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BUREAU OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE  
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
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**ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties will meet on 4-5 October 2008 to review substantive and organizational matters relating to intersessional work to be carried out in the lead up to COP-10, and to examine other issues, as appropriate, relating to the implementation of the work programme of the Convention.
2. The meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October from 15:00-18:00 in the Centre de Convencions Internacional Barcelona (CCIB), in Barcelona, Spain, the site of the IUCN World Conservation Congress. A workshop on climate change and biodiversity organized by Germany for the members of the Bureau will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1pm.

**ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

3. The meeting will be opened by the representative of the President of the Conference of the Parties, H.E. Mr. Sigmar Gabriel, or his representative. The Executive Secretary will make brief opening remarks.

**ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

4. The Bureau will be invited to adopt the provisional agenda for its meeting, prepared by the Executive Secretary in close cooperation with the President (document UNEP/CBD/COP9/Bur/2008/1/1).

**ITEM 3. BRIEFING OF THE COP-9 PRESIDENT ON INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

5. Under this item, the President of the Conference of the Parties, or his representative, will brief Bureau members on the Presidency's intersessional planning activities in the lead-up to COP-10.

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**ITEM 4. BRIEFING OF THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BONN MANDATE ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING (ABS)**

6. The Co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, Mr. Fernando Casas of Colombia and Mr. Timothy Hodges of Canada, will brief the Bureau on any developments of relevance during the period since COP-9, as well as on their expectations for the work to be undertaken by the three groups of technical and legal experts established by the Parties under Decision IX/12, paragraph 11, in the lead-up to the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and benefit-sharing.

7. In addition, as per decision IX/12, paragraph 12, and further to nominations received from Parties, the Executive Secretary will recommend, for the approval of the Bureau, the list of experts and observers selected to participate in the expert group on concepts, terms, working definitions and sectoral approaches, to be held in Windhoek, Namibia from 2-5 December 2008.

**ITEM 5. CALENDAR OF INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS**

8. In line with decision IX/29, Section I, under this item the members of the Bureau will be invited to review and comment upon the calendar of intersessional meetings prepared by the Executive Secretary in close cooperation with the President, taking into consideration decisions taken at COP-9. The Calendar of meetings for the implementation of the Bonn decision on ABS was prepared in close consultation with the two co-chairs and the President of COP9.

**ITEM 6. DRAFT AGENDA OF THE INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS**

9. Under agenda item 6, the Bureau will be invited to consider the draft agendas of the intersessional meetings planned in the lead-up to COP-10, as prepared by the Executive Secretary in close cooperation with the President :

(a) the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and benefit-sharing (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/7/1);

(b) the sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions (UNEP/CBD/WG-8j/6/1);

(c) the eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and benefit-sharing (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/8/1);

(d) the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and benefit-sharing (UNEP/CBD/WG-ABS/9/1);

(e) the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/3/1); and,

(f) the tenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (UNEP/CBD/COP/10/1).

10. In addition, the Chair of the SBSTTA Bureau, Mr. Spencer Thomas, will be invited to present the draft agenda of the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/1) to Bureau members.

**ITEM 7. PREPARATION OF THE AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP (AHTEG) ON BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE, INCLUDING ADOPTION OF THE LIST OF EXPERTS**

11. The Executive Secretary will brief Bureau members on preparations for the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on biodiversity and climate change being convened, pursuant to decision IX/16, from 17 to 21 November, 2008 in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This meeting of the AHTEG will address scientific and technical matters concerning the links between biodiversity and climate change with regards to (i) identifying risks and vulnerabilities and, (ii) impacts and opportunities from climate change mitigation.

12. The Bureau will also be invited to review and adopt the list of experts that have been nominated to the AHTEG by Parties and other organisations.

**ITEM 8. REPORT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COP-9 DECISIONS AND MEETINGS**

13. Under this item, the Executive Secretary will present a report to the Bureau on the status of availability of financial resources for the implementation of COP-9 decisions and meetings, further to decision IX/34.

**ITEM 9. REVISION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND DISCUSSION ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY AND 2010 AND BEYOND**

14. In decision IX/9, the COP-9 agreed on the process for revising and updating the Strategic Plan with a view to adopting a revised Strategic Plan at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The COP requested the Working Group on the Review of Implementation, at its third meeting, to prepare, for consideration and adoption by COP-10, a revised and updated Strategic Plan. The revised plan is to include a revised biodiversity target, as well as a multi-year programme of work for the period 2011-2022, and proposals for the periodicity of meetings after 2010, drawing upon:

(a) the three objectives of the Convention in a balanced manner; building upon the existing Strategic Plan; be short, focused and action-oriented and including ambitious but realistic, and measurable short term targets or milestones and a long term target or vision, developed on the basis of robust scientific evidence;

(b) further submissions from Parties and observers;

(c) a synthesis/analysis of issues prepared by the Secretariat in conjunction with the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook; and,

(d) an examination of the scientific and technical aspects of the outcome-oriented goals and targets, and associated indicators by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

15. The Executive Secretary was requested by COP-9 to bear in mind the indicative schedule annexed to the decision, which has been updated due to the COP decision of replacing two meetings of SBSTTA with only one, now proposed to be held in June 2010. Therefore Parties and observers will be requested to submit views by the end of March 2009 to coincide with the deadline for submission of fourth national

reports by Parties. This would be followed by the Secretariat preparing analysis/synthesis relevant to the revisions and updating of the strategic plan for peer review in April/May 2009. Following the comments by the experts the plan would be revised for submission to SBSTTA-14 and subsequently transmitted to WGRI-3 so that COP10 can consider it for adoption in 2010.

16. Considering that this will be a major outcome of COP-10, the Bureau is invited to discuss the process for revision of the Strategic Plan and provide views on how best to catalyze the involvement of Parties to the revision of the Strategic Plan from the initial stage and to learn from the development of the 2010 Biodiversity Target.

17. Under this agenda item, the Bureau will also consider the suggested Action Plan for the Draft Strategy for the preparations for the International Year of Biodiversity adopted by COP-9.

**ITEM 10. BRIEFING ON THE PREPARATION OF COP-10**

18. Under this agenda item, the representative of Japan will brief Bureau members on the status of preparations for COP-10.

**ITEM 11. DATE AND VENUE OF THE SECOND AND THIRD MEETINGS OF THE COP-9 BUREAU AND PRIORITY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

19. Under this item, the Bureau will be asked to agree upon the dates and venues proposed for the second and third meetings of the COP-9 Bureau:

(a) Second meeting, to be organised in tandem with the First meeting of the COP/MOP Bureau; 26 – 27 November 2008; Bonn, Germany

(b) Third meeting, to be organised prior to the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and benefit-sharing (WGABS-7); 1 April 2009; Paris, France.

20. The Bureau will consider under this item, the priority issues to be discussed at its next meeting.

**ITEM 12. OTHER MATTERS**

21. Under this item, Bureau members may raise any other matter relating to the conduct of the work of the Convention. Pending administrative issues will also be discussed – further information will be provided by the COP 9 President.

**ITEM 13. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

22. It is expected that the President will close the meeting at 18:00.

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