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REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR AFRICA ON
WAYS AND MEANS TO PROMOTE THE
SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND USE
OF BIOFUELS
8-10 December 2009, Accra, Ghana

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotations to the provisional agenda

INTRODUCTION

1. At its ninth meeting, in May 2008, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in its decision IX/2 on agricultural biodiversity: biofuels and biodiversity, requested the Executive Secretary to convene regional workshops on the sustainable production and use of biofuels aiming at considering ways and means to promote the positive and minimize the negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity, taking into account relevant guidance from the Convention.
2. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties called upon Parties, other Governments, the research community, and invited other relevant organizations to continue to investigate and monitor the positive and negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity and related socio-economic aspects, including those related to indigenous and local communities, and requested the Executive Secretary to further compile this evidence and to make it available through the clearing-house mechanism of the Convention and other appropriate means.
3. The Conference of the Parties further encouraged Parties and other Governments, indigenous and local communities, and relevant stakeholders and organizations, to *inter alia*, share their experiences on the development and application of tools relevant to the sustainable production and use of biofuels, in relation to promoting the positive and minimizing the negative impacts on biodiversity, taking into account their full life-cycle as compared to other fuel types, by, *inter alia*, submitting examples to the Executive Secretary; and requested the Executive Secretary to disseminate these experiences through the clearing-house mechanism, and to compile them for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
4. In addition to the submissions made in response to notification 2008-100, the series of regional workshops provides an additional opportunity to share experiences the sustainable production and use of biofuels and to discuss ways and means to promote the positive and minimize the negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity.

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ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. A representative of the Executive Secretary will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 8 December 2009. A representative of the Government of Ghana will welcome participants. A representative of the Government of Germany will also address the meeting.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

6. After a self-introduction of participants, the Group will be invited to elect the Co-Chairs based on proposals from the floor.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

7. The provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/RW-SPU-BIO/3/1) will be before the Group for consideration and adoption.

2.3. Organization of work

8. Under this item, the Group will consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting as contained in annex II of the present note. The Group may wish to conduct its initial deliberations in plenary, and break into smaller groups on specific issues, as appropriate.

9. The languages of the meeting will be English and French.

ITEM 3. EXPERIENCES ON THE PROMOTION OF THE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND USE OF BIOFUELS

10. A representative from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will provide a brief overview of the experiences submitted by Parties and other Governments, indigenous and local communities, and relevant stakeholders and organizations in response to decision IX/2.

11. A representative of the Government of Brazil will introduce the report of the first regional meeting on the sustainable production and use of biofuels (see document UNEP/CBD/RW-SPU-BIO/1/3 accessible from <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/agr/rwspubio-03/other/rwspubio-03-rwspubio-01-03-en.doc> and <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/agr/rwspubio-03/other/rwspubio-03-rwspubio-01-03-fr.doc>).

12. Workshop participants will then be invited to present their experiences in promoting the sustainable production and use of biofuels within the region.

ITEM 4. WAYS AND MEANS TO PROMOTE THE POSITIVE AND MINIMIZE THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF BIOFUELS ON BIODIVERSITY

13. A representative from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will provide a brief review of relevant guidance developed under the Convention. This will be complemented by additional guidance developed or used within the region or relevant to the consideration of ways and means to promote the positive and minimize the negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity in the region.

14. The group may wish to discuss obstacles and opportunities arising from the guidance listed in section III of the document UNEP/CBD/RW-SPU-BIO/3/2 as well as additional elements arising from the

presentations and discussions during the workshop. The group may thereby wish to consider applying the structure adopted by the Global Bioenergy Partnership, which is based on the three pillars of sustainable development.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

15. Under this item, participants may wish to raise other matters related to the subject-matter of the meeting, and to agree on any follow-up actions.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

16. Participants will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the meeting, on the basis of the draft report of the meeting to be prepared and presented by the Co-Chairs.

17. The meeting is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 10 December 2009.

Annex I

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR AFRICA
ON WAYS AND MEANS TO PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND USE OF
BIOFUELS**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/RW-SPU-BIO/3/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/RW-SPU-BIO/3/1Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/RW-SPU-BIO/3/2	Consideration of ways and means to promote the positive and minimize the negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity
UNEP/CBD/RW-SPU-BIO/1/3	Report of the regional workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on ways and means to promote the sustainable production and use of biofuels

Annex II

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Tuesday, 8 December 2009	
8.30 a.m.	Registration
9 a.m.	Opening remarks by a representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity Welcome remarks by a representative of the Government of the Ghana Opening remarks by a representative of the Government of Germany
9.30 a.m.	ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of officers • Adoption of the agenda • Organization of work
9.40 a.m.	ITEM 3. EXPERIENCES ON THE PROMOTION OF THE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND USE OF BIOFUELS Review of experiences submitted in response to decision IX/2 Report of the regional workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on ways and means to promote the sustainable production and use of biofuels
10.30-11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	Country presentations on national experience with biofuels
12.30-2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2-3.30 p.m.	Country presentations (<i>continued</i>)
3.30-4 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
4-6 p.m.	Country presentations (<i>continued</i>)

Wednesday, 9 December 2009	
9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Reflections on Day 1 ITEM 4. WAYS AND MEANS TO PROMOTE THE POSITIVE AND MINIMIZE THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF BIOFUELS ON BIODIVERSITY Review of guidance developed under the Convention Consideration of additional guidance developed/used within, or relevant to the region
10.30-11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m-12.30 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
12.30-2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2-3.30 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
3.30-4 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
4-6 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 10 December 2009	
9 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	Reflections on the previous days Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
10.30-11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
12.30-2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2 p.m.	Item 4 (<i>continued</i>)
3.30-4 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
4-5 p.m.	ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING
