda, followed by the Group Leader reporting the outcomes back to the broader meeting/plenary.

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	<i>Plenary</i>	<i>Notes</i>
	<p>Traditional Knowledge:</p> <p>4.1 The State of Retention of Traditional Biodiversity related knowledge;</p> <p>4.2 Identification of processes (National and Local) that may threaten Traditional Knowledge;</p> <p>4.3 Identification and assessment of measures and initiatives to protect, promote and facilitate the use of Traditional Knowledge;</p>	
<i>Sunday</i> <i>22 May 2005</i>		
10.00 am – 11.00am	4. The State of Retention of Traditional Knowledge; factors that may threaten Traditional Knowledge; and possible measures and initiatives to protect Traditional Knowledge (continued).	Group Leaders will report the outcomes of 4.1; 4.2; and 4.3 back to the broader meeting/plenary along with relevant recommendations.
11.00 am – 1.00 p.m.	4.3 Identification and assessment of measures and initiatives to protect, promote and facilitate the use of Traditional Knowledge;	Item 4 will take the form of group work with various experts brainstorming on these issues in the order they appear on the agenda, followed by the Group Leader reporting the outcomes back to the broader meeting/plenary.
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	4. Reporting back from the Group Sessions.	Item 4 will take the form of group work with various experts brainstorming on these issues in the order they appear on the agenda, followed by the Group Leader reporting the outcomes back to the broader meeting/plenary.
4.00 pm – 6.00 pm.	<p>5. Other Matters;</p> <p>6. Adoption of the Report/Recommendations;</p> <p>7. Closure of meeting.</p>	