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**STATUS OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH MEETINGS OF
THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE***Note by the Executive Secretary*

1. The provisional agendas for the twelfth and thirteenth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) were approved at its eleventh meeting in November 2005 (UNEP/CBD/COP/8/3, annex II).
2. At its eighth meeting, in March 2006, the Conference of the Parties requested SBSTTA to carry out a number of additional activities prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in May 2008, namely:
 - (a) A survey of the linkages between the priority actions of the programme of work on island biodiversity and all other thematic work programmes and cross-cutting issues (decision VIII/1);
 - (b) Proposals on the incorporation of climate-change adaptation considerations into the programme of work on dry and sub-humid lands and a compilation of existing information on the status and trends of dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity (decision VIII/2);
 - (c) A synthesis of progress in relation to the implementation of elements of the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and a review of technical requirements in view of ongoing and planned activities of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention (decision VIII/20);
 - (d) An analysis of options for preventing and mitigating the impacts of some activities to selected seabed habitats (decision VIII/22);
 - (e) Draft guidance on how to integrate relevant climate change impacts and response activities into the programmes of work of the Convention (decision VIII/30).

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3. In order to include the additional requests made by the Conference of the Parties, the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the SBSTTA Bureau through a teleconference held on 22 September 2006, revised the provisional agendas in light of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties. During the teleconference, the SBSTTA Bureau members discussed also how to handle more efficiently the main themes of the meetings in order to promote scientific discussions. They emphasized, in particular, the need for keynote and panel presentations to stimulate such discussions.

4. The provisional agenda for the twelfth meeting of SBSTTA is annexed hereto, and the annotations thereto will soon be posted on the Secretariat's website. The twelfth meeting will be held from 2 to 6 July 2007, at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, and will be followed by the meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention.

5. The thirteenth meeting of SBSTTA will take place from 18 to 22 February 2008, at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome and will be preceded by the second meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas.

6. Both SBSTTA meetings represent an opportunity to strengthen cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity and UNESCO and FAO, bearing in mind that the main themes for review in each SBSTTA meeting also fall within the realm of these organizations.

Annex

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON
SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE, PARIS, 2-6 JULY 2007**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. In-depth reviews:
 - 3.1. Application of the ecosystem approach;
 - 3.2. Implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.
4. Strategic issues for evaluating progress or supporting implementation of the Convention:
 - 4.1. Review of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and follow-up to decision VIII/9;
 - 4.2. Lessons learned from the preparation of the second edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook;
 - 4.3. Report of the Bureau on ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body.
5. Scientific and technical issues of relevance to the implementation of the 2010 target:
 - 5.1. Biodiversity and climate change: proposals for the integration of climate-change activities within the programmes of work of the Convention and options for mutually supportive actions addressing climate change within the three Rio conventions;
 - 5.2. Biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands: guidance on strengthening the assessment of the 2010 targets; and proposals for land-use options combining income generation with biodiversity conservation;
 - 5.3. New and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.
6. Draft provisional agenda, and dates and venue for, the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report.
9. Closure of the meeting.
