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NOTIFICATION
Annotated provisional agenda for the Capacity-building Workshop
on Access and Benefit-sharing
29-30 October 2011 - Montreal, Canada

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to circulate herewith the annotated provisional agenda for the Capacity-building Workshop on Access and Benefit-sharing to be held from 29-30 October 2011 at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal, Canada. It is also accessible on the workshop webpage at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WCBABS-02>.

Further information on the venue for the workshop can be found in the “Information Note for Participants” prepared for the Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WG8J-07>.

I also wish to draw your attention to the fact that registration for the workshop will start at 9:00 am on Saturday, 29 October 2011 at the meeting venue.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: CBD Focal Points, ICNP Focal Points and indigenous and local community organizations
Copy to: Mr. Shakeel Bhatti, Secretary of the ITPGRFA

Capacity-building Workshop on Access and Benefit-sharing

Montreal, 29- 30 October 2011

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

BACKGROUND

1. In paragraph 13 of decision X/1, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to provide technical assistance to Parties, subject to the availability of financial resources, to support the early ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing.
2. In paragraph 14 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited the Global Environment Facility to provide financial support to Parties to assist with the early ratification of the Nagoya Protocol and its implementation.
3. Against this background, the Chief Executive Officer of the GEF has provided one million United States dollars in financial support for a Medium-Sized Project implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme and executed by the Secretariat in order to support the early ratification and entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol.
4. In addition, at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture signed a Memorandum of Understanding to further enhance collaboration in areas of mutual interest within their mandates. The Memorandum foresees, *inter alia*, that both secretariats will jointly organize workshops, seminars and other events on access and benefit-sharing as well as in other areas.
5. As part of the activities under the GEF Medium-Sized Project, the present capacity-building workshop is the second of a series of workshops being jointly organized by the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Treaty. The first workshop was held in Montreal on 4-5 June 2011, prior to the first meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol (Intergovernmental Committee).
6. At the first workshop, participants identified the capacity-building needs and priorities of Parties for the implementation of their obligations under the Nagoya Protocol. The outcomes of the workshop were made available to the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee as document as an information document (UNEP/CBD/ICNP/1/INF/6).¹
7. The second capacity-building workshop on access and benefit-sharing is meant to provide a forum to discuss the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, in particular as it relates to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, and a means to identify capacity-building needs and priorities in this regard. It will also provide an opportunity to learn from the experience of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in particular with respect to support provided to indigenous and local communities in its implementation.
8. The meeting will be held at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization, 999 rue University, Montreal and the working language will be English, French and Spanish.

¹ See: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ICNP-01>.

Day 1: Morning session (10 a.m.–1 p.m.)

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

9. The Workshop will be opened by Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and Shakeel Bhatti, the Secretary of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

10. The secretariats of the Convention and the International Treaty will provide an introduction to the workshop, including the methodology and organisation of work.

Coffee break (11-11.30 a.m.)

2. SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL

2.1. *Awareness-raising and capacity-building activities to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol*

11. The SCBD Secretariat will provide an overview of activities under the GEF Medium-sized Project to support the early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol.

2.2. *Obligations of Parties under the Nagoya Protocol*

12. The SCBD Secretariat will provide an overview of the obligations of Parties under the Nagoya Protocol, with a particular focus on the provisions related to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources.

13. These presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

2.3. *Capacity building for the implementation of the International Treaty*

14. The Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture will provide an overview of the lessons learned in the implementation of the Treaty.

15. This presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

Lunch (1-3 p.m.)

Day 1: Afternoon session (3-6 p.m.)

3. EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL

16. Representatives from Parties and indigenous and local communities will be invited to share information and experiences related to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

3.1 *National developments in the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol*

17. Participants will be invited to informally share information on national developments regarding the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, in particular in relation to measures related to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources.

3.2. *Experiences of indigenous and local communities*

18. Representatives from indigenous and local communities will be invited to informally share information and exchange experiences of relevance to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and its provisions related to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources.

Coffee break (4-4.30 p.m.)

3.3. *Projects under the Benefit-sharing Fund of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*

19. The Secretariat of the International Treaty will provide an overview of projects under its Benefit-sharing Fund.

3.4. General discussion on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol

20. On the basis of the preceding inputs and exchanges, participants will be invited to engage in a general discussion on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, challenges and opportunities.

Day 2 (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)

4. CAPACITY-BUILDING NEEDS AND PRIORITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL

21. Based on the outcomes of the presentations and discussions carried out on the first day, participants will be invited to identify their capacity-building needs and priorities in relation to the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

4.1 Break-out groups

22. With a view to facilitate the discussions, the participants will be divided into two breakout groups which will respectively be invited to identify capacity needs and priorities of Parties and indigenous and local communities in the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

Coffee break (11.15 –11.30 a.m.)

4.2 Reports to plenary

23. Under this item, the break-out groups will report back to plenary and present an overview of their findings.

5. CLOSURE OF THE WORKSHOP

24. The workshop is expected close at 1 p.m.on Sunday, 30 October 2011.
