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NOTIFICATION
First South-South Cooperation Forum on Biodiversity for Development
Aichi/Nagoya, Japan, 17 October 2010

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the First South-South Cooperation Forum on Biodiversity for Development to be held on 17 October 2010, in Nagoya, just prior to the opening of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10). As you know, decision IX/25 adopted at COP 9 noted the initiative of developing countries to prepare, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the CBD and other relevant organizations, programmes and agencies, a Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development, and invited Parties and other Governments, regional and international organizations to support the organization of a South-South Cooperation Forum on Biodiversity for Development at the margins of COP 10 in Nagoya, Japan.

The objective of the event, co-organized with Yemen as the Chair of the Group of 77 and China, and the Executive Secretary of the G-77 in New York, is to validate and adopt, on behalf of the G-77, the Plan of Action on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development attached to this note (and posted at www.cbd.int/cooperation/SouthSouthcooperation.shtml), resulting from the Expert Meeting on South-South Cooperation held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 29-30 May 2010, at the margins of the third meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-3). The Plan will then be submitted by Yemen, as Chair of the G-77, for the consideration of Parties under agenda item 4.9 on “Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives, engagement of stakeholders, including business and biodiversity, cities and biodiversity, and South-South cooperation”. The draft agenda of the Forum is attached and available at www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SSC-FOR-01.

The Multi-Year Plan of Action will also be made available to the Ministerial meeting of the Group of 77 and China to be held in New York on 28 September 2010 at the margins of the sixty-fifth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

To: CBD National Focal Points of Parties member of the Group of 77

Confirmations of attendance to the First South-South Cooperation Forum on Biodiversity for Development and/or comments on the Multi-Year Plan of Action should be submitted through official letters addressed to the Executive Secretary by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or electronically to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible, but no later than **30 August 2010**.

Please note that the Multi-Year Plan of Action will be submitted on behalf of the G-77 as a group, so your feedback is essential, either through written comments or through your participation in the SSC Forum.

Delegates attending COP 10 that are also planning to attend the Forum are kindly reminded to arrive on, or before, Saturday, 16 October 16 2010, in order to participate in the Forum.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachments



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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
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DRAFT MULTI-YEAR PLAN OF ACTION FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION ON BIODIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT

A. *Introduction and Rationale*

1. In October 2009, the UN General Assembly conducted a High-Level Conference on South-South cooperation in parallel to its 64th session in New York. The background document (A/64/504, “Promotion of South-South cooperation for development: a thirty-year perspective”, produced by UN/DESA/SSC Unit) highlights that developing countries as a group now have the entire range of modern technical competencies, with centres of excellence in key areas that have increased their national and collective self-reliance. A growing number of these countries with pivotal roles in South-South cooperation (SSC) are gaining a voice in global governance. According to this document, triangular cooperation (where developed countries support, and partner with, South-South exchanges) leads to increased ownership of projects by developing countries, and facilitates cost-effective and culturally and socially appealing solutions. The report also noted the role of regional and inter-regional initiatives, and reiterated the role of the United Nations as a catalyst and facilitator for SSC.

2. The MYPA on SSC is the result of a consultative process spanning 4 years, supported by resources from the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), including:

- a brainstorming meeting¹ on South-South cooperation held in November 2006 at the request of the Group of 77 and China (G-77) under the chairmanship of South Africa and organized in partnership with the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- an Expert Meeting² held in November 2008 in Montreal, convened by the then Chairman of the G-77 Antigua and Barbuda, in partnership with the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity. At this meeting, a Steering Committee was proposed comprising the former

¹ The report of the Brainstorming Meeting is available as document UNEP/CBD/BM-SSC/1/3 at <http://www.cbd.int/cooperation/SouthSouthcooperation.shtml>.

² The report of the Expert Meeting is available as document UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/1/3 at <http://www.cbd.int/cooperation/SouthSouthcooperation.shtml>.

and current Chairs of the Group of 77 (South Africa, Antigua and Barbuda, Sudan, and Yemen), as well as the chair of the 2006 brainstorming session (Malawi) and the Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (Grenada), to assist in the preparation and implementation of the multi-year plan of action on South-South cooperation as defined through decision IX/25 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

- The first meeting of the CBD Steering Committee on SSC³ on October 29, 2009, also in Montreal, in which participants reviewed the draft framework for South-South cooperation on biodiversity for full integration into the G-77 Development Platform for the South, identified activities for inclusion in the Multi-Year Plan of Action on Biodiversity for Development, and called for another expert meeting to be held back-to-back with a major CBD meeting;
- The second Expert meeting on SSC⁴ held in Nairobi, May 29 and 30, 2010, at the margins of the third meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the CBD (WGRI-3), which provided input within a geographically balanced range of G-77 Parties, resulting in the present version of the MYPA on SSC.

3. Biodiversity is a key economic, financial, cultural, and strategic asset for developing countries, and the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity is critical for economic and social development as well as poverty reduction. Living species are being lost to extinction, however, at unprecedented rates up to 1,000 times higher than the historical average. The latest Global Biodiversity Outlook report (GBO-3) indicates that Parties have missed achieving the 2010 target of the CBD: of the 21 sub-targets defined, none were fully met, four were not achieved at all, and the majority had only met with some progress. The costs and risks of unsustainable approaches to the use of biodiversity in development and resulting ecosystem changes are high both in economic and social terms⁵. According to the latest economic data⁶, global economic losses due to the biodiversity crisis can represent 7% of the world's consolidated GDP by 2050 – but up to 57% if only the poorest segment of the population is considered, due to their increased dependence on the ecosystem services provided for free by biodiversity. Deforestation alone represents losses between US\$ 2 - 4.5 trillion per year, every year. Loss of biodiversity undermines the possibilities for sustained growth of developing countries, achieving poverty eradication and improved access to and fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the sustainable use of genetic resources. Biodiversity loss has regional as well as global consequences, and it is in the self-interest of our increasingly globalized society to cooperate on this critical issue.

4. Developing countries are accumulating knowledge, experience and expertise on all three objectives of the CBD. Emerging and pivotal developing countries stand out in an increasing fashion for their know-how - including in the private sector (see also annex IV). With growing multi-polarity, SSC can in many ways complement North-South exchanges with efficient resources use, often in a culturally appropriate and adequate way in relation to the “ecological specificity” of technology. Many agencies, like the GEF, regularly promote triangular cooperation. In terms of financial investment and frequency, however, it is clear that South-South and triangular cooperation are still rather the exception than the rule in the CBD. Increasing and enhancing South-South and triangular cooperation is, therefore, a critical element for the success of the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan of the CBD.

5. While South-South cooperation has been incorporated into many agreements related to trade, economic, and technological development, general issues relating to environment, and specifically to

³ The report of the Steering Committee is available as document UNEP/CBD/SSC-SC/1/1/3 at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SSC-SC-01>.

⁴ The report of the second Expert meeting is available as UNEP/CBD/EM-SSC/2/4 at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EMSSC-02>.

⁵ See *Ecosystems and Human Well-being: Biodiversity Synthesis* of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005).

⁶ The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity, see <http://www.teebweb.org/InformationMaterial/TEEBReports/tabid/1278/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

biodiversity, have yet to be approached in a comprehensive way. The Plan of Action complements the Development Platform for the South⁷, launched by the G-77 in June 2008 at the twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (IFCC-XII) in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, and provides an opportunity to mobilize G-77 members on biodiversity, and to reenergize the G-77 in contributing to the Convention on Biological Diversity as a negotiation platform that adds value by facilitating common positions for developing countries. The Plan builds upon many other UN programmes, plans and declarations, as listed in annex II. Cooperation between developing countries is a mainstay of all Rio Conventions (UNFCCC, UNCCD, CBD) and those of the Biodiversity Liaison Group (Ramsar, World Heritage, CITES, etc). However, the preparation of a CBD Multi-Year Plan of Action on Biodiversity for Development signifies the first time a South-South cooperation process has specifically addressed biodiversity-related concerns.

6. South-South cooperation is included in articles 5 and 18 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which state that Parties shall, as far as possible and as appropriate, cooperate with other Contracting Parties, directly or, where appropriate, through competent international organizations, to promote international technical and scientific exchanges and capacity building. As such, SSC cuts across all Thematic Programmes and Cross-cutting Issues of the Convention on Biological Diversity. An extensive analysis of past decisions including SSC is available as annex II of document UNEP/CBD/BM-SSC/1/2/Rev.2, presented in the first brainstorming workshop on SSC in 2006 (see <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SSC-01>). More recently, decisions IX/2 (Agricultural biodiversity: biofuels and biodiversity), IX/8 (Review of implementation of Goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan) and IX/14 (Technology transfer and cooperation) refer to South-South cooperation specifically. Decision IX/11 (Review of implementation of Articles 20 and 21) calls for Parties and relevant organizations to identify, engage and increase SSC as a complement to North-South cooperation to enhance technical, financial, scientific and technological cooperation and innovations, for biological diversity. Additionally, decision IX/25 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) notes the initiative of developing countries to prepare, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the CBD a Multi-Year Plan of Action (MYPA) on SSC on biodiversity for development, invites Parties and other governments and organizations to support the organization of an SSC Forum at the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Aichi/Nagoya, Japan in October 2010 (COP 10) and requests the Executive Secretary to report on the development of the MYPA for SSC at COP 10. Even more recently, SSC was considered in WGRI-3's review of the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan (WGRI document 3/5, "*Updating and revision of the Strategic Plan for the post-2010 period*"), which recalls that activities will be undertaken primarily at the national or sub-national level, and that "initiatives and activities [...] contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan at the local level should be supported and encouraged". WGRI-3 recommendation 3/3 ("*Integration of biodiversity into poverty eradication and development*") also notes the importance of SSC in efforts to integrate biodiversity into poverty eradication and development processes, and welcomes the initiative of the MYPA on SSC as a relevant process for the implementation of the framework on capacity-building.

7. Further information on the development of the Multi-Year Plan of Action is contained in information document UNEP/CBD/COP/10/XX. Annex I of this Plan is a proposed decision for the consideration of Parties of the CBD under agenda item 4.9 of COP 10 ("Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives, engagement of stakeholders, including business and biodiversity, cities and biodiversity, and South/South cooperation"). Annex II lists previous UN Plans on SSC, while annex III lists additional indicative activities and examples of SSC. Annex IV comments on possible sources of know-how for SSC, and conditions for successful cooperation. Annex V summarizes the remaining roadmap of the submission of this Plan to COP 10.

B. Vision

⁷ The G-77 Development Platform for the South can be found at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/ssc/emssc-01/other/emssc-01-platform-en.doc>.

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8. By 2020, effective South-South and triangular cooperation will be widely used in the CBD and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, as a complement to North-South cooperation and in support of the Convention's Strategic Plan and the Millennium Development Goals, in order to enhance human well-being, promote development and eradicate poverty.

C. The Mission

9. Under this overarching vision, the Mission of the Plan of Action calls for:

(a) Close coordination with the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity for the Period 2011 - 2020, including the 2020 Headline Biodiversity Targets, the associated sub-targets, and its long-term target for 2050, which will be considered and adopted by the Conference of the Parties at their tenth meeting in Aichi/Nagoya, Japan from 19 to 29 October 2010. The duration of the SSC Plan will thus coincide with the Strategic Plan of the Convention;

(b) Support and engagement from G-77 members at national and regional levels, also in the mainstreaming of biodiversity concerns into regional integration processes, regional and sub-regional cooperation agreements⁸, development programmes, and inter-regional South-South programmes;

(c) Close cooperation with forums such as the Group of 15⁹, the Group of Like-Minded Megadiverse Countries (LMMC)¹⁰ and the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Dialogue Forum¹¹ in order to foster cooperation and enhance the solidarity and the interdependence of developing countries;

(d) A multi-stakeholder approach including academic institutions, the private sector, development partners, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, and local communities and indigenous peoples organizations;

D. Objectives and Indicative Activities

10. The Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development has the following objectives, linked to general indicative activities:

| Objectives by 2020 | Indicative Activities |
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| 1. Promote, enhance and increase SSC among Parties in support of the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan and the MDGs; | Identify optimal matches between available technologies and needs assessed in developing countries and promote and support the exchange of scientific and technical knowledge and expertise; |
| | Strengthen collaborative research and exchange of scientific, technical and technological know-how on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use among centres of excellence in developing countries, including joint gap analysis and strategic assessments; |
| | Revise NBSAPs and regional strategies and actions plans in view of 2011-2020 Strategic Plan, considering SSC, and include notes on |

⁸ As encouraged by the Conference of the Parties, in decision IX/25, paragraph 2.

⁹ The G-15 is comprised of Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Nigeria, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

¹⁰ The group of LMMC was formed in 2002 at the initiative of Mexico. It includes 17 countries, namely, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Madagascar, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, and Venezuela.

¹¹ Information on the IBSA Dialogue Forum can be found at <http://www.indianembassy.org.br/port/relations/ForumForCooperation.htm>.

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| | progress within 5 th National Reports; |
| | Identify market and trade-oriented mechanisms for innovations in technology to favour biodiversity (public-private partnerships), including the integration of biodiversity considerations into relevant regional trade agreements and mainstreaming biodiversity into productive landscapes and sectors; |
| | Facilitate projects and programmes aimed at joint conservation and sustainable use of cross-border ecosystems to further contribute towards halting biodiversity loss ¹² . |
| 2. Strengthen the capacity of regional and international organizations and agencies to support South-South and triangular cooperation; | Further engage and build the capacity of UN Agencies (UNDP, UNESCO, UNCTAD) and Regional Economic Commissions and treaties and their related agencies (such as CCCCC through CARICOM) in SSC on biodiversity; |
| | Engage other MEAs (Rio, BLG Conventions) in SSC, identifying synergies involving developing countries and regional agencies; |
| | Engage the private sector, regional development banks, NGOs, implementing agencies and centres of excellence and research from developing countries into SSC on biodiversity for development. |
| 3. Mobilize and substantially enhance resources for South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation in the Convention on Biological Diversity, including through joint proposal development and fundraising as well as triangular arrangements. | Strengthen and expand specific funds dedicated to South-South cooperation, such as the Perez Guerrero Trust Fund administered by the G-77; |
| | Allocate specific resources within national budgets dedicated to biodiversity to SSC and triangular cooperation; |
| | Encourage the GEF and other donors to further support SSC and technology transfer among developing countries, allocating specific percentages of funds to South-South Cooperation and triangular cooperation. |

Annex III lists other indicative activities and examples discussed during the preparatory meetings.

E. Implementation

12. The Plan of Action is envisioned to be implemented by Parties at sub-regional, regional and global level. Its duration will coincide with the timeline of the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan of the Convention, taking into account the Plan's milestones.

13. Implementation of the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South cooperation on Biodiversity for Development will be supported by the G-77 through its chair and its Secretariat, the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations' High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, and UNEP's activities being coordinated under the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-Building. It is hoped that partnering with the initiatives coordinated by UNDP, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNEP will promote enhanced mainstreaming of biodiversity considerations into on-the-ground activities.

¹² COP decision IX/25 paragraph 5.

14. Over recent years, a number of regional organizations have supported the preparation of regional biodiversity strategies and/or action plans¹³. These strategies and plans support the Multi-Year Plan of Action in that they provide an important and concrete platform for South-South cooperation by generating opportunities for interregional exchanges of information, coordinating transboundary projects, enhancing communication between neighbouring countries on biodiversity-related issues, and galvanizing action on mainstreaming biodiversity into trade and development agendas.

15. The Convention's clearing-house mechanism (CHM) and the Protocol's Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) are particularly suited as tools for facilitating South-South scientific and technical cooperation and information exchange, and therefore central to the successful implementation of the Multi-Year Plan of Action. Specifically, a web-based portal will be incorporated into the CHM to provide a database of case-studies related to South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development, important references and web links, including a roster of SSC expertise, cross-tabulating the needs of countries with available expertise and sources of further research. Links will be made with other relevant CHMs such as UNDP's Web for Information and Development (WIDE) and UNEP's clearing-house mechanisms for Bali Strategic Plan & South-South Cooperation. Information will also be shared through actual or virtual conferences, seminars, and workshops.

16. Developing a communication and public awareness strategy for the Plan of Action is important and will assist in facilitating implementation. Elements to define in this communication strategy may include:

- Types of communication materials;
- Appropriate venues for dissemination;
- The development of a web-based portal under the CHM and BCH; and
- The roles and responsibilities of partners in coordinating this task.

17. Organizing international meetings and conferences for the key partners of the Plan of Action at the margins of meetings of the Conference of the Parties, such as the South-South Cooperation Forum on Biodiversity for Development that will be organized during the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be held in Aichi/Nagoya, Japan in October 2010, will build momentum for implementing the Plan of Action and integrating new objectives and priorities. Additionally, regional capacity development workshops being organized by the Convention on Biological Diversity on specific programmes of work (such as with the regional workshops on protected areas, forests, invasive alien species, climate change, and indigenous tourism) offer concrete opportunities for South-South cooperation and the exchange of best practices and lessons learned.

F. Partnerships and coordination mechanism

18. The implementation of the Plan of Action will be coordinated by a Steering Committee which will meet at least twice between COPs, at the margins of relevant CBD meetings. The composition of this Committee shall be:

- The current Chair of the G-77 and possible past chairs with significant experience in SSC;
- The Executive Secretary of the G-77;

¹³ Examples include regional biodiversity strategies for: Central America, developed under the Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD); the tropical Andean region, developed by the Andean Community (CAN); the Amazon Basin, developed by Amazonian Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO); the Mercosur region; and the southern African region, developed by the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC);

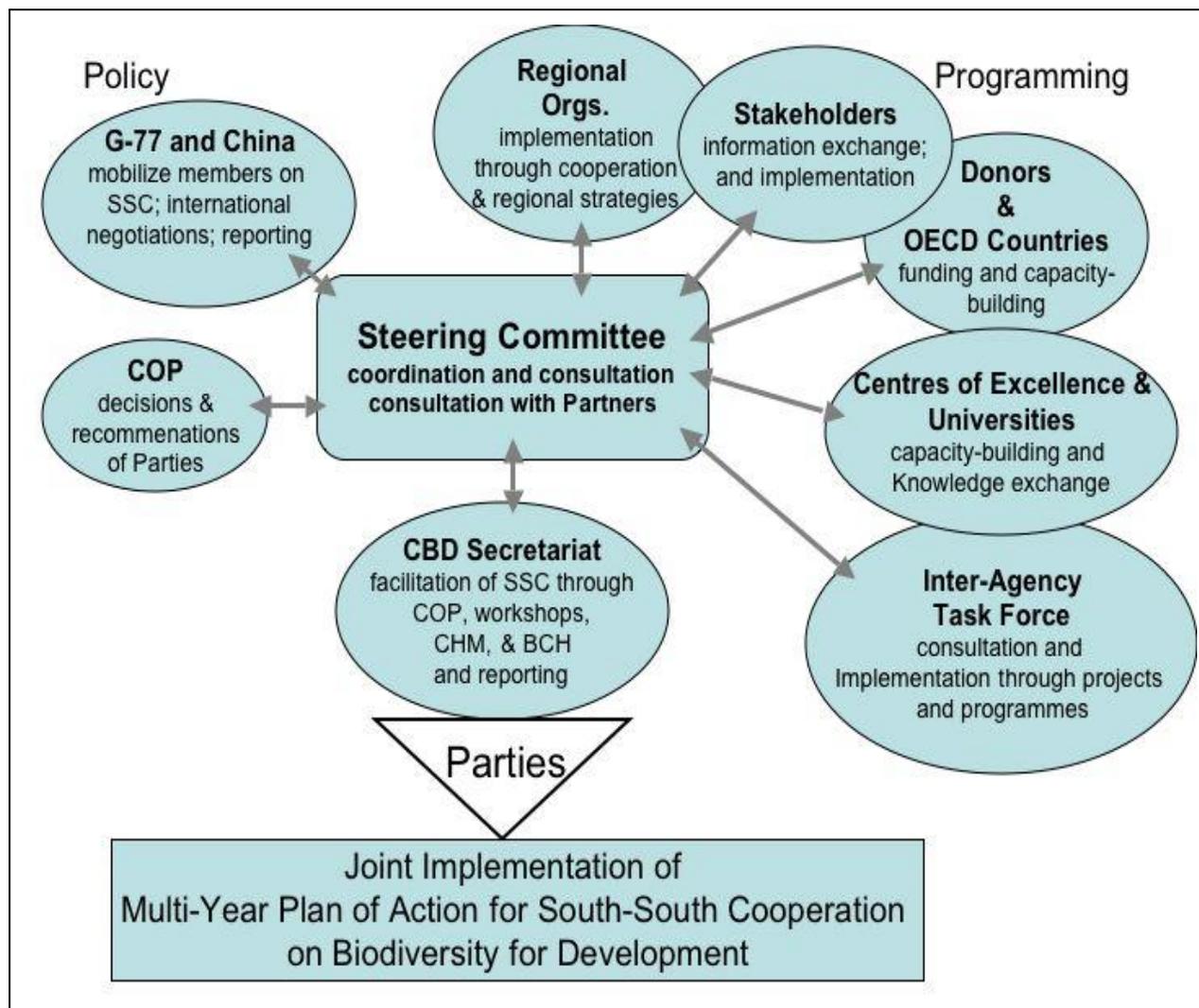
- The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- A representative of developing countries represented in the COP Bureau;
- Representatives of other relevant developing countries in bodies of the Convention, as appropriate¹⁴.

Geographic balance will be considered in identifying representatives, and implementing agencies and partners may be invited to contribute as appropriate. Considering the agenda of its meetings, the Steering Committee may invite key countries and donors under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), stakeholders and specialists to contribute under specific agenda items. Furthermore, a G-77 coordination meeting may be organized prior to official meetings of the Convention Bodies.

19. An Inter-agency Task Force may be convened, including the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UNESCO, UNCTAD, the Global Environment Facility (GEF), regional economic commissions of the UN and other relevant United Nations entities.

20. The above-mentioned partnerships and coordination mechanisms are illustrated in the following diagram.

¹⁴ In its first iteration, the Steering Committee is composed of Yemen as chair of the G-77, South Africa, Sudan and Antigua and Barbuda as past chairs, the Executive Secretaries of the CBD and the G-77, Malawi as COP Bureau delegate and Grenada as the chair of SBSTTA-14 (please see <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EMSSC-02>).



21. In order to efficiently coordinate tasks, the Steering Committee may decide to identify focal points who will take charge of issues such as coordination with donor partners, coordination of implementation mechanisms, and monitoring and reporting on progress.

22. The Plan of Action recognizes the need to maintain flexibility in its strategy for implementation in order to accommodate changing national and regional priorities as well as future decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

G. Monitoring and Evaluation

23. At each Conference of the Parties, the Steering Committee will be asked to report on implementation of the Plan of Action. Contributions will be sought from participating regional and UN agencies. Additionally, the Steering Committee may report regularly to key G-77 meetings and to the UNGA High-Level Commission on South-South Cooperation.

24. The Steering Committee, in consultation with its key partners, will identify benchmarks for measuring success to guide the evaluations and reporting. Indicators to be used could include:

- (a) Number of events;

- (b) Number of projects;
- (c) Number of partnerships and networks catalysed and extent of thematic and regional coverage;
- (d) Amount of funds generated and dedicated to supporting South-South cooperation on biodiversity; and
- (e) The number of people trained in the areas mentioned above under modalities.

Additionally, this evaluation process should include a periodic review of priorities and objectives in order to integrate new decisions of the Conference of the Parties as well as emerging priorities of the G-77.

H. Funding

25. As listed under Objectives and Indicative Activities, the following measures can be put in place to expand financial resources in support of the Plan of Action:

- (a) Establishing a voluntary Trust fund to cover the costs of G-77 coordination meetings on SSC organized prior to major meetings of the Convention Bodies;
- (b) Devising a means for innovative use of external assistance, for instance through partnerships with the private sector and NGOs;
- (c) Encouraging OECD countries to complement and match South-South cooperation investments through triangular cooperation;
- (d) Drawing on and optimizing traditional forms of funding including from triangular cooperation with development agencies, bilateral and multilateral donors, and Global Environment Facility (GEF) implementing agencies;
- (e) Earmarking national budgetary allocations; and
- (f) Enhancing financing sources such as the Perez-Guerrero Trust Fund and the Voluntary Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation.

Annex I

SUGGESTED COP 10 DECISION – SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

Agenda item 4.9 (Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives, engagement of stakeholders, including business and biodiversity, cities and biodiversity, and South/South cooperation).

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision IX/25, which encouraged developing country Parties to engage in South-South Cooperation on the issue of biodiversity, complemented and supported by North-South cooperation, and to incorporate biodiversity concerns in regional and subregional cooperation agreements and associated activities, and encouraged Parties to establish, as appropriate, multi-stakeholder collaborative partnerships between Parties to address biodiversity concerns at regional, subregional, national and subnational levels,

Recognizing the urgent need to enhance implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity through South-South and triangular cooperation, in view of the shortcomings of the 2010 target and the ambitious 2011-2020 Strategic Plan,

Acknowledging the progress achieved by the Group of 77 and China in preparing a multi-year plan of action for South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development as a complement to the Development Platform for the South launched in June 2008 at the twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (IFCC-XII) in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire,

Noting the reports of the first Steering Committee meeting for South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development, convened in Montreal, Canada on 29 October 2009, and of the second consultative expert meeting for South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development, convened in Nairobi, Kenya from 29 – 30 May 2010, which developed a multi-year plan of action for South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development,

Noting the contribution of the South-South Cooperation Forum on Biodiversity for Development convened by the G-77 and China on 17 October 2010 at the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

1. *Adopts* the multi-year plan of action for South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development, annexed to the present decision, as an important contribution to the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan of the Convention,

2. *Encourages* Parties and other governments to implement the multi-year plan of action in the context of nationally determined priorities, capacities and needs, and through the establishment of multi-stakeholder collaborative partnerships;

3. *Invites* regional organizations and their secretariats, international organizations, United Nations bodies, donors, indigenous peoples organizations, non-governmental organizations, and centres of excellence to contribute to the implementation of the multi-year plan of action, in coordination with their national governments and the Group of 77 and China;

4. *Calls* on developed and emerging Parties, other governments, regional organizations, UN and development agencies, non-governmental organizations and other donors to support the implementation of the multi-year plan of action technically and financially, considering the needs of developing countries, economies in transition, least developed countries, and small island developing

states;

5. *Invites* Parties to include in their future National Reports information on how they have implemented or supported South-South cooperation;

6. *Invites* the GEF to consider establishing a South-South Biodiversity Cooperation trust fund for the implementation of the Multi-Year Plan of Action based on voluntary contributions;

7. (*Invites* Parties, donors and relevant international organizations to provide adequate and predictable human and financial resources to the Executive Secretary in support of the implementation of this Plan of Action, including, *inter alia*, the production of reference publications, specific content in the Clearing House Mechanism, capacity building initiatives, and the coordination of the Steering Committee on SSC on biodiversity for development;)

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the implementation of the multi-year plan of action for South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Annex II

PREVIOUS DECLARATIONS AND PLANS OF ACTIONS OF THE G-77 ON SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

The CBD Plan of Action builds on the following previous UN plans and documents, available at <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/ssc-01/>:

- Buenos Aires Plan of Action (1994);
- Caracas Programme of Action (1981);
- Cairo Declaration on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (1986);
- San Jose Declaration and Plan of Action (1997);
- Bali Declaration and Bali Plan of Action on Regional and Subregional Cooperation of the Developing Countries (1998);
- Declaration of the South Summit and the Havana Programme of Action (2000);
- Marrakech Declaration on South-South Cooperation and the Marrakech Framework of Implementation of South-South Cooperation (2003);
- Doha Declaration and Doha Plan of Action (2005).

Annex III

OTHER INDICATIVE ACTIVITIES AND EXAMPLES OF SSC

An extensive list of proposed SSC activities mentioned in past decisions including SSC is available as annex II of document UNEP/CBD/BM-SSC/1/2/Rev.2, presented in the first brainstorming workshop on

SSC in 2006 (see <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SSC-01>). During preparatory meetings, Parties and experts suggested the following examples and cases:

- Engaging universities, centres of excellence, and NGOs that specialize on the linkages between biodiversity, development, and poverty reduction is crucial to successful implementation of the Multi-Year Plan of Action. Examples include the Centres under CIFOR and CGIAR, as well as the South Centre. Also relevant is the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World, and the Third World Network of Scientific Organizations. Institutions that specialize in biodiversity, such as the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity headquartered in the Philippines, are also important partners. Finally, new centres dedicated to South-South cooperation on science and technology include UNESCO's International Science, Technology and Innovation Centre for South-South Cooperation (ISTIC) in Kuala Lumpur;
- The "South-South REDD: A Brazil-Mozambique Initiative Project" in which Brazilian NGOs provide technical expertise to assist Mozambique with the development of a National REDD strategy. This project is administered and supported by IIED in partnership with the Mozambique Ministry of the Environment (MICOA) and Agriculture (MINAG), and local NGOs (Centro Terra Viva, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, and the Sustainable Amazon Foundation). More information available at <http://www.iied.org/natural-resources/key-issues/forestry/south-south-redd-brazil-mozambique-initiative>, or contact Mr. Duncan MacQueen at duncan.macqueen@iied.org;
- The "Helping Islands Adapt" workshop was held from 11 to 16 April 2010, in Auckland, New Zealand, hosted by the Government of New Zealand with support from the Global Islands Partnership (GLISPA) and a number of partner organisations and countries. The meeting builds on efforts under the Cooperative Islands Initiative, a partnership launched at the World Summit for Sustainable Development and the CBD's 6th Conference of the Parties in 2002, and the Pacific Initiative on Invasive Alien Species (PII). During the Expert Meeting in Nairobi, May 2010, several participants mentioned the workshop as an example due to its careful articulation with existing and ongoing activities, effectively avoiding duplication of efforts and its selection of participants with maximum capacity for replication and coordination, strategically located in island hubs in the Caribbean, the Pacific, Europe/Macaronesia, and the Western Indian Ocean. More information at www.helpingislandsadapt.org.nz.

Many regional cooperation treaties and agencies are already active in SSC:

- The Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) brings together member States promoting the sustainable development of the Amazon region in areas such as environment, health, science, technology and communication, tourism, transport and indigenous affairs. A common strategy for biodiversity has been adopted at COP 8. See <http://www.otca.org.br/en/>.
- The ASEAN Centre for biodiversity facilitates cooperation and coordination among its 10 Member States and with relevant national governments, regional and international organizations, on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of biodiversity in the ASEAN region. Please consult <http://www.aseanbiodiversity.org/>.
- The Central African Forests Commission (COMIFAC) provides political and technical guidance, coordination, harmonization and decision making for the conservation and sustainable management of forest and savannah ecosystems of its 10 Member States. Please check its website at <http://www.comifac.org/>.

- The Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) promotes South American integration and fostering of regional cooperation between Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay and Venezuela, including a strategy on biodiversity (see www.mercosur.int in general, <http://www.cdb.gov.br/estrategia-de-biodiversidade-do-mercosul/declaracao.pdf> links to the common strategy).
- The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) coordinates triangular cooperation between Pacific Island Countries and developed countries such as Australia, New Zealand and the United States. It is a full partner of the CBD in implementing activities in many programmes of work. Please see <http://www.sprep.org/> for more information.
- Further examples of successful SSC are mentioned in the report of the Expert Meeting on South-South Cooperation held in Nairobi, 29-20 May 2010, available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EMSSC-02>.

Annex IV

SOURCES AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL SSC ON BIODIVERSITY

Sources of know-how for SSC spread well beyond the 23 countries the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) called pivotal¹⁵ or the megadiverse countries¹⁶ within the Group of 77. For biodiversity, it is best to benchmark particular areas within the Convention's programmes of work in which some countries excel, or may have experienced substantive progress. Countries may be more advanced in certain aspects of the Convention (on which they can be benchmarked as references), whereas their chosen exchange partners may have other fields of excellence that can benefit the first.

As reported in many publications, lessons learned indicate that successful South-South cooperation requires what some refer to as "an enabling environment". South-South cooperation has been most successful in countries where collaborating governments have:

(a) Identified optimal matches between available technology (benchmarking of centres of excellence and best practices) and needs assessed in recipient countries (the significance of the technology or experience to be transferred)¹⁷. It should be noted that in many cases both partners have technologies to exchange (i.e., South-South cooperation is not necessarily a one-way avenue, and centres of excellence also learn in the process of transferring technology)¹⁸;

(b) Put in place explicit policies for South-South cooperation linked with a national development planning process¹⁹;

¹⁵ Until the 1990s, UNDPs pivotal countries were developing countries, which, by virtue of their capacity and experience in promoting South-South cooperation, are positioned to play a leading role in the promotion and application of technical Cooperation between developing countries. Such countries have a track record in promoting and financing South-South cooperation, and they have adopted the policies, mechanisms and guidelines that facilitate such exchanges. For UNDP, they include: People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Thailand, Ghana, Mauritius, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Peru and Trinidad and Tobago, Egypt, Malta, Tunisia and Turkey. The category is no longer used regularly, as too many other countries also possess critical experience depending on the issue.

¹⁶ Bolivia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, and Venezuela possess 60-70 percent of the world's living species. Developed countries such as the United States and Australia are also considered megadiverse.

¹⁷ *Forging a Global South*, United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation, UNDP, 2005.

¹⁸ *Windows on the South* newsletter, UNDP, 2006.

¹⁹ "Pivotal Countries, an issue paper", UNDP/Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among developing Countries, 2003

(c) Established strong focal points for South-South cooperation for all parties involved, with managerial capacity to support transfers and/or acquisitions, and with the necessary supporting structure²⁰;

(d) Earmarked national budgetary allocations or devised means for innovative use of external assistance, including triangular cooperation²¹.

Annex V

ROADMAP FOR THE PLAN OF ACTION ON SSC TOWARDS COP 10

The road map to adoption of the Plan includes four main steps:

(a) Ministers of the G-77 may wish to welcome the MYPA at a high-level special event to be held on September 28, 2010 in New York, in conjunction with the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly to mark the International Year of Biodiversity;

(b) This Report of the Executive Secretary requested by Decision IX/25 will be circulated to Parties for their consideration;

(c) Also following the request of the Conference of the Parties in decision IX/25, a South-South Cooperation Forum on Biodiversity for Development will be organized on 18 October 2010, in Aichi/Nagoya, Japan at the opening of the tenth meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. This will provide an important opportunity for G-77 Parties to negotiate and adopt the Multi-Year Plan of Action, and to showcase it as well as relevant regional initiatives supporting South-South cooperation on biodiversity concerns;

(d) At the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Yemen, as Chair of G-77, will coordinate an official submission of the Multi-Year Plan of Action to the Conference of the Parties in conjunction with a statement to be presented at the Ministerial segment of the Conference.

²⁰ Cooperation South newsletter, UNDP 2006 - Juma, C., Gitta, C., DiSenso, A. and Bruce, A., "Forging new Technology Alliances: the role of South-South Cooperation".

²¹ UNDP/Japan Partnership Supporting South-South Cooperation, Innovative Triangular Cooperation towards the Millennium Development Goals, 1999-2004, UNDP, Special Unit for SSC.