



## Convention on Biological Diversity

Distr.  
GENERAL

UNEP/CBD/RW-SPU-BIO/2/1/Add.1  
27 October 2009

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR ASIA AND  
THE PACIFIC ON WAYS AND MEANS  
TO PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABLE  
PRODUCTION AND USE OF BIOFUELS  
25-27 November 2009, Bangkok, Thailand

### 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 provide additional opportunity to share experiences on 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.

/...

**ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

5. A representative of the Executive Secretary will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 25 November 2009. A representative of the Government of Thailand will welcome participants.

**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/2/1) 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 meeting will be conducted in English.

**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. Workshop participants will 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**

12. 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.

13. 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/2/2 as well as additional elements arising from the presentations and discussions during the workshop. The group may thereby wish to refer to the outcomes of the Regional Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on ways and means to promote the sustainable production and use of biofuels (UNEP/CBD/RW-SPU-BIO/1/3).

**ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS**

14. 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**

15. 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.

16. The meeting is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Friday, 27 November 2009.

*Annex I*

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

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/RW-SPU-BIO/2/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/RW-SPU-BIO/2/1Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/RW-SPU-BIO/2/2	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**

<b>Wednesday, 25 November 2009</b>	
8.30 a.m.	Registration
9 a.m.	Opening remarks by a representative of the Executive Secretary of the CBD Welcome remarks by a representative of the Government of Thailand
9.30 a.m.	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of officers</li> <li>• Adoption of the agenda</li> <li>• Organization of work</li> </ul>
9.40 a.m.	EXPERIENCES ON THE PROMOTION OF THE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND USE OF BIOFUELS  Review of experiences submitted in response to decision IX/2  Country presentations on national experience with biofuels
12.30-2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2 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> )
<b>Thursday, 26 November 2009</b>	
9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Field trip: Visit to a biofuel plant
<b>Friday, 27 November 2009</b>	
9 a.m.-12.30 p.m.	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

12.30-2 p.m.	<i>Lunch break</i>
2-4 p.m.	WAYS AND MEANS TO PROMOTE THE POSITIVE AND MINIMIZE THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF BIOFUELS ON BIODIVERSITY ( <i>continued</i> )
4-5 p.m.	OTHER MATTERS  ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

-----