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REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN PROVIDING SUPPORT IN IMPLEMENTING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020

*Note by the Executive Secretary***

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 is an ambitious plan developed with the purpose of inspiring broad-based action in support of biodiversity over the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity by all countries and stakeholders. As indicated in the annex to decision X/2, the Plan will be implemented primarily through activities at national or subnational levels, with supporting action at the regional and global levels.

2. Moreover, the Conference of the Parties (decision X/2, paragraph 6) emphasized the need for capacity-building activities and the effective sharing of knowledge, consistent with decisions VIII/8, IX/8 and other relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, in order to support all countries, especially developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States, and the most environmentally vulnerable countries, as well as countries with economies in transition, and indigenous and local communities, in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

3. In accordance with its multi-year programme of work (decision X/9), the Conference of the Parties, at its eleventh meeting addressed, *inter alia*, the following issues in reviewing progress in providing support to assist Parties: resource mobilization; capacity-building; stakeholder engagement; communication, education and public awareness; clearing-house mechanism. The meeting also reviewed progress on activities undertaken to increase global awareness of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity.

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** Updated from UNEP/CBD/COP/11/13.

4. In paragraph 9 of decision XI/2, the Conference of the Parties reiterated its request to the Executive Secretary, in cooperation with partner organizations, to facilitate the continued exchange of best practices and lessons learned from the preparation, updating and revision of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs). In paragraph 10 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also requested the Executive Secretary to continue promoting and facilitating activities, in partnership with relevant organizations, to strengthen implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets at the national, subregional and regional levels, and encouraged other donors and parties to complement the funds provided by the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

5. In response to the above requests to the Executive Secretary, this document has been prepared to provide the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention with updated information on progress achieved in providing support to Parties for revising and updating their NBSAPs and strengthening their capacity to implement the Convention and its Protocols. Previous documents related to this agenda item include UNEP/CBD/COP/11/13 and UNEP/CBD/COP/11/INF/13. Parties are advised that activities carried out regarding the provision of support for Scientific and Technical Cooperation and Technology Transfer and the clearing-house mechanism, in accordance with requests from the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties, are contained in the respective addenda to this document (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/3/Add.1, UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/3/Add.2). Capacity-building initiatives for indigenous and local communities are reported in document UNEP/CBD/WG8J/8/2, which was considered by the eighth meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions when met in Montreal from 7 to 11 October 2013.

6. A large number of the activities undertaken by the Secretariat to strengthen the capacity of Parties have been supported by the Japan Biodiversity Fund. This Fund, established by the Government of Japan as the Presidency of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, aims to build the capacity of developing countries with resources of 5 billion yen in total. The Fund's objective is to help developing countries to develop their capacity to implement the Aichi-Nagoya Biodiversity Compact by providing support to the Secretariat to assist Parties to: (i) implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and the associated Aichi Biodiversity Targets; (ii) revise their NBSAPs to include national targets, in accordance with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; and (iii) strengthen their overall capacity to implement the Convention.

7. Other donors, including Canada, China, Denmark, European Union, France, Germany, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, United Kingdom and Uruguay have also been supporting these Secretariat-led activities.

8. The Executive Secretary has also prepared a note on progress on the provision of support for Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA), including the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (UNDB) (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/INF/1).

II. PROGRESS IN PROVIDING CAPACITY-BUILDING SUPPORT FOR REVISING AND UPDATING NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

9. During the period 2012-2013, the Secretariat, together with partner organizations and host countries and with the support of the Government of Japan and other donors, has organized a number of capacity-building workshops for updating NBSAPs.

10. These regional and subregional capacity-building workshops for implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 were organized by the Secretariat to assist countries in establishing national targets in the framework of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and in revising and updating NBSAPs, supported by the Government of Japan, through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, and other donors.

11. In addition to the organization of the 17 workshops¹ reported in UNEP/CBD/COP/11/13, five follow-up regional workshops (Pacific, North Africa and the Middle East, Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, plus Latin America) were held between August 2012 and May 2013, for a total of 22 having been conducted in this series. Of these 22 workshops, a total of 7 were follow-up workshops. Further details are provided below. Over 925 individuals and 174 Parties participated in the above series of workshops. Workshop presentations, materials, outputs and summary reports, including summaries of participant evaluations, are available at: www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops2.shtml.

12. To complement the above series of workshops, the Secretariat convened a global workshop in Nairobi, from 11 to 15 November 2013, to review progress and build capacity for the NBSAP revision process, primarily targeting the national GEF-Enabling Activity Project Coordinators. This workshop was convened in response to decision X/2, which urges Parties and Governments to revise and update their NBSAPs, and report thereon to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in October 2014. It also follows up on decision XI/2, which requests the Executive Secretary to continue to promote and facilitate, in partnership with relevant organizations, activities to strengthen implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets at the national, subregional and regional levels. The programme of the workshop, delivered in five United Nations languages, focused on aspects of NBSAP planning and development that have been identified as the most in need of capacity-building and technical support and consisted of three major themes - resource mobilization and valuation, mainstreaming, and national target-setting. A total of 110 Parties and 160 participants, primarily NBSAP project coordinators, were represented at this workshop. Members of the NBSAP Forum (see paragraphs 12 and 13 below) also provided additional support, in delivering thematic modules, serving as resource persons and contributing to side events. Additional information, including all presentations, is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops/global/default.shtml>

13. Launched at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in October 2012, the NBSAP Forum is a global partnership, hosted by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), whose mission is to support countries in revising their NBSAPs and setting national targets. The NBSAP Forum's web portal site became operational in late 2013 (<http://nbsapforum.net/>) and is intended to serve as a "one-stop shop" where members can access resources (e.g. public-access articles, guide books, maps, websites, best practices) to assist with all aspects of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and other key biodiversity planning themes and also to act as a portal to other useful websites for biodiversity planning.

14. The NBSAP web pages on the CBD website have been updated with a view to streamlining information searches, improving the presentation of information and, to a certain extent, complementing the information available on the NBSAP Forum's portal site. In planning and carrying out activities for revising their NBSAPs and setting national targets, Parties may be interested to note the information available on the webpage on "COP Guidance on NBSAPs" at <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/guidance.shtml>, which provides quick references to areas that Parties have suggested, through decisions of the ninth, tenth and eleventh meetings of the Conference of the Parties, should be included in NBSAPs with links to the respective CBD web pages of the area in question also provided. NBSAPs submitted after the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties are highlighted at <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/about/latest/default.shtml>. In addition, the National Targets database at <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/targets/default.shtml> has been updated with all national targets (or equivalent) taken from these NBSAPs, to provide examples of national targets established by Parties that contribute to the implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, with indications as to which targets have been officially mapped to the global Aichi Biodiversity Targets by the Party concerned. Capacity-building modules for developing, updating and implementing NBSAPs are available at <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/training/default.shtml>.

¹ This figure has been corrected from that indicated in UNEP/CBD/COP/11/13.

III. PROGRESS IN PROVIDING CAPACITY-BUILDING SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020

15. The Secretariat, together with partner organizations and host countries, and with the support of Japan and other donors, has facilitated other activities to build the capacity of developing countries to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in addition to the support for NBSAP revision mentioned above. The table annexed to this note summarizes the capacity-building activities the Secretariat has been conducting in 2013-2014 (annex I), from which it can be seen that the Japan Biodiversity Fund, in collaboration with other partners, has facilitated the Secretariat's work in assisting Parties not only to meet Aichi Biodiversity Target 17 on NBSAPs, but also to develop their capacity to implement other Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 as a whole.

16. Annex II shows the list of capacity-building workshops covering the majority of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets which the Secretariat organized in 2013-2014 with support from Japan and other donors.

17. There remains a capacity gap at national level, especially in developing countries, to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020; specific needs and mechanisms will be discussed under various agenda items as indicated in annex III.

18. Annex III shows possible elements to be prioritized in further supporting Parties to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the agenda items of fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention and eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-18) where Parties may wish to discuss these elements further.

19. While an increasing number of donors, including some developing countries, are supporting capacity-building activities under the Secretariat, currently, and since the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Japan Biodiversity Fund has been supporting, by far, the largest share of these activities. As the support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund is gradually phased out by 2020, there is therefore a need for increased support from other donors.

20. At the same time, the Secretariat is also committed to further enhance its capacity-building activities within its mandate, and to streamline such activities. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary established an internal task force on capacity-building to develop a "Secretariat-Wide Approach to Capacity-Building and Training" in order to respond in a strategic, coherent and coordinated manner to the various requests by the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to undertake capacity-building activities to assist Parties in the implementation of their obligations under the Convention and its Protocols on biosafety and access and benefit-sharing.

21. Based on the work of the task force, the Secretariat is currently developing its capacity development strategy and action plan for supporting the implementation of the Convention and its two Protocols, in line with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety 2011-2020, taking also into account the Secretariat's work on technical and scientific cooperation. The strategy and action plan is intended to guide the Secretariat in the design, implementation and evaluation of its capacity-building activities for the period 2014-2020. It will enable the Secretariat to adopt a more strategic, coherent and results-oriented approach to capacity-building and also to leverage resources and opportunities through strategic partnerships and collaborative initiatives, which will ultimately help improve the efficiency, effectiveness and impact of its capacity-building activities. Once finalized, the draft strategy and action plan will be made available for the information of Parties.

22. In addition, the Executive Secretary, with financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, has hired a consulting firm to develop a guidebook and train/coach Secretariat staff to enable them to more effectively design, deliver and evaluate training activities and to provide follow-up support and continuous learning opportunities for trained trainers to be nominated by Parties, indigenous and local communities and other stakeholders. This will promote consistent standards and approaches to training activities across the Secretariat programme areas and help to improve the overall quality and impact of the Secretariat's support to Parties. The guide on "Designing and Delivering Effective Trainings for the Implementation of the Convention and its two Protocols on Biosafety and Access and Benefit-Sharing" will also be available through the clearing-house mechanism for use, as appropriate, by Parties and other relevant stakeholders.

IV. SUGGESTED RECCOMENDATION

23. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention,

1. *Invites* Parties to consider, as necessary, recommendations for capacity-building support to Parties, including on scientific and technical cooperation, to further enhance implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets for inclusion in a "Pyeongchang Roadmap 2020" by the Conference of Parties, at its twelfth meeting;

2. *Recommends* that the Conference of Parties, at its twelfth meeting, adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Recognizes* that there remains a capacity gap at national level, especially in developing countries, to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;

2. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Secretariat to further enhance and streamline capacity-building support to Parties for the effective implementation of the Convention and its Protocols;

3. *Recalling* paragraph 10 of decision XI/2, further *requests* the Executive Secretary to continue promoting and facilitating, in partnership with relevant organizations, activities to strengthen implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011–2020 and progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets at the national, subregional and regional levels, and *encourages* other donors and Parties to complement the funds provided by the Government of Japan, as well as Canada, China, Denmark, European Union, France, Germany, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, United Kingdom and Uruguay in this context.

*Annex I***THEMATIC CAPACITY-BUILDING PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND IN 2013-2014**

Project titles	Main Aichi Targets*
Capacity-building for raising awareness and mainstreaming biosafety into national policies, plans and programmes, including NBSAPs	9, 13, 15
Capacity-building and development to support the ratification, early entry into force and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	16
Achieving the drylands and climate-change related Aichi Targets, including through synergistic implementation of the Rio conventions and the biodiversity-related conventions	5, 7, 10, 15, 17
Capacity-building for supporting the achievement of area-based Aichi Targets	5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
Capacity development for financing area-based Aichi Targets in developing countries (Life Web)	5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15
Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	6, 10, 11
Strategic facilitation of capacity-building for the Global Taxonomy Initiative	19
Development of an international facilitating mechanism and tools for building capacity to address invasive alien species	9
Sustainable Ocean Initiative	6, 8, 9, 10, 11
Supporting national and (sub)regional implementation of the updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) in the broader context of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity during 2013 and 2014	1,4,5,6,7,9,11,12
Capacity-building initiative with a strategic integrated approach for trainers on the CBD related to traditional knowledge (referred to as "The Narragunnawali Strategy")	1, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18
Building capacity for Aichi Target 1, through the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (UNDB)	1
Biodiversity for Sustainable Development: mainstreaming poverty eradication and development in regional, national, and local BSAP and mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services in policies, programmes and planning processes	2, 14, 4, 17, 20

Strengthening stakeholder engagement in implementation of the CBD, Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets	1, 2, 4, 19
Capacity-building for subnational implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	1, 2, 4, 9, plus all other targets
Scientific and technical cooperation and technology transfer through pivotal agencies in developing countries	19
Business activities overview	4
Mobilization of resources for achieving the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets	3, 20
Strengthening the clearing-house-mechanism	17, 19
Satoyama Initiative	6, 7, 11, 14, 15

***Note: Some projects may contribute to additional targets indirectly**

*Annex II***CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOPS POST COP-11, OCTOBER 2012 TO JUNE 2014****

Date / Country	Title of workshop	Main donors
29 Oct - 2 Nov 2012 Hanoi, Viet Nam	Capacity-building for Pilot Countries on the Implementation of Synergies among the Rio Conventions	Japan and European Union
5-9 November 2012 Kampala, Uganda	Africa Regional Capacity-building Workshop on Public Awareness, Education and Participation concerning the Safe Transfer, Handling and Use of Living Modified Organisms	Japan
15-17 November 2012 Mexico City, Mexico	Regional Workshop for Central America and the Caribbean on implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in the context of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Japan
11-13 December 2012 Budapest, Hungary	Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access Benefit-sharing for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Japan and the GEF
2013		
28 January - 1 February 2013 Nairobi, Kenya	First Regional Workshop for African Least Developed Countries on the preparation of the Fifth National Report and Global Biodiversity Outlook and regional policy scenarios	Japan and Netherlands
4 - 8 February 2013 Dakar, Senegal	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop for West Africa	Japan and France
11 - 14 February 2013 Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop to Address Invasive Alien Species and to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 in the Arab region	Japan
4 - 7 March 2013 Dakar, Senegal	Global Taxonomy Initiative Capacity-building Workshop towards Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets 9 and 19 for Western and Central Africa	Japan
4 - 8 March 2013 Saint George's, Grenada	Caribbean Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-building for the effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Japan
4 - 8 March 2013 Singapore, Singapore	Regional Workshop on Reflecting the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Japan
10 March 2013 Geneva, Switzerland	CBD-UNCCD Joint Workshop on the role of biodiversity in national drought management policies	Japan
18 - 22 March 2013 Lomé, Togo	Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) regional training workshop on adaptation for Francophone Least Developed Countries (LDCs)	Japan

** In addition to the workshops listed in this table, other workshops organized by the Secretariat include capacity-building elements. For example, the regional workshops to describe ecologically and biologically significant marine areas (see UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/4 for a complete list) facilitate access to, and exchange of, information related to marine and coastal biodiversity and build capacity in its use, including through the application of GIS tools.

19 - 22 March 2013 Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina	Western Balkans Capacity-building Workshop on Indicators as part of NBSAP updating	European Union
24 - 27 March 2013 Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania	Subregional Workshop for Anglophone Africa on the Integration of Climate Change and Ecosystem-based Adaptation in National Biodiversity Planning Processes	Japan
25 - 29 March 2013 Hanoi, Viet Nam	Asia-Pacific regional training workshop on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs	Japan
2 - 5 April 2013 Maputo, Mozambique	Regional Workshop on the Inter-Linkages between Human Health and Biodiversity in Africa	Japan
9 - 10 April 2013 Amman, Jordan	Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for Middle East region and Djibouti, Libya, Mauritania	Japan and the GEF
15-18 April 2013 Batumi, Georgia	Sixth Biodiversity in Europe Conference	Japan
15 - 19 April 2013 Yaoundé, Cameroon	Second Regional Workshop for Less Developed Countries in Africa for the Preparation on the Fifth National Reports and the Fourth Edition of the Global Biodiversity Perspectives (GBO-4) and regional policy scenarios.	Japan and Netherlands
6 - 10 May 2013 Villa de Leyva, Colombia	Regional workshop for Latin America on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)	Japan
6 - 10 May 2013 Villa de Leyva, Colombia	Regional Workshop for Latin America on the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM)	Japan
14 - 17 May 2013 Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	Subregional Workshop on Valuation and Incentive Measures for Sub-Saharan West Africa	Japan
20 - 24 May 2013 Incheon City, Republic of Korea	Regional Workshop for South, East and Southeast Asia on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report and Global Biodiversity Outlook and regional policy scenarios	Japan, Republic of Korea and Netherlands
3 - 5 June 2013 Montreal, Canada	Expert Meeting to Develop a Draft Strategic Framework for Capacity-building and Development in Support of the Effective Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	United Kingdom
25 - 28 June 2013 Douala, Cameroon	Regional Workshop on indicators and integrating CMS and CITES objectives in updating NBSAPs	European Union

22 - 26 July 2013 Nadi, Fiji	Regional Workshop for the Pacific Countries on the preparation of the fifth national reports	Japan
29 July - 2 August 2013 Kigali, Rwanda	Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LDC-LEG) regional training workshop on adaptation for African Anglophone Least Developed Countries	Spain
20 - 24 August 2013 Siem Reap, Cambodia	Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LDC-LEG) regional training workshop on adaptation for Asian Least Developed Countries	Spain
16 - 20 September 2013 Gros Islet, Saint Lucia	Regional Workshop for the Caribbean Countries on the preparation of the fifth national reports	Japan
16 - 20 September 2013 Gros Islet, Saint Lucia	Regional Workshop for the Caribbean Countries on the Clearing-House Mechanism	Japan
11 - 15 November 2013 Nairobi, Kenya	Global Workshop on Reviewing Progress and Building Capacity for the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans Revision Process	Japan and European Union
12 - 15 November 2013 Villa de Leyva, Colombia	Workshop on the Assessment of Plant Extinction Risk in Megadiverse Countries	Japan
25 - 27 November 2013 Ispra, Italy	Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms	Japan
25 - 29 November 2013 Suva, Fiji	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for the Pacific	Japan and the GEF
25 - 29 November 2013 Suva, Fiji	Capacity-building Workshop for the Pacific on ecosystem conservation and restoration	Japan
2 - 6 December 2013 Cochabamba, Bolivia	Regional Workshop for Latin America on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report and Indicators	Japan
3 - 7 December 2013 Chennai, India	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for East, South and South-East Asia	Japan and the GEF
9 - 11 December 2013 Cochabamba, Bolivia	Regional Capacity-building Workshop for Latin America and Caribbean Region on Traditional Knowledge under the CBD	Japan and the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization
9 - 12 December 2013 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	Regional Capacity-building Workshop to Address Invasive Alien Species and to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 in the Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Japan
9 - 13 December 2013 Guangzhou, China	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-building Workshop for East, South and South-East Asia	Japan and France

14 - 17 December 2013 Doha, Qatar	Regional Workshop for Middle East and North Africa on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report	Japan
16 - 20 December 2013 Batumi, Georgia	Central and Eastern Europe Regional Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Measures	Japan
2014		
20 - 24 January 2014 Minsk, Belarus	Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report	Japan
1 - 5 February 2014 Amman, Jordan	Capacity-building workshop for West Asia and North Africa on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Japan
11 - 13 February 2014 Entebbe, Uganda	Regional Workshop on Resource Mobilization for Africa	Denmark
23 February 2014 Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea	Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House Capacity-building Workshop	European Union and Norway
24 – 28 March 2014 Linhares, Brazil	Capacity-building workshop for South America on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Japan
24 - 28 March 2014 Montevideo, Uruguay	Regional Capacity-building Workshop for Latin America on Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	Spain, Uruguay and European Union
26 - 28 March 2014 Nairobi, Kenya	Regional Capacity-building Workshop for the African Region on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the CBD	Japan
31 March - 4 April 2014 Minsk, Belarus	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Republic of Korea and European Union
15 - 17 April 2014 Brasilia, Brazil	Regional Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on Resource Mobilization	Japan and Denmark
28 April - 2 May 2014 Belize City, Belize	Capacity-building workshop for the Caribbean on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Japan, Canada, Germany, Republic of Korea, and European Union
28 April - 2 May 2014 Jambi, Indonesia	Capacity-building workshop for Southeast Asia on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Japan, Canada, Germany, Republic of Korea, and European Union
5 - 9 May 2014 Buea, Cameroon	Regional workshop for African countries on the Clearing-House Mechanism	Japan

6 - 8 May 2014 Bangkok, Thailand	Regional workshop for resource mobilization for Asia and the Pacific	European Union and Japan
6 - 9 May 2014 Hanoi, Viet Nam	Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop of the UN-Water Initiative “Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies”	Japan
12 - 16 May 2014 Livingstone, Zambia	Capacity-building workshop for Eastern and Southern Africa on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Canada, Germany, Japan, Republic of Korea and European Union
19 - 22 May 2014 Georgetown, Guyana	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for the Caribbean	Japan and European Union
21 - 24 May 2014 Qingdao, Province of Shandong, China	Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on Cities and Biodiversity	China
21 - 24 May 2014 Qingdao, Province of Shandong, China	Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development	China
26 - 28 May 2014 Vilm, Germany	Regional workshop on resource mobilization for the Pan-European region	European Union
1 - 5 June 2014, Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for West Asia and North Africa	Japan, Republic of Korea and European Union
2-4 June 2014 Chiang Mai, Thailand	Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for Asia on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the CBD	Japan
2 - 6 June 2014 Vilm, Germany	Capacity-building workshop for Europe on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Germany, Canada, Republic of Korea and European Union
6-7 June 2014 Chiang Mai, Thailand	Regional Workshop on Community-Based Monitoring and Information Systems (CBMIS),	Japan and Stockholm Resilience Centre
9 - 13 June 2014 Kampala, Uganda	Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for Africa	Japan, Republic of Korea and European Union
14 - 15 June 2014 Montreal, Canada	Capacity-building workshop for Small Island Developing States to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on Invasive Alien Species	Japan

Annex III

ELEMENTS FOR FURTHER SUPPORTING PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020 AND AICHI TARGETS

1. Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention

Agenda	Documents symbol	Document titles	Main Aichi Targets
4	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/2	Review of progress in updating and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans and submission of fifth national reports	17
5.1	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/3	Review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	All
5.2	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/3/Add.1	Scientific and technical cooperation and technology transfer	All
5.3	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/3/Add.2	Clearing-house mechanism	All
6	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/4	Strategy for resource mobilization: review of implementation	20
6.4	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/4/Add.1	Modalities and milestones for full operationalization of Aichi Biodiversity Target 3	3
6.5	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/4/Add.2	Consideration of views and lessons learned on possible risks, benefits and safeguards for country-specific innovative financial mechanisms	20
7.1	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/5	Financial mechanism: review of implementation of decision XI/5	20
7.2	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/5/Add.1	Financial mechanism: summary of the fourth review of the effectiveness of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)	20
8	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/6	Report on the progress made to address biodiversity in poverty eradication and sustainable development	2, 14
9	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/7	Updated Gender Plan of Action to 2020	All
10	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/8	Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives	All
11	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/9	Engagement with subnational and local governments	All
12.1	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/10	Report on the progress made in engaging business	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 18
12.2	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/11	Engagement of other stakeholders and major groups	All
13	UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/12	Proposal on improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention and its two Protocols	All

2. Eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice

Agenda	Documents symbol	Document titles	Main Aichi Targets
3.1	UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/2	Draft executive summary with the main messages of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook	All
3.2	UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/3	Progress in achieving the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020	1,4,5,6,7,9,11,12
4.1	UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/4	Progress report on describing areas meeting the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas	6,10,11
	UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/4/Add.1	Draft summary reports on the description of areas meeting the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas	6,10,11
4.2 and 4.3	UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/5	Addressing impacts of underwater noise and marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity	11
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