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LIAISON GROUP ON THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR PLANT CONSERVATION

Third meeting*
Dublin, 26-28 May 2009

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Executive Secretary

INTRODUCTION

1. The ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties considered the outcomes of the in-depth review of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) conducted by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and the key messages resulting from the review as transmitted to the Conference of the Parties by the Subsidiary Body in paragraph 1 of its recommendation XII/2 (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/2, annex). The Conference of the Parties noted that the Global Strategy had stimulated the engagement of the botanical and plant conservation communities in the work of the Convention, through, *inter alia*, the establishment of national, regional and global networks, including in particular the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation.

2. In paragraph 3 of decision IX/3, the Conference of the Parties decided to consider the further development and implementation of the Strategy beyond 2010, taking into account current and emerging environmental challenges on plant diversity, including an update of the current targets within the broader context of and consistent with the new Strategic Plan beyond 2010, taking into account national priorities and circumstances, capacities and differences in plant diversity between countries. In this view, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to provide, prior to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy, taking into account the Plant Conservation Report, the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, the fourth national reports and additional inputs from the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and other relevant organizations.

3. In paragraph 6 (a) and (b) of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and other relevant organizations to develop a practical and user-friendly toolkit, in pursuance of paragraph 7 of decision VII/10 of the Conference of the Parties, that describes, *inter alia*, tools and experiences that can help enhance national, subregional and regional implementation of the Strategy, and identify regional tools for the exchange of information and capacity building.

* Organized jointly by the CBD Secretariat and Global Partnership for Plant Conservation.

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4. In response to these decision, the Executive Secretary has convened a Liaison Group meeting to assist with: (i) the development of a practical and user-friendly toolkit, in pursuance of paragraph 7 of decision VII/10 of the Conference of the Parties, building on the proposed elements of a toolkit including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating targets into their strategies, programmes and plans (UNEP/SCBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/12), and (ii) the development of regional tools for the exchange of information and capacity-building.

5. The meeting will be held at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9, from 26 to 28 May 2009

6. Registration of participants will commence at the venue of the meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 May.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

7. Under the co-chairmanship of the representative of the Executive Secretary and the Chair of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, the meeting will be opened by a representative of the Government of Ireland at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday 26 May 2009.

8. The participants will be welcomed to the meeting by a representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, who will also outline the mandate of the Group.

9. Mr. Peter Wyse Jackson, the Chairman of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and Director of the National Botanic Gardens, will welcome participants and provide information on the logistics of the meeting and other arrangements.

ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS.

2.1. Adoption of the agenda

10. The Group will be invited to consider the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/LG/GSPC/3/1) and adopt it accordingly.

2.2. Organization of work

11. The Group will be invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting. (annex II below).

12. The Group may wish to work mainly in plenary, establishing working groups as necessary to address particular issues or agenda items.

ITEM 3. PROPOSALS FOR A CONSOLIDATED UPDATE OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR THE PLANT CONSERVATION

13. In order to prepare for this meeting, the Executive Secretary invited Parties, partners and relevant stakeholders to provide their input, contributions and proposals for the further development and implementation of the Strategy through an online consultation on the GSPC. The aim of this online consultation, conducted from 1 to 30 April 2009, was to develop a broader stakeholder involvement, engage scientific community and link to other sectors. The consultation was designed to gather general policy-related views, as well as technical detailed input, and hence comprised two sections: section A, on questions related to the effectiveness and relevance of the Strategy in responding to its objectives, to the

three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and to pertinent issues and other recommendations; and section B on the review and update of the targets.

- 3.1. ***Outcomes of the online stakeholder consultation on the further development and update of the Strategy beyond 2010***
- 3.2. ***The update of the Global Strategy and the review of the Strategic Plan of the Convention***
- 3.3. ***Elements for proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation***

14. Under these agenda items, representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the GPPC will present the summary of the outcomes of the online consultation contained in documents UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/3/2 and 3. They will also update the members on the work relating to the revision and update of the Strategic Plan of the Convention and highlight the linkages between the updating of the GSPC and the Strategic Plan of the Convention.

15. The Liaison Group members will be invited to make suggestions on the methodology, scope and rationale for the update of the sixteen outcome targets of the GSPC. They may also wish to provide suggestions on intersessional work for the further development of the proposals prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and technological Advice (SBSTTA).

ITEM 4. –DEVELOPMENT OF TOOLS

- 4.1 ***Further development of a practical and user-friendly toolkit, in pursuance of paragraph 7 of decision VII/10 of the Conference of the Parties, building on the proposed elements of a toolkit including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating targets into their strategies, programmes and plans (UNEP/SCBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/12)***

16. The seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, with the support of members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation, to elaborate proposals for a toolkit, including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating the targets into their strategies, plans and programmes, for review by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. In response, draft proposals were made by the Executive Secretary on elements of a toolkit including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating targets into their strategies, programmes and plans (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/12).

17. Under agenda item 4.1, the Group will be invited to provide suggestions to assist the Executive Secretary and the Partnership in further developing the toolkit and making it available in 2010.

- 4.2. ***Development of regional tools for the exchange of information and capacity-building***

18. Under agenda item 4.2, participants will be invited to provide advice on the ways and means to consolidate regional tools for exchange of information and capacity-building as well as facilitate capacity-building, technology transfer, and financial support programmes to assist developing countries, in particular least developed countries, small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition, including those with high levels of biodiversity and that are centres of origin, to effectively implement or to achieve enhanced implementation of the Strategy. The group may also wish to provide input and proposals on options available and avenues for mobilizing resources to assist the Executive

Secretary and the Partnership to coordinate regional workshops with support of Parties and other relevant organizations on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

19. Participants will be invited to raise any other matters relevant to the implementation and update of the GSPC for consideration.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

20. The Group will consider and adopt its report, on the basis of the draft report of the meeting and draft conclusions and recommendations to be presented by the co-Chairs.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

21. It is expected that the meeting will be closed at 1 p.m. on Thursday, 28 May 2009.

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Working and information documents

UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/3/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/3/1/Add. 1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/3/2	Defining the framework for further development and update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation beyond 2010: A summary of the outcomes of the online consultation - Part 1.
UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/3/3	Defining the framework for review and update of existing 16 outcome targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation beyond 2010: A summary of the outcomes of the online consultation - Part 2.
UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/3/INF/1	The Plant Conservation Report http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/plant-conservation-report-en.pdf
UNEP/CBD/LG-GSPC/3/INF/2	Recommendations of Working Group 2 of the CITES Plants Committee regarding collaboration with the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

Other documents

Participants are encouraged to consult the following relevant documents

CDB Decision VI/9	The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, including outcome oriented global targets for 2010. https://www.cbd.int/decision/cop/?id=7183
CBD Decision VII/10	The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. https://www.cbd.int/decision/cop/?id=7747
CBD Decision IX/3	The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-03-en.doc
UNEP/CBD/COP/9/2, annex	Cross cutting issues: The Global Strategy for Plant Conservation https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/cop/cop-09/official/cop-09-02-en.doc
UNEP/CBD/SBSSTA/12/3	In-depth review: Implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-12/official/sbstta-12-03-en.doc
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/12	Proposed elements of a toolkit including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating targets into their strategies, programmes and plans. https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-12/information/sbstta-12-inf-12-en.doc

*Annex II***PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK****Tuesday 26 May 2009**

9.15– 9.30 a.m.	Registration open at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin
9.30– 10 a.m.	Opening of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of the Government of Ireland • Representative of the Executive Secretary, CBD • Chair of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation
10– 10.15 a.m.	Organizational Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda • Organisation of work
10.15– 10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45– 11:30 a.m.	Introduction to Item 3.1: Outcomes of the online stakeholder consultation on the further development and update of the Strategy beyond 2010. Item 3.2: The update of the Global Strategy and the review of the Strategic Plan of the Convention Item 3.3: Elements for proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
11.30 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Development of elements for proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
1 – 2.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2.30 – 3.30 p.m.	Development of elements for proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (<i>continued</i>)
3.30 – 3.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
3.45 – 5.30 p.m.	Development of elements for proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (<i>continued</i>)
6 p.m.	Reception hosted by the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin
7.30 p.m.	Dinner at the National Botanic Gardens, sponsored by the Irish Museums Trust

Wednesday 27 May 2009

9 – 10.30 a.m.	Development of elements for proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (<i>continued</i>)
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.45 a.m.– 1 p.m.	Development of elements for proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (<i>continued</i>)
1 – 2.30 p.m.	<i>Lunch Break</i>
2.30 – 4 p.m.	Development of elements for proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (<i>continued</i>)
4– 4.15 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
4.15 – 5.30 p.m.	Item 4.1: Further development of a practical and user-friendly toolkit, in pursuance of paragraph 7 of decision VII/10 of the Conference of the Parties, building on the proposed elements of a toolkit including a checklist to assist Parties in integrating targets into their strategies, programmes and plans (UNEP/SCBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/12);

Thursday 28 May 2009

9– 10.30 a.m.	Item 4.2: Development of regional tools for the exchange of information and capacity-building
10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.45 – 11 a.m.	Item 5: Any other matters
11 a.m. - 12.45 p.m.	Item. 6: Adoption of the report
12.45 – 13 p.m.	Item 7: Closure of the meeting
7.30 p.m.	<i>Optional for participants:</i> <i>Reception and Moore Commemorative Lecture by Prof. Brian Huntley on the Flora and Gardens of South Africa at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin.</i>
