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Items 6 and 7 of the provisional agenda*

MOBILIZATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020: INDICATIVE ROAD MAP

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. At the request of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary is pleased to circulate herewith an Indicative Roadmap for considering items 6 and 7 of the provisional agenda for the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention. This is for information of the Parties to facilitate optimum involvement of all Parties discussing these complex agenda items. The roadmap proposes an organization of work at the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation and between that meeting and the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties for the item on resource mobilization and financial mechanism as identified by decisions X/3 and X/26.
2. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of Parties by paragraph 8 (i) of decision X/3 decided to adopt targets at its eleventh meeting, provided that robust baselines have been identified and endorsed and an effective reporting framework has been adopted. Furthermore, paragraph 10 of decision X/3, requested Parties to submit information to the Working Group on Review of Implementation regarding their views about the basis upon which targets are to be adopted at eleventh meeting of the Conference of Parties. In its decision X/26, the Conference of the Parties requested a full assessment of the amount of funds needed for the implementation of the Convention for the sixth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund.
3. This Roadmap proposes a logical sequence to achieving the objectives of paragraph 8 (i) of decision X/3 and decision X/26 at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties by highlighting the required steps. Although not all information and data is yet available due to the complexity of the issue, At its fourth meeting, the Working Group on Review of Implementation should be able to make good progress towards implementing paragraph 8 (i) of decision X/3 and decision X/26 by taking these steps in a logical sequence, starting by discussing technical issues related to the reporting framework, baselines and GEF6 needs assessment through exchange of experiences. This would provide the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting with the appropriate and adequate information/data as a basis for target-setting, as stated in decision X/3.

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Annex

INDICATIVE ROADMAP FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020

At the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (May 2012)

1. To facilitate the adoption of targets at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, WGRI4 should focus on the necessary conditions, for: (i) robust baselines; and (ii) effective reporting framework in order to provide the Conference of the Parties with the appropriate and adequate information/data as a basis for target-setting.
2. In this context, the Working Group on Review of Implementation at its fourth meeting could discuss available information on use of indicators, possible baseline years, baseline numbers, an effective reporting framework, identification of financial flows etc. Parties are encouraged to engage in an open discussion at the fourth meeting of the Working Group regarding their experiences in using the indicators, the different sources of funding and how to measure them, etc.
3. Discussion on the preliminary reporting framework and how to enable its application through further simplification and /or prioritization.
4. The working group could discuss the trade-offs of all options for selection of baselines, and considering their application.
 - (a) After revising the available information and identifying where there are still gaps, the Working Group on Review of Implementation could discuss different options to be put forward to the Conference of the Parties as basis for target setting;
 - (b) The Working Group could have a preliminary discussion on the possible approaches and kinds of targets that can be practically considered at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties considering the limited information and data available, and identify options for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting. For the options to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at that meeting, the Working Group will also have to identify, for each option, where more information needs to be gathered beforehand.
5. The discussion could include possible ways to raise the required resources, such as fiscal policy instruments, mainstreaming of biodiversity, perverse subsidies, positive incentives, role of the private sector, and so forth.
6. Discussion on the first draft provided by the expert team on the needs assessment for the sixth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility, including the suggestion to enlarge the scope of the Facility in leveraging resources. The working group may provide guidance to the expert team for finalizing the report for submission to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
7. At its fourth meeting, the Working Group on Review of Implementation could develop guidance for inter-sessional work before the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in support of the draft recommendations that it will put forward to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting. This could include requests to the Executive Secretary as identified by the Working Group on Review of Implementation at its fourth meeting.

Inter-sessional work between the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation and the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (June-August 2012)

8. This period will focus on recommendations for inter-sessional work as identified by the Working Group on Review of Implementation at its fourth meeting. This could include:

(a) Releasing/generating more information available at the global and national level and holding consensus-building workshops on appropriate issues. Parties are encouraged to submit information using the agreed reporting framework by 1 July 2012;

(b) Capacity building sessions for national focal points and other stakeholders to apply the revised preliminary reporting framework;

(c) Completion of eighth country-case studies for GEF-6 replenishment financial needs assessment and global needs assessments taking into account the Strategy for Resources Mobilization, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

(d) Holding further dialogues on baselines, mechanisms and approaches and kinds of resource mobilization targets (“Quito-2”);

(e) Finalization and publication of the GEF-6 financial needs assessment based on the discussions and guidance from the Working Group on Review of Implementation by July 2012, while the relationship between the GEF-6 financial needs and the needs on resource mobilization should be clarified;

(f) Publication and release of the *Little Biodiversity Finance Book* to detail the current expenditures on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use globally by July 2012;

(g) Releasing the first draft of the high-level panel on global needs assessment for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 for expert review by August 2012.

At the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (October 2012)

9. Based on the draft recommendations as suggested by the Working Group on Review of Implementation at its fourth meeting, the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting could focus on the following

(a) Discussion and possible adoption of the revised reporting framework

(b) Discussion and possible adoption of tentative baselines to be reviewed by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting after analysing the revised national biodiversity strategies and action plans;

(c) Discussion and possible adoption of targets on resource mobilization.
