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AFRICA REGIONAL JOINT PREPARATORY
MEETING FOR THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO
THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL
TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD
FAUNA AND FLORA AND THE THIRTEENTH
MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE
PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND THE
ASSOCIATED MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES TO
THE PROTOCOLS OF THE CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Addis Ababa, 8-12 August 2016

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

- 1. The seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP 17) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 24 September to 5 October 2016. The thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 13) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP MOP 8) and the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (COP MOP 2) will be held in Cancun, Mexico, from 4 to 17 December 2016.
- 2. The Secretary-General of CITES and the Executive Secretary of CBD will convene a regional joint preparatory meeting for Africa for CITES CoP 17 and CBD COP 13, COP MOP 8 and COP MOP 2 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 8 to 12 August 2016. The meeting will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre at the headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). Joint Notifications were issued by the CITES Secretariat and the CBD Secretariat, inviting the nomination by Parties of representatives to this regional joint preparatory meeting (CITES Notification 2016/044 and CBD Notification 2016-077, 10 June 2016; and CITES Notification 2016/044 and CBD Notification 2016-084, 30 June 2016). The workshop will be conducted in English with simultaneous interpretation into French.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

3. The opening of the Africa regional joint preparatory meeting for CITES CoP 17 and CBD COP 13, COP MOP 8 and COP MOP2 will take place on Monday, 8 August 2016. At the opening session, representatives of the Government of Ethiopia, the United Nations Environment Programme, the African

Union Commission, and other entities will make statements. The Secretariats of CITES and CBD will also briefly address the meeting and highlight the main issues before the meeting.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

4. The meeting will be invited to elect the co-Chairs of the meeting, one, in accordance with the mandate of the Standing Committee of CITES, being a member of the Standing Committee, and the other from among the officials nominated by Governments to address matters related to the CBD COP and COP/MOPs.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

5. In line with the information contained in the joint Notification, the Secretary-General of CITES and the Executive Secretary of CBD have prepared a provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/CITES/PREP-COP/2016/1/1) for consideration by the meeting. The meeting will be invited to consider and adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda.

2.3. Organization of work

6. The meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the proposal for the organization of its work envisaged in the organization of work for the meeting as contained in annex I to the present document. The proposed organization of work provides for some sessions to be held in plenary and some sessions to be convened in two parallel groups, one on matters related to CITES and the other on matters related to CBD. Documents prepared and made available for the meeting are listed in annex II to the present document.

ITEM 3. CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA – CONVENTION-SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS

7. Under this item, the meeting will consider matters of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) to be addressed at the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP 17).

3.1. Introduction to the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

8. Aided by introductory briefings by the Convention Secretariats, the meeting will familiarize itself with the agenda and organization of CITES CoP 17.

3.2. Matters to be addressed by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting

- 9. The meeting will consider matters of CITES to be addressed CITES CoP 17. Participants are invited to refer to the provisional agenda of CoP 17 (CoP17 Doc. 2). The meeting may choose to address any items on the agenda of CoP 17 agenda. Owing to limitation of time, it is anticipated that the meeting will devote particular attention to items of the CoP 17 agenda of significant importance. These would be chosen as items of the CoP 17 agenda that are likely to require significant consideration or are of particular complexity, strategic significance at this time, or regional significance, based on feedback from Parties.
- 10. The working documents prepared for CoP 17 will serve as the basis for discussions at the regional preparatory meeting. The provisional agenda and working documents are available on the CITES website at the following location: https://cites.org/eng/cop/17/doc/index.php. The agenda and pre-session documents for CoP 17 are organized in the following clusters: administrative and financial matters; strategic matters; interpretation and implementation matters; species specific matters.
- 11. In the first working session of the meeting devoted to considering matters of CoP 17, Parties will be invited to consider the items on the agenda of CoP 17 on which they wish to concentrate discussion during the remainder of the meeting. Proposed areas of attention submitted by Parties in response to

Notifications 2016-077 and 2016-084 are contained in annex III to the present document, together with items identified by the Secretariat that may warrant particular attention.

ITEM 4. CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY – CONVENTION-SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS

12. Under this item, the meeting will consider matters of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols to be addressed by COP 13, COP MOP 8 and COP MOP 2.

4.1. Introduction to the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Protocols

13. Aided by introductory briefings by the Convention secretariats, the meeting will familiarize itself with the agenda and organization of COP 13 and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Protocols.

4.2. Matters to be addressed by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting

- 14. The meeting will consider matters relating to agenda items to be addressed by COP 13. Participants are invited to refer to the updated draft annotations to the provisional agenda of COP 13 (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/1/Add.1/Rev.1).
- 15. The meeting may choose to address any items on the agenda of COP 13. Owing to limitation of time, it is anticipated that the meeting will devote particular attention to items of the COP 13 agenda that it considers are of most significant importance, including those that are likely to require significant consideration or are of particular strategic significance at this time, or of regional significance, in addition to key overarching items identified by the Secretariat. The meeting will also take into account proposals submitted by Parties in response to Notifications 2016-077 and 2016-084, which are contained in annex III to the present document. During the first working session of the meeting devoted to considering matters of COP 13, COP MOP 8 and COP MOP 2, Parties will be invited to identify and agree on those items on which they wish to concentrate discussion for the remainder of the meeting.
- 16. Together with the annotated agenda of COP 13, the reports of the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties will serve as working documents for the regional preparatory meeting. In this regard, the meeting is invited to refer to the following documents:
- (a) Report of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its nineteenth meeting (SBSTTA 19), UNEP/CBD/COP/13/4;
- (b) Report of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice on its twentieth meeting (SBSTTA 20), UNEP/CBD/COP/13/5;
- (c) Report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity on its ninth meeting (WG8j 9), UNEP/CBD/COP/13/3;
- (d) Report of the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 1), UNEP/CBD/COP/13/6.
- 17. In particular, the meeting is invited to consider and to base its discussions on the draft decisions prepared by the subsidiary bodies for the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting and contained in their reports and on items that are being further developed for COP review.

4.3. Matters of the Cartagena Protocol to be addressed by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its eighth meeting

- 18. The meeting will consider matters of the Cartagena Protocol relating to agenda items to be addressed by COP/MOP 8. The meeting is invited to refer to the draft annotations to the agenda of COP MOP 8 (UNEP/CBD/BS/MOP/8/1/Add.1).
- 19. The meeting may address any items on the agenda of COP MOP 8. Owing to limitation of time, it is anticipated that the meeting will devote particular attention to items of the COP MOP 8 agenda that it

considers to be of most significant importance, taking into account proposals submitted by Parties in response to Notifications 2016-077 and 2016-084.

- 20. At its first meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity addressed matters of relevance to the Cartagena Protocol, in particular the assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Protocol.
- 21. The meeting is invited to refer to the report of the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in particular to SBI Recommendations: 1/3, Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Protocol; 1/9 Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and mechanisms to support review of implementation; 1/11, Enhancing integration among the Convention and its Protocols and the organization of meetings; and 1/12, Use of the terminology "indigenous peoples and local communities".
- 22. In the first working session of the meeting devoted to considering matters of COP 13, COP MOP 8 and COP MOP 2, Parties will be invited to Parties will be invited to identify and agree on those items on which they wish to concentrate discussion during the remainder of the meeting. Proposed areas of attention submitted by Parties in response to Notifications 2016-077 and 2016-084 are contained in annex III to the present document, together with items identified by the Secretariat that may deserve particular attention.

4.4. Matters of the Nagoya Protocol to be addressed by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol at its second meeting

- 23. The meeting will consider matters of the Nagoya Protocol to be addressed by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol at its second meeting (COP/MOP 2). The meeting is invited to refer to the draft annotations to the agenda of COP/MOP 2 (UNEP/CBD/ABS/MOP/2/1/Add.1).
- 24. The meeting may address any items on the agenda of COP MOP 2. Owing to limitation of time, it is anticipated that the meeting will devote particular attention to items of the COP MOP 2 agenda that it considers to be of most significant importance, taking into account proposals submitted by Parties in response to Notifications 2016-077 and 2016-084.
- 25. At its first meeting, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity addressed matters of relevance to the Nagoya Protocol, in particular the review of progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 on the Nagoya Protocol.
- 26. The meeting is invited to refer to the report of the first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, in particular to SBI Recommendations: 1/2, Review of progress towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 16 on the Nagoya Protocol; 1/9, Modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and mechanisms to support review of implementation; and 1/11, Enhancing integration among the Convention and its Protocols and the organization of meetings.
- 27. In addition, an information note providing briefing on each of the items on the agenda of COP MOP 2 has been prepared and made available to the regional joint preparatory meeting.
- 28. In the first working session of the meeting devoted to considering matters of COP 13, COP MOP 8 and COP MOP 2, Parties will be invited to identify and agree on those items on the agenda of COP MOP 2 on which they wish to concentrate discussion during the remainder of the meeting. Proposed areas of attention submitted by Parties in response to Notifications 2016-077 and 2016-084 are contained in annex III to the present document, together with items identified by the Secretariat that may deserve particular attention.

4.5. Organization of the concurrent meetings of the Conference of the Parties and the meetings of the Protocols

29. The CBD Secretariat will brief the meeting on the arrangements for the holding of the meetings of COP 13, COP MOP 8 and COP MOP 2 concurrent with one another in a two-week period in accordance with CBD COP decision XII/27.

ITEM 5. SYNERGIES AMONG THE BIODIVERSITY-RELATED CONVENTIONS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CITES AND CBD

30. Under this item of the agenda, the meeting will consider synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions. In particular, this will include the consideration of issues of common interest to CBD and CITES being addressed both by CITES CoP 17 and CBD COP 13; enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions, including work undertaken in response to CBD COP decision XII/6; and tools to support Parties in the synergistic implementation of the conventions.

ITEM 6. SYNTHESIS AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

31. At the end of the meeting, the meeting will be invited to synthesize its conclusions and adopt its report. The regional joint preparatory meeting for CITES CoP 17, CBD COP 13, COP MOP 8 and COP MOP 2 will be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 12 August 2016.

Annex I

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Day/time		Activity
Day 1		•
8 August 2016		
08:00 - 09:00	Registration	
	Plenary	
09:00 - 09:50	Item 1. Opening of the meeting	
09:50 - 10:40	Item 2. Organizational matters Description of the meeting structure, election of officers; adoption of the agenda; organization of work	
10:40 - 11:10	Coffee/tea break	
11:10 - 12:00	Item 3/Item 4. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and Convention on Biological Diversity – Convention-specific discussions Introductory session: Overview of CITES CoP17, CBD COP13 and concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Protocols (by Secretariats of CITES and CBD)	
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch break	·
	CITES Group	CBD Group
13:30 – 15:10	Item 3. CITES	Item 4. CBD
	CITES Session 1 (led by SC member and CITES Secretariat) Closer look at the CoP agenda, by cluster 1. Administrative and financial matters 2. Strategic matters 3. Interpretation and implementation matters • General compliance and enforcement • Reporting • Trade control and traceability 4. Species specific matters • Maintenance of the appendices • Amendment of the appendices Description of the agenda-setting exercise/identification of agenda items and assigning presenters (to continue through the coffee break)	CBD Session 1 (led by elected CBD co-Chair and CBD Secretariat) Closer look at the COP and COPMOP agendas
15.10 15.10	through the coffee break)	
15:10 - 15:40	Coffee/tea break	

Day/time		Activity
15:40 - 16:30	CITES Session 2	CBD Session 2
13.40 - 10.30	(led by elected CITES Chair/co-Chair	(led by elected CBD co-Chair and CBD
	and CITES Secretariat)	Secretariat)
	and CITES Secretariat)	Secretariat)
	Identification of agenda items and	Identification of agenda items
	assigning presenters (continued from	identification of agenda items
	earlier)	
	earner)	
	Collating suggested priority agenda	
	items to develop the program for the	
	remainder of the week, including the	
	determination of, if any:	
	• closed sessions	
	• sub-regional sessions	
	sessions that require video/online link	
	with Secretariat staff	
16:30 - 17:30	CITES Session 3	CBD Session 3
	(led by elected CITES Chair/co-Chair	(led by elected CBD co-Chair and CBD
	and CITES Secretariat)	Secretariat)
	Developing the programme for the	Developing the programme for the remainder
	remainder of the week, including the	of the week, including, if any:
	determination of, if any:	 determination of closed sessions
	 closed sessions 	 sub-regional sessions
	 sub-regional sessions 	 sessions that require video/online link
	 sessions that require 	with Secretariat staff
	video/online link with	
	Secretariat staff	
Day 2		
9 August 2016		
	CITES Group	CBD Group
09:00 - 09:50	Item 3. CITES (continued)	Item 4. CBD (continued)
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	CITES Session 4	CBD Session 4
	Presentation and discussion by	Presentation and discussion by participants
	participants	
09:50 - 10:40	CITES Session 5	CBD Session 5
	Presentation and discussion by	Presentation and discussion by participants
	participants	The second secon
10:40 - 11:10	Coffee/tea break	
11:10 - 12:00	CITES Session 6	CBD Session 6
	Presentation and discussion by	Presentation and discussion by participants
	participants	participants
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break	
13:00 – 14:00	CITES Session 7	CBD Session 7
	Possible closed session for regional	Possible closed session for regional
	consultation	consultation
14:00 – 14:50	CITES Session 8	CBD Session 8
11.00 17.00	Presentation and discussion by	Presentation and discussion by participants
	participants	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
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Day/time		Activity
14:50 - 15:40	CITES Session 9	CBD Session 9
	Presentation and discussion by	Presentation and discussion by participants
	participants	
15:40 – 16:10	Coffee/tea break	
16:10 – 17:00	CITES Session 10	CBD Session 10
	Presentation and discussion by	Presentation and discussion by participants
	participants	Session potentially supported by
		videoconference link with CBD office (from
		16:00 to 17:00)
Day 3		
10 August 2016		
	Plenary	
09:00 – 10:40		
	Synergies session 1: Enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions (relates to CBD COP 13 agenda item 13 and CITES CoP 17 agenda item 14.1)	
	1.1 Synergies among biodiversity-relace	ted conventions; promoting cooperation and
	 <u>conerence</u> Presentations by convention secretariats: decisions/initiatives on synergies under biodiversity-related conventions (CITES, CMS, WHC, Ramsar) 	
		ingoing process under CBD (COP decision
	 XII/6) on enhancing synergies among the Conventions. Presentation by UNEP: UNEA 2 outcome Biodiversity MEAs synergies (7 themes, 28 actions and 88 recommendations) Existing regional and international mechanisms (BLG/ CSAB/support by regional institutions) Discussion/Q&A 	
10:40 – 11:10	Coffee/tea break	
11:10 - 12:00	1.2 <u>Discussion panel</u>	
		ed to synergies at the national level and what is
	•	support; the global framework of the
	· ·	ecisions of the governing bodies, guidelines);
		support, including UNEP work programme on
12.00 12.00	synergies and its activities undertal	ten to support countries.
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break CHTES Combon 11	
13:00 - 14:00	CITES Session 11 Possible closed session for regional	CBD Session 11 Possible closed session for regional
	consultation	Possible closed session for regional consultation
14:00 – 15:10	 Synergies session 2: Tools for the synergistic implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions Regional report: State of Biodiversity in Africa - A Mid-term Review of Progress Towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets Presentations by UNEP and UNEP-WCMC 	

Day/time		Activity
15:10 -15:40	Coffee/tea break	
15:40- 17:00	Synergies session 3: topics of common interest between CBD COP and CITES C	
	 Presentation by CBD or CITES Secretariat: overview on common issues addressed by CBD COP 13 and CITES CoP 17 Presentation on Resource Mobilization 	
	• Discussion groups on common agenda items/thematic issues. Thematic areas could include:	
	 Bushmeat E-commerce Sustainable wildlife manag Traditional knowledge and peoples and local commun Youth engagement 	indigenous and local communities/indigenous
	 Youth engagement Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations Resource mobilization 	
Day 4 11 August 2016		
	CITES Group	CBD Group
09:00 – 09:50	Item 3. CITES (continued)	Item 4. CBD (continued)
	CITES Session 12	CBD Session 12
	Presentation and discussion by participants	Presentation and discussion by participants
09:50 - 10:40	CITES Session 13 Presentation and discussion by participants	CBD Session 13 Presentation and discussion by participants
10:40 - 11:10	Coffee/tea break	
11:10 - 12:00	CITES Session 14 Presentation and discussion by participants	CBD Session 14 Presentation and discussion by participants
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break	
13:00 – 14:00	CITES Session 15 Possible closed session for regional consultation	CBD Session 15 Possible closed session for regional consultation
14:00 – 14:50	CITES Session 16 Presentation and discussion by participants	CBD Session 16 Presentation and discussion by participants
14:50 - 15:40 15:40 - 16:10	CITES Session 17 Presentation and discussion by participants Session potentially supported by videoconference link with CITES office Coffee/tea break	CBD Session 17 Presentation and discussion by participants
13:40 - 10:10	Corree/tea break	

Day/time	Activity	
16:10 – 17:00	CITES Session 18 Presentation and discussion by	CBD Session 18 Presentation and discussion by participants
	participants	Session potentially supported by
		videoconference link with CBD office (from
		16:00 to 17:00)
Day 5 12 August 2016		
09:00 – 09:50	Item 3. CITES (continued)	Item 4. CBD (continued)
	CITES Session 19	CBD Session 19
	Presentation and discussion by participants	Presentation and discussion by participants
09:50 - 10:40	CITES Session 20	CBD Session 20
	Presentation and discussion by participants	Presentation and discussion by participants
10:40 - 11:10	Coffee/tea break	
11:10 - 12:00	CITES Session 21	CBD Session 22
	Presentation and discussion by	Presentation and discussion by participants
	participants Session potentially supported by	
	videoconference link with CITES	
	office	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break	GDD G
13:00 – 14:00	CITES Session 22 Possible closed session for regional	CBD Session 22 Possible closed session for regional
	consultation	consultation
14:00 – 14:50	CITES Session 23	CITES Session 23
	Presentation and discussion by participants	Presentation and discussion by participants
14:50 - 15:40	CITES Session 24	CBD Session 24
	Overview of issues covered	Overview of issues covered
15:40 – 16:10	Coffee/tea break	
	Plenary	
16:10 – 17:00	Item 6. Synthesis and closure of the meeting	

Annex II

DOCUMENTATION

(i) Documents of the regional joint preparatory meeting

Working documents

Provisional agenda, UNEP/CBD/CITES/PREP-COP/2016/2/1

Annotations to the provisional agenda, UNEP/CBD/CITES/PREP-COP/2016/2/1/Add.1

Information documents

Briefing note on the items of the agenda of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing

(ii) CBD Documentation relevant to the regional joint preparatory meeting

CBD COP and COP/MOP documents

The outcomes (recommendations) of the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of the Conference of the Parties convened in 2015 and 2016 will provide an important basis for the negotiations at the meetings of the COP and COP/MOPs and, therefore, for discussion at the regional preparatory meetings.

The Annotations to the Provisional Agenda of COP 13 (UNEP/CBD/COP/13/1/Add.1) will serve as an important reference document for the regional preparatory meetings. Similarly, the Annotations to the Provisional Agenda of COP/MOP 8 and COP/MOP 2 will serve as important reference.

The reports of the meetings of the subsidiary bodies submitted to COP 13 contain the outcomes of the meetings, including their recommended decisions to the COP, and are available on the web page for COP 13 are also on the web pages of the meeting in question.

The documents referred to above can be accessed online from the CBD website as follows.

The documents and outcomes of recent open-ended meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols are available in the six official languages of the United Nations on the following web pages:

Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 12) https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=cop-12

Seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP/MOP 7)

https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=mop-07

First meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (COP/MOP 1)

https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=np-mop-01

Nineteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 19)

https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=sbstta-19

Twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 20)

https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=sbstta-20

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Ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity (WG8j 9) https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WG8J-09

First meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 1) https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SBI-01

The documents for the upcoming meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the meetings of the Parties to the Protocols to the Convention are available in the six official languages of the United Nations on the following web pages:

Thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 13) https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=cop-13

Eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP/MOP 8) https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=MOP-08

Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (COP/MOP 2) https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=NP-MOP-02

SUGGESTED PRIORITY ITEMS SUBMITTED BY PARTIES PRIOR TO THE ASIAN REGIONAL JOINT PREPARATORY MEETING

Suggested priority agenda items for CITES:

The list consists of suggestions that were submitted by Parties and the Secretariat in advance of the meeting, which will help guide the discussion to determine the agenda items to be considered at the pre-CoP meeting. Party participants will still be able to provide their inputs.

Agenda Item	Issue
4	Adoption of the rules of procedure
8	Sponsored delegates project
13	Establishment of the rural communities committee of the Conference of the Parties
14.2	ICCWC
22	National laws for implementation of the Convention
24	NIAPs
25	Enforcement matters
28	Prohibiting, preventing and countering corruption facilitating activities conducted in violation of the Convention
32	Implementation of the Convention relating to captive-bred and ranched specimens
36	Introduction from the Sea
39	Hunting trophies
47	Stocks and stockpiles of specimens of CITES-listed species
48.1	Timber identification
49	Illegal trade in cheetahs
50	Sturgeons and paddlefish (Acipenseriformes spp.)
51	Conservation of and trade in <i>Anguilla</i> spp.
52	Review of precious corals in international trade
	[Order Antipatharia/family Coralliidae]
53	Agarwood-producing taxa (Aquilaria spp. and Gyrinops spp.)
54	Humphead wrasse (Cheilinus undulatus)
55	Implementation of the Convention for trade in Malagasy ebonies (Diospyros spp.) and palisanders
	and rosewoods (Dalbergia spp.)
56	Sharks and rays (Elasmobranchii spp.).
57	Elephants (Elephantidae spp.)
57.2	Closure of domestic markets for elephant ivory
58	International trade in Encephalartos spp
59	Hawksbill turtle (Eretmochelys imbricata)
62	International trade in rosewood timber species [LEGUMINOSAE (Fabaceae)]
64	Pangolins
65	Conservation of and trade in East African sandalwood (Osyris lanceolata).
67	Harvesting of and trade in African cherry (Prunus africana)
68	Rhinoceroses
73	Tortoises and freshwater turtles (Testudines spp.)
73	Tortoises and freshwater turtles
74	Totoaba - Totoaba macdonaldi
76	Neotropical tree species
77	International trade in African tree species
84	Decision-making mechanism for a process of trade in ivory
Prop.56	Include Guibourtia tessmannii, Guibourtia pellegriniana and Guibourtia demeusei in Appendix II
Prop. 12	Proposal to transfer and up-list the four Africa pangolin species from CITES Appendix II to I by Angola, Botswana, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Togo and United States of America

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Agenda	Issue
Item	
Prop. 14,	Proposal on African elephants
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Prop.42	Include Silky shark Carcharhinus falciformis in Appendix II
Prop.43	Include the genus <i>Alopias</i> spp. (Thresher sharks) in Appendix II
Prop.44	Include the genus <i>Mobula</i> spp. (Devil rays) in Appendix II

Suggested priority agenda items for CBD:

The list consists of suggestions that were submitted by Parties and the Secretariat in advance of the meeting, which will help guide the discussion to determine the agenda items to be considered at the pre-CoP meeting. Party participants will still be able to provide their inputs.

Agenda Item	Issue		
	COP 13		
11	Resource mobilization and financial mechanism.		
	- Resource mobilization (SBI 1/6)		
	- Guidance to the financial mechanism (to be developed on basis of SBI 1/7(5))		
	- The need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism		
12	Other means of implementation: enhancement of capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation.		
	- Capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, technology transfer and the		
	clearing-house mechanism (SBI 1/5)		
13	Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations.		
	- Options to enhance synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions (to be developed on the basis of SBI 1/8)		
	 Areas for synergistic implementation include NBSAPs, awareness-raising, capacity building and reporting. 		
	Cooperation with CITES.		
	Issues in CITES COP 17 that could be considered by CBD:		
	- Agenda item 13 – rural communities committee of COP 17		
	- Agenda item 20 – Empowerment of next generation: CITIES and Youth Forum		
	- Other common issues in both CITIES / CBD: Illegal Wildlife, Bushmeat, Strategic Plans,		
	Synergies, and Reporting.		
16	Invasive alien species: addressing risks associated with trade		
19	Guidelines for sixth national reports		
	Biotechnology and synthetic biology		
	Cartagena Protocol COP MOP 8		
11	Risk assessment and risk management (Articles 15 and 16).		
14	Review of implementation and effectiveness of the Protocol:		
	14.1 Monitoring and reporting (Article 33);		
	14.2 Third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol and mid-term		
	evaluation of the Strategic Plan.		
	Nagoya Protocol COP MOP 2		
11	The need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism (Article 10)		
12	Assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol (Article 31).		
