



Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

Voluntary report on application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, and on implementation of relevant COP Decisions on the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to invite relevant organizations to provide information on (i) status and trends related to the sustainable use of biodiversity; (ii) status and trends of the implementation of decisions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) related to sustainable use of biodiversity; and (iii) information on the added value and application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines (AAPG) for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its fourteenth meeting, tentatively scheduled to be held from 13 - 21 May 2010.

In annex II of decision VII/12 on Sustainable Use (Article 10), the COP adopted the **Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use of Biodiversity**. In annex II of decision VIII/10, the COP decided to undertake the in-depth review of the work on sustainable use of biodiversity at its tenth meeting, following its consideration by SBSTTA-14. The information submitted by Parties in their 4th National Reports will be considered for the review. Relevant organizations are invited to submit, on a voluntary basis, to the Executive Secretary, as soon as possible but **no later than 31 March 2009**, information on the implementation of relevant decisions of the COP on sustainable use, as well as on the application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines, including progress made, challenges, obstacles and capacity-building needs. Relevant organizations are also invited to provide overall information on the status and trends of sustainable use of biological diversity.

Information may be presented in any format and submitted preferably electronically. Appended herewith is guidance for the submission of the information, for your reference.

Please accept, Madam / Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points, relevant organizations



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ANNEX

Guidance for the submission of information for the review of the application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity (AAPG)

1. In collecting and compiling relevant information for submission, refer to “Guidelines for the review of the programmes of work on the Convention”, as contained in annex III of decision VIII/15.
2. Provide case studies of good and bad practices, success and failure, and lessons learned from the implementation of relevant decisions of the COP on sustainable use, including the AAPG, which can illustrate and provide insight on: (i) the state of implementation of relevant decisions, as well as the value added of the AAPG to the work of relevant organizations and to the work of Parties in implementing the Convention; and (ii) the effectiveness of the AAPG in the context of the Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development. A format for case study submissions is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/poverty/frm-cs-en.doc>
3. Use examples, where possible, from the implementation of the COP decisions related to sustainable use, for example the respective goals, targets and activities of the programmes of work on forest biodiversity (decision VI/22), marine and coastal biodiversity (decision VII/5), protected areas (decision VII/28), biodiversity of inland waters (decision VII/4), and the decisions related to Article 8(j) of the Convention.
4. Provide suggestions for modification of the AAPG, if applicable.
5. Provide information on the links, if any, between the AAPG and other conceptual frameworks for sustainable use of biodiversity (e.g. sustainable forest management - SFM).

Information can be provided from a sectoral point of view (e.g. fisheries, forestry, agriculture, tourism, hunting), and/or from a point of view of cross-cutting issues (e.g. protected areas), as appropriate. Please use one response table per sector or cross-cutting issue.

Table 1. Summary framework for collecting and compiling information for the review of application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines (to be submitted on a voluntary basis).

Addis Ababa Principle (For more information about the principles and operational guidelines, please see www.cbd.int/guidelines)	Examples of application within sectoral or cross-cutting areas	Complementarity, overlaps and/or synergies with other conceptual frameworks for the sustainable use of biodiversity	Barriers to implementation	Priorities for capacity-building to address the barriers	Comments / Reference documents / Further information
<i>1: Supportive policies, laws, and institutions are in place at all levels of governance and there are effective linkages between these levels.</i>					
<i>2: Recognizing the need for a governing framework consistent with international national laws, local users of biodiversity components should be sufficiently empowered and supported by rights to be responsible and accountable for use of the resources concerned.</i>					
<i>3: International, national policies, laws and regulations that distort markets which contribute to habitat degradation or otherwise generate perverse incentives that undermine conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, should be identified and removed or mitigated.</i>					
<i>4: Adaptive management should be practiced, based on: (a) Science and traditional and local knowledge; (b) Iterative, timely and transparent feedback derived from monitoring the use, environmental, socio-economic impacts, and the status of the resource being used; and (c) Adjusting management based on timely feedback from the monitoring procedures.</i>					
<i>5: Sustainable use management goals and practices should avoid or minimize adverse impacts on ecosystem services, structure and functions as well as other components of ecosystems.</i>					
<i>6: Interdisciplinary research into all aspects of the use and conservation of biological diversity should be promoted and supported.</i>					
<i>7: The spatial and temporal scale of management should be compatible with the ecological and socio-economic scales of the use and its impact.</i>					
<i>8: There should be arrangements for international cooperation where multinational decision-making and coordination are needed.</i>					

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<i>9: An interdisciplinary, participatory approach should be applied at the appropriate levels of management and governance related to the use.</i>					
<i>10: International, national policies should take into account: (a) Current and potential values derived from the use of biological diversity; (b) Intrinsic and other non-economic values of biological diversity and (c) Market forces affecting the values and use.</i>					
<i>11: Users of biodiversity components should seek to minimize waste and adverse environmental impact and optimize benefits from uses.</i>					
<i>12: The needs of indigenous and local communities who live with and are affected by the use and conservation of biological diversity, along with their contributions to its conservation and sustainable use, should be reflected in the equitable distribution of the benefits from the use of those resources.</i>					
<i>13: The costs of management and conservation of biological diversity should be internalized within the area of management and reflected in the distribution of the benefits from the use.</i>					
<i>14: Education and public awareness programmes on conservation and sustainable use should be implemented and more effective methods of communications should be developed between and among stakeholders and managers.</i>					

More information on the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines (AAPG), as well as on the above mentioned CBD decisions, is available at www.cbd.int and www.cbd.int/guidelines/

In this context, the CBD Secretariat would also like to draw your attention to a CD ROM compiled by the Biodiversity Liaison Group on the Applications of the AAPG for the Sustainable Use of Biodiversity within the biodiversity-related conventions. The contents of the CD ROM are available at www.cbd.int/sustainable/