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## INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has prepared this report, which contains a summary of key activities in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 January to 30 June 2014.

### I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

3. In January, the Executive Secretary was in Lima, Peru to attend the International Forum on Business and Biodiversity. The meeting, which gathered the attendance of major business representatives, decision makers and institutions relevant to environmental management, discussed biodiversity conservation opportunities and risks for organizations. It also provided an opportunity for the launch of the Peruvian Initiative for Business and Biodiversity. After the forum, a meeting was held with senior officials from the Environment and Agriculture Ministries of Peru. The Executive Secretary also attended a meeting organized by Inkaterra.
4. The Executive Secretary attended the Eight Session of the UN General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, on 3-7 February 2014 in New York. In his statement, participants were reminded of the need to address biodiversity as a key element of sustainable development in the post-2015 period, which was re-affirmed by CBD COP 10 and by Rio +20. More importantly, to successfully achieve the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and its Targets, he emphasized that biodiversity must be addressed in the SDGs. In the margins of the OWG 8, the Executive Secretary attended a number of side events that are relevant to the work of the Convention. He also participated in the CPF meeting on 5 February, in which members proposed ten forest-related targets for integration into the SDGs.
5. The third meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol (ICNP) on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (ABS) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was held on 24-28 February 2014, in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea. The meeting resulted to the adoption of the following recommendations: consideration of rules of procedure for meetings of the COP-MOP; draft agenda for the COP-MOP 1; modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism; modalities of operation of the ABS clearing-house; capacity-building; procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Protocol; monitoring and reporting and sectoral and cross-sectoral model contractual clauses. A meeting of the ICNP Bureau was also held prior to ICNP 3 to discuss the organization of work for the ICNP 3 meeting.
6. In the margins of the ICNP3, the Executive Secretary met with officials from the Korean Government to discuss a number of issues including preparations for the COP-MOP 7 and COP 12 meetings to be held in Pyeongchang in September/October 2014. Meetings were also held with delegations and representatives from Governments and organizations attending ICNP 3.
7. An arctic regional workshop was held in Helsinki to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, convened by the CBD Secretariat, with the generous support from the Government of Finland. In the margins of the workshop, meetings were held with the Minister of Environment and Minister for International Development, and other senior government officials. Issues discussed included: review of implementation of the Convention, resource mobilization, COP 12 and its

high-level segment, the Nagoya Protocol, and possible ways in which Finland could further enhance and continue to support the CBD.

8. Also in March 2014, the Executive was invited as a panellist at the XIX Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Latin America held in Los Cabos, wherein he provided insights on biodiversity conservation towards implementation of Convention on Biological Diversity, in particular the Nagoya Protocol and the importance of its entry into force, and raising awareness on the urgency to take action. The Ministerial Forum resulted in the “Declaration of Los Cabos”, which includes committing efforts “to develop public policies to address the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation, in particular forests, and promote the conservation, restoration and sustainable use, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from access to genetic resources, as well as to promote capacity building to generate and systematize information on biodiversity” and encouraging “the early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol, which promotes the conservation on and encourages the early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol.

9. After Los Cabos, the Executive Secretary travelled to Costa Rica to take part in the IV Mesoamerican Congress on Protected Areas. Organized by Costa Rica's National System of Conservation Areas (SINAC) and Environment Ministry (MINAE) with support from CCAD, German International Cooperation (GIZ), and the IUCN, the congress was comprised of eight symposia addressing, inter alia, the following: governance; knowledge management within protected areas; protected areas and climate change; protected areas as social and economic instruments; and cooperation and financing for protected areas. Prior to the congress, meetings were held with the Environment Minister and Vice-Minister of Costa Rica as well as with the Head of SINAC. He also visited the Carara National Park and the office of INBio, and held discussions with NGOs in Costa Rica.

10. The Executive Secretary paid a two-day visit to Guatemala on 20-21 March 2014, which provided him to an opportunity to meet with officials from the *Consejo Nacional de Areas Protegidas* (CONAP) and authorities of partner institutions of the CONAP-GEF Project on “ABS Guatemala: Access to and Benefit Sharing and Protection of Traditional Knowledge to Promote Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use”, which was followed by a meeting with representatives from the United Nations Development Programme. A meeting was held with senior officials in the Congress. A field trip to Izabal was organized to learn about experiences and projects in relation to compliance with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in Guatemala.

11. The Executive Secretary was in Montevideo to attend a high level event on perspectives on the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS in Latin America, held on 24 March 2014, in the margins of the regional capacity-building for Latin American on the Nagoya Protocol on ABS. He delivered opening remarks and took part in a panel discussion, in which he, together with as well as Permanent Representatives of Brazil, Mexico and Peru to ALADI, made presentations on the different aspects of the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in the region. He also participated in a high-level dialogue with parliamentarians on the benefits and challenges in the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, delivering a keynote lecture on the Brazilian experience in the implementation of the laws on ABS, the challenges and lessons learned. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period, giving participants opportunity to ask questions and share their views. The session was followed by another group of panellists who also shared their experiences on the benefits and challenges of the implementation of ABS. While in Montevideo, meetings were held with the Secretary General of ALADI, a senator of the Republic of Uruguay and youth from INAU.

12. In April, the Executive Secretary was in Medellin to attend a Special Session on United Nations high-level Inter-agency meeting, held in the margins of the seventh session of the World Urban Forum (WUF 7). The meeting provided an opportunity to bring attention to the importance of biodiversity in the context of sustainable urbanization and to contributing towards preparations for the Habitat III, which is expected to consider the New Urban Agenda. Bilateral meeting was held with the Executive Director of

UN-Habitat to discuss areas of potential cooperation between the Secretariat of the CBD and UN-Habitat. A meeting was also held with ICLEI.

13. The Second Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Finance for Biodiversity was held on 9-12 April 2014 in Quito, Ecuador, organized by the CBD Secretariat and hosted by the Government of Ecuador, and convened jointly by the Governments of Ecuador, India, Japan, Norway, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Uganda and the European Commission. Opening remarks were made by: Subsecretary of the Patrimonio Natural of the Government of Ecuador, the two Dialogue Co-Chairs and the Executive Secretary. The seminar contributed to understanding and to clarifying areas of convergence and divergence regarding ways to scale up the mobilization of financial resources to support the achievement of the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets, with the view to facilitate discussions at WGRI 5 and COP 12 meetings. In the margins of the meeting, the Executive Secretary met with senior officials from the Department of Environment and Climate Change of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador. He also participated in a working dinner with the Ministry of Environment about the CBD and its relation with BIOFIN, TEEB, and GEF.

14. The Executive Secretary was in Brasilia to attend and deliver opening remarks at the third meeting of the High-level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Regional Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on Resource Mobilization. In the margins of the meetings, he had an opportunity to meet with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Environment of Brazil. A meeting was also held with senior officials from ACTO, which included the Secretary General, the Executive Director and the Coordinator for Environment, where they were briefed about current developments under the CBD and preparations for COP12. Areas where ACTO can help with the implementation of the CBD in the Amazon region were also discussed, and ways to strengthen the regional partnerships were explored. After Brasilia, he travelled to Porto Alegre to attend an International Seminar on the Pampas Biome, which aimed to advance discussions of the Pampa biome in Brazil, taking into account not only the biological science aspect, but also its cultural, social and economic values.

15. In May, the Executive Secretary attended the WWF Annual Conference held in Foz de Iguacu, where he gave a lecture on biodiversity in the context of the conference theme “Food, Water and Energy for All”. A meeting with senior representatives of WWF was held in the margins of the meeting. He also participated in the Brazil-India-Germany TEEB dialogue held in Brasilia, which discussed lessons learned for mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services into public policies and the business sector, explored possible routes for mainstreaming the economics of ecosystems and biodiversity into policy at different levels, from the public to the private sector, and deepened discussions on the contributions of TEEB national initiatives for the achievement of the international country commitments agreed on under the CBD. He was invited as one of the keynote speakers in the International Workshop on Business and Natural Capital: Dialogue for a Sustainable Partnership. The dialogue, co-sponsored by the Brazilian National Confederation of Industry, the Ministry of Environment of Brazil, the German International Development Cooperation, further promoted and enhanced the exchange of sustainable businesses’ practices and dialogue between businesses and other sectors about how to reduce impacts on country’s natural capital.

16. The Executive Secretary delivered opening remarks at the Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development and the Regional Workshop for East/South/Southeast Asia on Cities and Biodiversity, with both workshops organized by the CBD Secretariat and hosted by the Government of China in Qingdao. In the margins of the workshops, he visited the Qingdao World Horticulture Expo, which included a joint tour of an exhibition on diversity of traditional Chinese medicine with the Vice Minister of Environment of China. After Qingdao, the Executive Secretary travelled to Seoul to attend a special event to mark the celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity. The event provided an opportunity for the signing of the Host Government Agreement with the Republic of Korea for the upcoming CBD meetings in Pyeongchang in September/October 2014. A press briefing was held after. While in Seoul, a meeting was held with the

Minister of Environment of the Republic of Korea to discuss preparations for COP-MOP 7 and COP 12. Meetings were also held with the President of the National Institute of Ecology, which was followed by a site visit of the Institute; the Acting Governor of Gangwon-do Province; and also the President of the Gangwon National University, and was invited to give a lecture to students on GBO-4.

17. In late May 2014, the Executive Secretary was in Cancun to attend the GEF Assembly, and was also invited as one of the speakers at the high-level roundtable on Mainstreaming Natural Capital into Decision-making. The roundtable discussed the progress made in informing the planning and decision-making processes of different sectors with natural capital accounting, gaps that existed and possible ways to address these challenges and contribute for the future work of the GEF. In the margins of the Assembly, he also met with representatives from STAP together with the UNCCD Executive Secretary to discuss joint initiative on agro-ecosystem resilience. In the margins of the Assembly, the Secretariat organized a meeting on the role of regional development banks in regional/sub-regional cooperation on biodiversity and ecosystem services. While in Cancun, meetings were also held with representatives from governments and partner organizations.

18. In June, the Executive Secretary was in London to attend the No Net Loss Summit. He was invited to deliver a keynote address at the opening plenary, where he noted the revised Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, adopted by CBD COP in 2010 and that, while more still remains to be done to achieve these targets and that mitigation and offsetting can be important tools to help countries meet the targets, the CBD can help address the gap in public policy in this regard. He also participated in the sixth meeting of the SOS Donor Council via videoconferencing.

19. The fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation (WGRI 4) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was convened on 16-20 June 2014, back-to-back with SBSTTA 18. The meeting resulted in the adoption of 12 recommendations, which include: on financial mechanism; improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention and its Protocols; review of progress in revising/updating and implementing nbsaps and submission of national reports; report on progress related to business engagement; engagement with subnational and local governments; stakeholder engagement; cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives; biodiversity for poverty eradication and sustainable development; review of implementation of resource mobilization, retirement of decisions, review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and report on an updated gender plan of action to 2020 and progress in gender mainstreaming, monitoring and evaluation and indicators. The recommendations adopted at WGRI 5 will be submitted to COP 12 for consideration.

20. Prior to WGRI 5, the members of the COP Bureau met on 15 June 2014 to discuss: the organization of work for next week, the status of trust funds of the Convention, the Nagoya Protocol and preparations for the COP-MOP 7 and COP 12; as well as the functional review of the Secretariat. A joint COP and ICNP Bureaux session was held during the Bureau meeting when item 5 was discussed, specifically on regarding the arrangements for concurrent meetings of the COP 12 and COP-MOP 1 of Nagoya Protocol.

21. The eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was convened on 23-28 June 2014. The meeting adopted 14 recommendations: on the GBO 4; progress in achieving the targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020; marine and coastal biodiversity; alien invasive species; synthetic biology; IPBES; climate change; ecosystem conservation and restoration; obstacles encountered in implementing options identified for eliminating, phasing out or reforming incentives that are harmful for biodiversity; biofuel; sustainable use of biodiversity and health and biodiversity. The recommendations adopted at WGRI 5 and SBSTTA 18 will be submitted to COP 12 for consideration.

22. A SBSTTA Bureau meeting was held prior to SBSTTA 18 to discuss organization of work for the following week. Taking advantage of the presence of COP Bureau members in Montreal, a joint COP

and SBSTTA Bureaux meeting was held on 22 June 2014 to discuss the expected outcomes of the COP 12 in light of the outcomes of the WGRI 5 and the anticipated outcomes of the SBSTTA 18.

23. In response to decision XI/31, which requested the Executive Secretary to undertake an in-depth functional review of the Secretariat, with a view to updating the structure of the Secretariat and the grading of posts to the Strategic Plan's focus on implementation by Parties and report to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting, the Universal Management Group of Montreal was contracted to carry out the functional review, and their work began in January 2014. Following a series of meetings, surveys, workshops, a progress report was circulated for the information of the WGRI 5.

24. In February 2014, the Secretariat welcomed the visit of the representatives from Birdlife International. The Ambassador of Germany to Canada and the Deputy Consul General of Germany in Montreal also visited the Secretariat. The Executive Secretary welcomed the visit of the UNEP Deputy Executive Director on 31 March-1 April. An all staff meeting was held which allowed the Deputy Executive Director to make a presentation about collaboration between UNEP and CBD and explore ways to further enhance the relationship. This was followed by a question and answer session that gave staff an opportunity to share their views and ask questions. Meetings were also held with each department. Korean officials from the Ministry of the Environment were in Montreal in late March 2014 to discuss preparations for the COP-MOP 7 and COP 12 meetings with relevant CBD staff. The executive team of Rare, an environmental NGO based in the U.S., visited the Secretariat in early April 2014 to meet with the Executive Secretary, which was followed by an all-staff meeting where a presentation on Rare's work with the CBD was made, to understand how their approaches could be more useful for Parties to address the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and make productive suggestions as appropriate. Also during the same month, the Executive Secretary was one of the speakers at a press conference in Montreal organized by the David Suzuki Foundation to mark the launch of the "Days of Nature" campaign that encourages more engagement of people with nature and to commemorate the International Day for Biological Diversity. Also in May, he had an opportunity to meet with the UNEP Director of Office for Operations and Corporate Services, who was in Montreal for a conference. During the same month, an informal meeting to discuss broad context of invasive alien species/pests identification, taxonomic capacity-building, bioinformatics and how academics can collaborate with the Government and contribute to international science-policy interface such as activities of IPBES was held at the Secretariat, with the participation of representatives from iBOL and the Government of Canada.

25. In fostering engagement with academic institutions, the Executive Secretary addressed the opening session of the biodiversity symposium on Partnerships for the Living City: Promoting Urban Biodiversity at Concordia University on 7 March 2014. He was also invited to a forum with members of academia and university students in Guatemala City in March 2014. On 16 May 2014, he gave a presentation on food security and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing at the *École internationale d'été sur la sécurité alimentaire*, organized by *Hautes études internationales* and the Chair of International Development of the Faculty of Agriculture and Food in the University of Laval in Quebec City. On the same day, he delivered a keynote speech at the *Association canadienne des études latino-américaines et des Caraïbes*, also at the University of Laval. In June, he was invited to deliver a keynote speech on the evolution of the international biodiversity regime and its future direction, at the Global Environment and Society Academy in London.

26. During the reporting period, South Sudan deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention on Biological Diversity; thus, became the 194th Party to the Convention when it entered into force on 18 May 2014.



## MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING

National Commission for the Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (CONABIO) of Mexico

27. The agreement, in support of the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership, aims to promote collaborative activities among the participating organizations and the CBD to facilitate access, exchange and analysis of information on invasive alien species with a view to supporting action by Parties to the CBD and other Governments, and by other organizations and stakeholders, to prevent, control and eradicate invasive alien species in line with Article 8(h) of the CBD, and other relevant agreements, and to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

### II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

#### A. Personnel Arrangements

28. During the period January – June 2014, there were 30.5 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved under the Convention. There were 3 vacant posts. Additionally, 4 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded by UNEP with the programme support funds with 1 vacant Professional post.

29. Under the Convention there were 26 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget. There was 1 vacant post. Additionally, 13 General Service staff members are regularized on posts funded by UNEP with the programme support funds and 1 vacant General service post.

30. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol there are 5.5 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. There were 2 vacant posts in the Professional category. There were 4 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget. There was 1 General Service vacant post.

31. In addition to posts funded under the core budgets of the Convention and the Biosafety Protocol, there were a total of 17 professionals and 3 general services staff that were seconded or appointed through voluntary funds during the period under review. There was 1 vacant General service post funded through voluntary funds.

32. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex I Appendix 1, and Annex II, respectively).

#### B. Financial Arrangements

33. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 June 2014, of the total pledged contributions of US\$13,497,493 for 2014 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$9,531,555 of which US\$2,029,232 were 2014 and future years pledges paid in 2013, and US\$7,502,323 were pledges paid in 2014 for 2014 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

34. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 June 2014, the total pledged for 2014 amounts to US\$885,113 of which US\$765,113 has been received. In addition, US\$ 226,390 was received with regards

to prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2014 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$942,147. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in [Annex III](#).

35. As at 30 June 2014, US\$484,152 has been pledged in 2014 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**), of which US\$311,383 has been received. In addition, US\$ 167,998 was received with regards to prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2014 to the BZ Trust Fund, amount to US\$270,496. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in [Annex IV](#).

36. As at 30 June 2014, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,571,161 for 2014 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,581,136, of which US\$527,331 was 2014 and future years pledges paid in 2013 and US\$1,053,805 has been received in 2014 for 2014. In addition, US\$27,590 was received in 2014 with regards to prior year's pledges. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in [Annex VI](#).

37. As at 30 June 2014, three Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**). Total unpaid pledges for 2014 and prior years, to the BH Trust Fund, amounts to US\$2,399. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in [Annex VII](#).

38. As at 30 June 2014, four pledges, totalling US\$ 197,822 have been received for the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**) in 2014. The total amount pledged in 2014 to the VB Trust Fund (US\$197,822) was collected in 2014. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the VB Trust Fund are reflected in [Annex VIII](#).

39. As at 30 June 2014, of the total pledged contributions of US\$67,036 for 2014 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BI Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$39,373 paid in 2014 for 2014 and future years. Total unpaid pledges for 2014 to the BI Trust Fund, amount to US\$27,663. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in [Annex IX](#).

### III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

#### SCIENTIFIC, ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

##### Decisions X/4 and XI/3: The Global Biodiversity Outlook

40. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:
- (a) Organized a meeting of members of the consortium composed of DIVERSITAS, UNEP-WCMC, PBL-Netherlands and the University of British Columbia Fisheries Centre on undertaking a scenarios assessment related to the preparation of GBO-4, including lead authors (Vancouver, Canada, 10-14 February 2014);
  - (b) Made available drafts of the technical chapters (Overview, Chapter on each of the 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets, integrated analysis of the Strategic Goals, trends and projections for 2050, contribution to the SDG agenda) as well as drafts of technical study on sectoral scenarios and biodiversity mainstreaming) available for peer review;
  - (c) Prepared, in collaboration with the science writer, a draft of GBO-4 for review by SBSTTA-18;
  - (d) Prepared documentation on GBO-4 for SBSTTA-18, including the Draft Executive Summary with the Main Messages (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/2) and Implications of the Key Findings of the Fourth Edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook for the Future Work of the Convention: Possible Elements for The Pyeongchang Roadmap (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/2/ADD1); and
  - (e) Organized a one-day workshop on GBO-4 on 21 June 2014.

*Preparing draft of GBO-4 is completed and additional technical supporting documents are also drafted. Following review by SBSTTA-18 it is expected that a high quality report will be available for consideration by COP-12. Further information on GBO-4 can be accessed from <http://www.cbd.int/gbo4> GBO-4 will address all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

##### Decisions X/7 and XI/3: Indicators and monitoring progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan

41. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:
- (a) Liaised with the UNEP-WCMC to prepare an update of the Aichi Targets passport;
  - (b) Completed the analysis of projections to 2020 of some 50 indicators and contributed to drafting a high-level publication supporting the analysis in GBO-4;
  - (c) Continued to liaise with partners, including UNCCD and UNSD on synergies on indicators and monitoring;
  - (d) Issued the review of the use of remotely-sensed data for monitoring biodiversity change and tracking progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets as CBD Technical Series 72;
  - (e) See also under national reports for the role of the online reporting tool in enhancing monitoring of progress in implementation of the Strategic Plan.

*Processes have been put in place to better allow Parties and the Secretariat to monitor progress towards the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The information generated through these processes will facilitate the discussions on the mid-term assessment of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets*

**Decisions X/33, XI/19, XI/20 and XI/21: Biodiversity and Climate Change and related issues**

42. As a contribution to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) With financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, commissioned a team of experts to assist the Secretariat in re-aligning existing materials on climate change to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020, in particular Aichi Targets 5, 7, 10, 14, 15, and 17, to support countries to enhance implementation of the Strategic Plan; and II) to assist the Secretariat in developing capacity building materials on climate change and thereby assist towards capacity development of countries to achieve Aichi Targets 5, 7, 10, 14, 15 and 17. An online question and answer event on ‘Everything you ever wanted to know about “EBA”’ was organized on 17 June 2014, where a featured expert on Ecosystem-Based Adaptation (EBA) answered questions and directed participants to relevant resources; and
- (b) Participated in the 40<sup>th</sup> session of UNFCCC SBI and SBSTA, <sup>f</sup> and the fifth part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of ADP, held from 4-15 June in Bonn, Germany.

*Through these actions, there is a better understanding within the climate change community of the role and contribution of the CBD, and work taken under it, to the work of the UNFCCC. Parties have a better understanding of the impacts of climate change on biodiversity, how to integrate climate change and ecosystem-based adaptation into NBSAPs, and will have a better overview of available resources supporting them in their efforts to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets related to climate change.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 10, 14 and 15*

**Decision XI/13: Ways and means to improve the effectiveness of SBSTTA and collaboration with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

43. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared and posted notifications advising of the dates and venue of SBSTTA 18 and requesting nominations of delegates;
- (b) Prepared and posted documents for SBSTTA 18, issued notification 2014-049 requesting comments on pre-session documents within a peer review period of the documents with a deadline of 17 April 2014;
- (c) Attended the European Expert Meeting in Preparation of SBSTTA – 18 from 5 – 8 May at the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Island of Vilm, Germany, and explained, as necessary, the issues on the agenda of SBSTTA-18.
- (d) Organized and facilitated the eighteenth meeting of SBSTTA, from 23-28 June 2014; and
- (e) Organized and facilitated meetings, on 22 June 2013, in Montreal, Canada and a teleconference on 5 March, of the SBSTTA Bureau.

*As result of these actions, the SBSTTA-18 meeting was successfully held and the Subsidiary Body prepared 14 recommendations, most of them containing draft decisions for the Conference of the Parties, on a variety of issues.*

*This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

**Decision XI/2 Review of progress in implementation of NBSAPs and related support to capacity-building**

44. In response to this decision, the Secretariat provided support to ASEAN member states in updating their NBSAPs through a workshop organized by China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Center and UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific held from 15 to 17 July, 2013, in Kunming, China. Representatives from 11 countries (a total of 35 participants) participated in the workshop and all the participating countries indicated that support from the CBD Secretariat and other partners would be very helpful for their updating NBSAPs.

*This is relevant to all Aichi Targets, in particular Aichi Target 17.*

**Decision X/22 Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity**

45. In response to this decision, the Secretariat contributed to the First MiTin Symposium on Innovation and Blue Growth organized by the French Agency for Marine Protected Areas (through the Brest Institute of Technology, Brittany, France) held from 28 to 30 October 2013 in Qingdao, China. The MiTin network is composed of selected coastal cities from different countries of the world, and one of its aims is to support conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity while pursuing sustainable blue growth. This symposium was attended by more than 100 participants from governments, research institutions, universities, companies, international organizations and NGOs. The symposium had two parts, one for experts to exchange views and discuss about relevant marine issues and the other for companies to demonstrate relevant technologies and techniques. SCBD supports MiTiN as part of its efforts to support the implementation at local levels of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 as well as the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity.

*This is relevant to many Aichi Targets, in particular Target 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15.*

**Decision X/23 Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development**

46. In response to this decision, the Secretariat contributed to the Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on South-South Cooperation and the Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on Cities and Biodiversity, both of which were held from 21 to 24 May 2014 in Qingdao, China. In addition to participants from about 20 countries, more than 50 participants from the provinces and cities in China also attended the workshop on cities and biodiversity.

*This is relevant to all Aichi Targets.*

**Decisions X/17 and XI/26: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation**

47. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Supported Botanic Gardens Conservation International in undertaking the following activities: (i) Support to a national stakeholder workshop on "Implementing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in Morocco" (31 March - 1 April 2014); (ii) Prepare, in collaboration with national partners, a workshop on mainstreaming plant conservation and the role of botanic gardens in ecosystem restoration in Ethiopia; (iii) organize, at the margins of the CITES Plants Committee (PC21) -Veracruz (Mexico, 5 to 8 May 2014) a workshop on CITES-GSPC links and collaboration; (iv) prepare, in

collaboration with members of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and drawing on materials from national and regional workshops and case studies provide by Parties, a draft document on the mid-term review of implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation;

- (b) Subjected a draft technical document on the mid-term review of implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation for peer review;
- (c) Issued the revised draft Technical Background Document in Support of the Mid-Term Review of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation as information document for SBSTTA-18 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/INF/10); and
- (d) Prepared a pre-session document on Progress in Achieving the Targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020 for SBSTTA-18 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/3).

*A draft mid-term review of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation has been completed and aligned with GBO-4.*

*This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

#### **Decision IX/11: New and emerging issues**

48. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:
- (a) With financial support from the United Kingdom, commissioned two experts to revise the two documents on possible positive and negative impacts of synthetic biology and on gaps in coverage of this issue under the Convention and its Protocols and other processes, and made the revised drafts available for additional peer-review in April 2014; and
  - (b) Made the final documents as well as a synthesis of the information contained in them, including an analysis of how the criteria set out in paragraph 12 of decision IX/29 apply to synthetic biology, available for consideration by SBSTTA-18.

*As a result of these actions Parties were enabled to have an informed consideration, at SBSTTA-18, on the question if synthetic biology should be placed on the agenda of a future meeting of SBSTTA.*

#### **Decisions IX/22, X/39 and XI/29: Global Taxonomy Initiative**

49. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:
- (a) Exchanged information on application of DNA barcoding for species identification with participation of relevant sectors of the Government of Canada and International Barcode of Life in order to plan for the GTI capacity building events in 2015;
  - (b) Collected information on biodiversity knowledge, data and information sharing in collaboration with relevant bodies and provided the information to the chapter for Aichi Biodiversity Target 19 of GBO4; and
  - (c) Presented an information on “DNA Barcoding and its Role in Building Global Capacity in Molecular Biodiversity” (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/INF/20) to the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

*The result of these actions has contributed to facilitate sharing and use of taxonomic technology and information among Parties and advanced preparation for technical scientific cooperation to be implemented in 2015.*

*This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

**Decisions X/20 and XI/16: Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives**

50. With the WMO, FAO, UNCCD and UN-Water co-organised a capacity building workshop on national drought management policies for South-East Asia.

**Decisions X/28 and XI/23: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters**

51. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Continued to coordinate the expert group on the role of biodiversity in sustaining the water cycle (decision X/28, paragraph 39); and
- (b) Held; discussions with potential partners (IUCN, CI, WWF, Global Water Partnership, FAO, UNESCO, UNESCO-IHP, UNEP) in the cooperative partnership on ecosystem based solutions for water resources management (decision XI/23 paragraph 4).

*The result of these actions has been improved strategies for mainstreaming biodiversity into the water resources management sector (Target 14).*

**Decisions X/34 and XI/27: Agricultural biodiversity**

52. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat provided a review of relevant definitions of key terms for biofuels and biodiversity as a basis for consideration at SBSTTA-18 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/15) in response to decision XI/27, paragraph 10.

*These actions strengthened the ability of SBSTTA to review relevant issues and led to SBSTTA recommendation XVIII/11.*

**Decision X/35: Biodiversity of Dry and Sub-humid Lands**

53. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) With financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, commissioned a team of experts to assist the Secretariat in re-aligning existing materials on dry and sub-humid lands to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020, in particular Aichi Targets 5, 7, 10, 14, 15, and 17, to support countries to enhance implementation of the Strategic Plan; and II) to assist the Secretariat in developing capacity building materials on dry and sub-humid lands and thereby assist towards capacity development of countries to achieve Aichi Targets 5, 7, 10, 14, 15 and 17; and
- (b) Cooperated with the WMO, FAO, the UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development and the UNCCD Secretariat in the UN-Water Initiative “Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies” to convene the Regional Workshop for Asia-Pacific from 6 to 9 May 2014, in

Hanoi, Vietnam. With financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, 5 participants nominated by CBD focal points were able to attend the workshop.

*These actions have resulted in drought practitioners at national level being provided with information on the role of biodiversity in national drought management policies. Furthermore, Parties will have a better overview of available resources supporting them in their efforts to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets related to dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 14 and 15*

### **Decisions X/29, XI/17, and XI/18: Marine and coastal biodiversity**

54. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:
- (a) Organized and serviced the CBD Expert Workshop on underwater noise and its impacts on marine and coastal biodiversity (25-27 February 2014, IMO HQ, London, UK);
  - (b) Organized and serviced the CBD Arctic regional workshop to facilitate the description of EBSAs (3-7 March 2014, Helsinki, Finland);
  - (c) Organized and serviced the CBD North-west Atlantic regional workshop to facilitate the description of EBSAs (24-28 March 2014, Montreal, Canada);
  - (d) Organized and serviced the CBD Mediterranean regional workshop to facilitate the description of EBSAs (7-11 April 2014, Malaga, Spain);
  - (e) Initiated the organization of the CBD expert workshop to provide consolidated practical guidance and a toolkit for marine spatial planning (9-11 September, Montreal, Canada) by issuing a notification for submission of relevant scientific and technical information (Ref. No. 2014-025, 19 February 2014) and a notification for submission of nominations (Ref. No. 2014-068, 6 May 2014).
  - (f) Initiated the organization of the CBD expert workshop to prepare practical guidance on preventing and mitigating the significant adverse impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity (2-4 December 2014, Baltimore, USA) by issuing a notification for submission of relevant scientific and technical information (Ref. No. 2014-042, 20 March 2014) and a notification for submission of nominations (Ref. No. 2014-059, 23 April 2014);
  - (g) Developed a set of Priority Actions to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 10 for Coral Reefs and Closely Associated Ecosystems based on proposals from Parties and relevant organizations to update the specific workplan on coral bleaching. These Priority Actions were incorporated into SBSTTA Recommendation XVIII/4 and adoption of these Priority Actions will be discussed by Parties at COP 12;
  - (h) Produced for SBSTTA 18 an information document containing an Updated Synthesis on the Impacts of Ocean Acidification on Marine Biodiversity, which was developed with the input of wide range of experts from around the world and incorporates comments received from Parties and relevant organizations through official CBD peer-review process;
  - (i) Developed an EBSA information-sharing website ([www.cbd.int/ebsa](http://www.cbd.int/ebsa)) to contribute to enhanced accessibility, outreach, coordination and understanding of the CBDs work on EBSAs;
  - (j) Initiated the development of booklets based on the results of the (i) Western South Pacific regional EBSA workshop and (ii) the Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic regional EBSA workshop. These booklets will present the detailed scientific and technical information synthesized at the workshops for each area described as meeting the EBSA criteria in a clear, easily-understandable and



charismatic way so as to increase understanding and appreciation of the EBSA process by a broad range of stakeholders;

- (k) Initiated the development of training materials on the use of traditional knowledge in the application of the EBSA criteria. This entailed contracting a consultant to develop draft training materials and holding informal discussions with Parties, organizations and representatives of indigenous and local communities;
- (l) Collaborated with UNEP on the compilation and analysis of experiences on marine spatial planning by issuing notification requesting relevant information from Parties and relevant organizations (Ref. No. 2014-025, 19 February 2014), which was issued in conjunction with a survey on experiences in marine spatial planning by UNEP. Responses to the CBD notification and UNEP survey were subsequently analysed as part of the Marine Spatial Planning in Practical technical meeting;
- (m) Participated in Marine Spatial Planning in Practice technical meeting organized by GEF-STAP, UNEP and UNEP-WCMC (6-8 May 2014, Cambridge, UK). The outputs of this workshop contributed directly to the CBD expert workshop on marine spatial planning;
- (n) Participated in a meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond national jurisdiction (1-4 April 2014, New York, USA) and organized a side event on the CBD's work on EBSAs;
- (o) Participated in the 20th session of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) Assembly (7-25 July 2014, Kingston, Jamaica) and delivered a statement on behalf of the Executive Secretary to update the ISA on progress in the CBD's work on EBSAs; and
- (p) Participated in meeting of the Board of the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) working group of the Arctic Council (11-13 February 2014, Kuujuaq, Canada) and updated the CAFF Board on the CBDs work on EBSAs, ocean acidification, underwater noise, the fourth Global Biodiversity Outlook, and CBD COP 12.

*The result of these actions has been:*

- *Progress in describing areas meeting the EBSA criteria in three regions through regional EBSA workshops;*
- *Improved scientific and technical collaboration at the regional level through regional EBSA workshops;*
- *Development of guidance to support parties to taking measures to address key threats and implement tools for improved conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity;*
- *Improved understanding of major threats to marine and coastal biodiversity and means to address these threats to achieve the Aichi Targets;*
- *Improved understanding and engagement in the CBDs work on EBSAs;*
- *Results of CBDs work on EBSAs, means to address major threats to marine biodiversity (e.g., ocean acidification, underwater noise), and tools and approaches to improve conservation and sustainable use brought to the attention of the relevant UNGA processes and other global fora;*
- *Enhanced awareness and visibility of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas; and*
- *Enhanced coordination and linkages with relevant organizations and global fora.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 6, 10, 11.*

### **Biodiversity and Sustainable Development Goals**

55. In response to this, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared and coordinated the UN Technical Support Team Biodiversity Issue Brief for the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- (b) Published a document on the commitments and resolutions on biodiversity adopted by the UN General Assembly and Parties to biodiversity related conventions, agreements and other processes.
- (c) Liaised with the biodiversity focal points of FAO, UNEP, UNDP, and the World Bank among other UN partners throughout the process.
- (d) Served on the CBD-SDG Task Force Team.
- (e) Served on the UN-Water task team on a water-related SDG and targets, including proposed target 6.6 on ecosystems.
- (f) Provided guidance and policy advice to the Steering Committee of the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Integrating Social-Ecological Resilience into the UN Development Agenda. Represented the CBD at the Dialogue.
- (g) Facilitated planning for the 8th session of the Open Working Group Meeting of the SDGs; and
- (h) Examined and reviewed existing internationally agreed targets and indicators on biodiversity and forests and identified opportunities to mainstream these into SDG discussions.

*These results from these actions have led to a recognized production of the UN TST Biodiversity Issue Brief; inputs to the co-chair's summary and synthesis report of the Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue; and input on forest related targets for the next round of the OWG discussions.*

## NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING

### **Decision X/1: Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and Decision XI/I on Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and related developments**

56. In response to requests contained in the above decisions, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

#### *Ratification*

- Fifteen countries –Myanmar, Burkina Faso, Benin, Kenya, Guyana, Viet Nam, Hungary, Denmark, Namibia, European Union, Samoa, Spain, Guatemala, Uganda and Belarus
- Continuation of follow-up with CBD and ICNP NFPs, seeking information on the status of ratification and encouraging countries to conclude their national processes.

#### *Workshops, expert meetings and other inter-sessional activities:*

- Organized the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing which took place from 24 – 28 February 2014 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea.
- Continued with the implementation of the pilot phase of the ABS Clearing-House including development of common formats, preparations for the ABS Clearing-House workshop, held back-to-back with ICNP 3.

- Organized the sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for the CEE and Central Asia, 17-21 March 2014 in Minsk, Belarus.
- Organized the sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for Latin America, 24-28 March 2014 in Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Organized and attended meetings with countries that are well advanced in their ratification process, New York, 8-11 April 2014
- Organized the sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for Caribbean at the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat in Georgetown, Guyana, 19-22 May 2014
- Organized the sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for West Asia and North Africa, Dubai, UAE, 1-5 June 2014.
- Organized the sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for Sub-Saharan Africa, Kampala, Uganda, 9-13 June 2014.
- Preparations for the first meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol to be held concurrently with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention which will take place from 6 – 17 October 2014 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea.

*Participation in meetings and workshops:*

- Participated in the ‘ABS dialogue meeting’ of the ABS Capacity Development Initiative, Cape Town, South Africa, 30-31 January 2014
- Participated in the twenty-sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (WIPO-IGC), Geneva, Switzerland, 3-7 February 2014
- Participated in the African Union Expert Meeting on the Draft AU Guidelines on ABS, 5-7 February 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Participated in the second meeting of the PharmaSea Work Package 6 Advisory Panel of Policy and Legal Experts and the workshop organized by IUCN Environmental Law Centre and eCOAST Marine Research to be held in Leuven, Belgium, 7-8 May 2014
- Participated in the Latin America GEF Project on Nagoya Protocol 3RD Regional Workshop and steering committee meeting, Bogota, Colombia, 20-23 May 2014
- Represented the NP and CBD at the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group to Enhance the Functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-Sharing held in Geneva, Switzerland from 14 to 16 May 2014
- Provided a presentation to be given at the ‘The International Treaty and the Nagoya Protocol – A tandem workshop for National Focal Points’ held in Rome, Italy, 3-6 June 2014

<b>TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION</b>
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**Decision XI/4: Resource mobilization**

57. In the period under the review, the Secretariat further implemented the work plan for organizing four regional workshops on resource mobilization as requested by decision XI/4, by finalizing preparations for, as well as convening and servicing regional workshop on resource mobilization for the following regions: (i) Africa, held in Entebbe, Uganda from 11 to 13 February 2014; (ii) Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Brasilia, Brazil from 15 to 17 April 2014; (iii) Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok, Thailand from 6 to 8 May 2014; and (iv) for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, held on the Isle of Vilm, Germany, from 26 to 28 May 2014. The workshops were organized together with the United Nations Development Programme, through its Biodiversity Finance Initiative and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), through its World Conservation Monitoring Centre and pertinent regional offices.

Financial support for these meetings was provided by the European Union and the Governments of Denmark and Japan (JBF).

58. The Secretariat attended the First Global BioFin workshop held in Bratislava, Czech Republic, from 25 to 27 February 2014. The workshop reviewed the draft BIOFIN methodology, with a view to: (i) introduce the new pilot countries to the BIOFIN approach and methodology; (ii) develop a common understanding of the updated BIOFIN assessment methodology; (iii) capture and share lessons and best-practices extracted from the first national-level activities; (iv) enable country delegations to develop a work programme towards national-level BIOFIN deliverables. The Secretariat sought to support countries in this endeavor and made the linkages to the work on resources mobilization at the global level, in particular on reporting.

59. The Secretariat participated in the First Experts' Meeting of the ENVIRONET and WP-STAT Task Team on improving Rio markers, environment and development finance statistics, held in Paris, France from 20 to 21 March 2014, with a view to make the link to the work on resource mobilization under the Convention and upcoming pertinent negotiations at fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention.

60. In the period under review, the bottom-up research underpinning the work of the second phase of the High-Level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan continued to progress with the generous co-sponsorship from the Governments of the United Kingdom, Japan and Norway. A series of six regional assessments and a global overview have been completed by the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and ICF GHK, and the findings have fed into the production of the High-Level Panel report. The Secretariat organized the Panel's third meeting, which was held in on 14-15 April 2014 in Brasilia, Brazil. The meeting reviewed the latest draft report, considered the key messages arising, and agreed on an approach to communications and outreach leading to and after COP 12. The Panel is continuing its engagement with the UNDP-led Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN), and the UN Post-2015 process including the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing. The draft key messages and early recommendations were presented to WGRI-5, held in Montreal, Canada on 16-20 June 2014, and were well received. Specific feedback will now guide the Panel as it finalizes its report in July 2014. More information on the High-Level Panel is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/financial/hlp-gar/>.

### **Decision XI/30: Incentive measures**

61. The Secretariat finalized preparation for, and serviced the negotiations on incentive measures and the resource mobilization at the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention held from 16-20 June 2014 and at the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice, from 23 to 28 June 2014, both held in Montreal, Canada, and initiated the necessary inter-sessional work in preparing for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

### **Decision XI/2: Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation**

62. During the first half of 2014, major activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) can be summarized as follows:

- (a) A progress report on the clearing-house mechanism was prepared as a pre-session document (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/3/Add.2) for the fifth meeting of the Ad-hoc Open-ended Working Group on

Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 5). This document provided an overview of the progress made as well as planned actions.

- (b) Work continued on the development of new information services of the central clearing-house mechanism. These services are available for demonstration purposes at <http://chm.cbd.int> and share a common infrastructure consisting of the following components: a faceted search engine (<http://chm.cbd.int/database>), an online submission system (<http://chm.cbd.int/manager>), a user account component (<http://account.cbd.int>) and an application programming interface for future interoperability with national clearing-house mechanisms. A series of records types were made available for online submission, including fifth national reports, national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), national targets, indicators, assessments of progress, as well as a form to report on financial resource mobilization.
- (c) Several sections of the CBD website were updated including the one on national reports ([www.cbd.int/reports](http://www.cbd.int/reports)) which showed the ongoing reception of fifth national reports due on 31 March 2014. Further progress was also made in the translation of the CBD website with an average of 54,000 additional words translated in each of the following target languages: Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish.
- (d) The website of the pilot phase of the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House (ABS-CH) was further developed in accordance with the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (ICNP) and guidance from the Informal Advisory Committee to the Pilot Phase of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House. (<http://absch.cbd.int>)
- (e) The Regional Workshop for African Countries on the Clearing-House Mechanism was held on 5-9 May 2014 in Buea, Cameroon, thanks to the support from the Governments of Cameroon and Japan. The workshop was attended by representatives of 22 African countries. Its overall objective was to build capacity and provide guidance on how to establish and sustain effective national CHMs in support of the NBSAP implementation process. The workshop was held in parallel with the Coordination Meeting of the Belgian Partnership for the Clearing-House Mechanism which brought together 14 participants from 10 French-speaking countries. Holding these two meetings in parallel made it possible to have joint sessions for sharing experiences, and translation was provided when necessary to overcome the language barrier. Further details are available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=chm-ws-2014-01>.
- (f) The Fifth Steering Committee meeting of the MEA-Information and Knowledge Management Initiative (MEA-IKM) was held on 4-6 June 2014 in Montreux Switzerland. The meeting was attended by representatives of 18 MEAs, four UN organizations and IUCN. Its main purpose was to make recommendations for the activities of the MEA-IKM initiative, mainly those of the EU-funded InforMEA enhancement project under implementation. Participants discussed the further development of key tools and services that facilitate knowledge sharing for MEAs (e-learning, thesaurus, reporting tools, interoperability and the InforMEA website).
- (g) The membership of the CHM Informal Advisory Committee to the clearing-house mechanism (CHM-IAC) was renewed and the new Committee met in Montreal on 13-14 June 2014, prior to WGRI 5, thanks to the financial support of the Government of Canada. The purpose of the meeting was to review the progress made in the implementation of the work programme for the clearing-house mechanism and to make recommendations to the Executive Secretary for further implementation of this work programme. The meeting was also an opportunity to brainstorm and share relevant experiences on matters related to the clearing-house mechanism. The documentation of the meeting is available at [www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=chmiac-2014-01](http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=chmiac-2014-01),
- (h) The CHM negotiation at WGRI 5 was incorporated into agenda item 5 entitled "Review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for

Biodiversity 2011-2020. The negotiation process led to the recommendation on the clearing-house mechanism contained in document L.8; and

- (i) A side event entitled "Latest developments of the Clearing-House Mechanism" was organized on Thursday 19 June 2014 at the margins of WGRI 5. This side-event presented an overview of the new information services of the central CHM, of the support provided to Parties to develop their national clearing-house mechanisms, and of some partners' contributions to the CHM network.

#### **Decision XI/5: The Financial Mechanism**

63. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized the Second Informal Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Finance for Biodiversity, which was held on 9-12 April 2014 in Quito, Ecuador. The meeting was convened jointly by the Governments of Ecuador, India, Japan, Norway, Republic of Korea, Sweden, Uganda and the European Commission. The documentation of the meeting, including the summary report, is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=DS-FB-02>.
- (b) Prepared the pre-session documents for the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Review of Implementation.
- (c) Provided services to the negotiation during the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Review of Implementation.
- (d) Provided inputs on financing to the preparation of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.
- (e) Prepared for and participated in the 46th meeting of the Global Environment Facility Council.
- (f) Prepared for and participated in the 5th Assembly of the Global Environment Facility, including the exhibit booth.
- (g) Organized a series of bilateral meetings with Parties, other conventions and partner organizations, and preparation of statements to the 5th GEF Assembly and the high-level roundtable on natural capital.
- (h) Organized the meeting with regional development banks; and
- (i) Organized the event on Success and Challenges in Tracking and Reporting on CBD-Related Resource Mobilization (Thursday, 19 June 2014).

#### **Decision XI/7: Business engagement**

64. In response to this decision, the Secretariat has undertaken a number of activities as follows.

- (a) The Secretariat participated in the Peruvian International Forum on Business and Biodiversity, which was held on 22 January 2014 in Lima, Peru. This was a highly successful event with attendance considerably exceeding the planned 100 participants, comprising representatives of businesses, associations, governments, civil society and academia. The workshop was divided into three main blocks relating to different aspects of business and biodiversity: i) international trends; ii) practical corporate experiences; and iii) management of biodiversity and ecosystems. Presentations were delivered by the Secretariat, including opening remarks made the Executive Secretary. The forum concluded with the Ministry of Environment unveiling the new Peruvian Business and Biodiversity Initiative, which will become a part of the Global Partnership. A small meeting was held with key participants from the Ministry of Environment and other stakeholder to discuss the future of the Peruvian initiative was held on 23 January 2014. This meeting was followed by a luncheon with additional attendees (including the Vice Minister of Environment as well as other representatives of the

Ministries of Environment and Natural Resources and various business representatives including Pacífico Seguros, Hunt Oil, Inkaterra, and Backus) to discuss the concept of the Peruvian initiative further, as well as to validate the initiative and launch the first steps.

- (b) The Secretariat participated in the Brazilian International Workshop Business and Natural Capital: Dialogue for a Sustainable Partnership, which was held on 7-10 May 2014 in Brasilia, Brazil. The meeting was co-sponsored by CNI, the Brazilian Ministry of Environment, GIZ, and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety. The workshop was preceded by a two-day seminar on the TEEB for Brazil project. On the first day of the workshop, two publications were launched: "Directives for the engagement of the business sector with the biodiversity" and the "Manual on Payment for Environmental Services". The final report of the TEEB for Business Brazil and an additional document entitled "CBD's Decisions and the Business Sector" were also distributed during the conference. The workshop was divided into several dialogue themes including: the challenges and opportunities for mainstreaming biodiversity in the business sector; international commitments for the conservation of natural capital; initiatives for integrating ecosystem services and the engagement of the business and public sectors, academia and civil society. The Secretariat had several roles in this workshop, including the Executive Secretary making opening remarks, a detailed presentation on the Convention, and moderating the discussion on the Aichi Targets. The Secretariat moderated the Panel on Challenges and Opportunities for Business as well as presenting on the CBD Business Engagement Strategy and the Global Partnership.

*Other business activities included:*

- The Secretariat provided servicing to fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, held on 16-20 June, 2014 in Montreal, Canada, through the provision of a working document, including recommendations, and companion information document on business engagement. In addition to numerous bilateral meetings, the Secretariat organized a side-event on Sustainable Public Procurement.
- Following the dissemination of criteria and application forms for membership to the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity, the Secretariat has been receiving and processing application forms. There are currently 16 national and regional members with several other applications pending.
- An edition of the newsletter Business.2020 with a focus on Canada was published in the spring of 2014. In addition, two editions of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity were prepared in the period covered by this document.
- Work has been largely completed on an interim update to the Global Platform website permitting information and features to be updated as necessary. Further improvements will be made in future periods as appropriate.
- Mapping exercises with regard to other business and biodiversity programmes as well as biotrade have been undertaken and largely completed in the period under consideration. Results will be highlighted on the Global Platform website.
- Work has been initiated with WWF and other partners on a process to highlight common commodity indicators that could be used to influence producers not yet covered by existing roundtables or other criteria. A concept note has been prepared and circulated for comment, and the process is expected to be launched at COP 12.
- Initial work to liaise with partners in the area of sustainable public procurement included joining the UNEP's SPPI network. A comprehensive report on the status and potential of integrating biodiversity objectives in public procurement policies was compiled as part of document UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/INF/15 on progress related to business engagement.

- The Secretariat has begun preparations for the CBD COP 12 Business and Biodiversity Forum which will be a three-day event parallel to the COP featuring a variety of programme activities and workshops (including a high-level panel on business). Details can be found at: <http://www.cbd.int/business/bc/cop12.shtml>. In addition, preparations are underway for other aspects of COP 12 including, inter alia, possible Side-Events, a Green Exhibition and the negotiations on Business Engagement.

#### *Other TSI activities*

- The Secretariat organized the first meeting available for participants to join virtually at the Clearing House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee, held in June 2014 in Montreal, Canada. 6 of the 20 participants, located in three different continents joined virtually and were able to listen and interact with the local committee members via voice over IP or phone lines. The system provided live web cam images of the meeting room, the presentations delivered in the meeting room, the remote participants (through web cam). This experience was a welcome success as it allowed external participants who were not able to travel to Montreal to join the meeting virtually and interact with other participants. Another advantage of hosting a virtual meeting is that it contributes towards a climate neutral UN which has become a priority for all UN system organizations. By implementing these virtual technologies at meetings, an organization like the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) was able to save 24 million kilograms of CO2 and US\$ 9 million in 3 years. The Secretariat is committed to propose this type of innovative technological solutions in the future to address some of the environmental problems it generates and will offer these alternative modern solutions more and more frequently during the meetings and conferences it organizes. For more information on the CHM IAC and the virtual meeting participation project please contact the Secretariat.
- At the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice meeting in Montreal in June 2014, the Secretariat launched a Print Smart Initiative aimed at reducing the number of documents printed during CBD meetings. Participants welcomed this environmental friendly project which allowed them to view, download or print the SBSTTA in-session documents. An estimated 5,000 sheets of papers were printed, which represents a significant reduction of paper use compared to the previous SBSTTA.
- Thanks to the feedback from delegates, improvements have been identified and will be implemented in time for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea in October 2014. The CBD Print Smart initiative is a joint conference service and IT team project that has been proposed by the organizers of COP 12 as an effort to reduce paper waste and energy consumption during CBD meetings. Similar efforts are already underway at other United Nations entities such as the UN General Assembly (PrintSmart) and at UNFCCC. For further information on the CBD Print Smart initiative please contact the Secretariat.

## **MAINSTREAMING, PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH**

### **Decision XI/7: Business and Biodiversity**

65. In response to this decision, the Secretariat has undertaken the following:

- (a) *Peruvian “International Forum on Business and Biodiversity”, 22 January 2014, Lima, Peru:* This was a highly successful event with attendance considerably exceeding the planned 100 participants. The attendees comprised businesses, associations, government, civil society and academia. There



were also representatives from several countries in the region (including Columbia, Brazil and Ecuador) and the presenters included discussants from Brazil, Australia and Canada (some by video-conference). Following opening remarks, the rest of the workshop was broken into three “blocks” relating to different aspects of business and biodiversity. The first block dealt with international trends and featured presentations by the SCBD (both the ES and SCBD/Steuerman). The second block featured practical corporate experiences and featured presentations from the tourism sector, the “productive” sector (i.e. agrifood, cosmetics, etc) and public-private partnerships (which included examples from the energy sector). The third block focussed on management of biodiversity and ecosystems, and featured presentations by LIFE Institute, the Peruvian chapter of the WBCSD, CAF, and WWF-Australia. The day concluded with the Ministry of Environment unveiling the new Peruvian Business and Biodiversity Initiative, which will become a part of the Global Partnership. On January 23, 2014, a small meeting was held with key participants from the Ministry of Environment and other stakeholder to discuss the future of the Peruvian initiative. This meeting was followed by a luncheon with additional attendees (including the Vice Minister of Environment as well as other representatives of the Ministries of Environment and Natural Resources and various business representatives including Pacifico Seguros, Hunt Oil, Inkaterra, and Backus) to discuss the concept of the Peruvian initiative further, as well as to validate the initiative and launch the first steps.

- (b) *Brazilian International Workshop Business and Natural Capital: Dialogue for a Sustainable Partnership, 7-10 May 2014 Brasilia, Brazil*: Overall, this meeting, which was co-sponsored by CNI, the Brazilian Ministry of Environment, GIZ, and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, was well attended with approximately 160 people registered over the 3 days. The workshop was immediately preceded by a two-day seminar on the TEEB for Brazil project. The first evening (May 7) was a networking reception and saw the launch of two publications: “Directives for the engagement of the business sector with the biodiversity” and the “Manual on Payment for Environmental Services”. In addition, during the conference, the final report of the TEEB for Business Brazil and a document entitled “CBD’s Decisions and the Business Sector” were also distributed. The actual workshop was divided into several “dialogue” themes including “the challenges and opportunities for mainstreaming biodiversity in the business sector”, “International Commitments for the Conservation of Natural Capital” (which included detailed sections on the Aichi Targets and the Nagoya Protocol), “Initiatives for Integrating Ecosystem Services and the engagement of the business and public sectors, academia and civil society” (which discussed TEEB and the Global Partnership as well as having panels on the integration of ecosystem services into business strategies and the role of the financial sector). SCBD had several roles in this workshop, including the Executive Secretary making opening remarks, a detailed presentation on the Convention, and moderating the discussion on the Aichi Targets. SCBD/Steuerman moderated the panel on challenges and opportunities for business as well as presenting on the CBD business engagement strategy and the Global Partnership.
- (c) Other business activities included:
- *Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention 16-20 June, 2014 Montreal, Canada*: SCBD provided servicing to this meeting through the provision of a working document (including recommendations) and companion information document on business engagement. Aside from numerous bilateral meetings (also complemented at the *Eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice*) a side event was held by SCBD/Neumann on Sustainable Public Procurement.
  - *Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity Membership*: Following the dissemination of criteria and application forms, SCBD has been receiving and processing application forms for

membership. There are currently 16 national and regional members with several other applications pending.

- *Newsletters*: An edition of *business.2020* with a focus on Canada was published in the spring of 2014. In addition, two editions of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity were prepared in the period covered by this document.
- *Global Platform Website*: Work has been largely completed on an *interim* update to the website permitting information and features to be updated as necessary. Further improvements will be made in future periods as appropriate.
- *Mapping Exercises*: Mapping exercises with regard to other business and biodiversity programmes as well as biotrade have been undertaken and largely completed in the period under consideration. Results will be highlighted on the Global Platform website.
- *Commodity Indicators Process*: Work has been initiated with WWF and other partners on a process to highlight common commodity indicators that could be used to influence producers not yet covered by existing roundtables or other criteria. A concept note has been prepared and circulated for comment, and the process itself is expected to be launched at COP 12.
- *Sustainable Public Procurement*: Initial work to liaise with partners in this area included joining the UNEP's SPPI network. Further, a comprehensive report on the status and potential of integrating biodiversity objectives in public procurement policies was compiled as part of document UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/INF/15 on progress related to business engagement.
- *COP 12 Business programme*: Full scale preparation has begun for the *CBD COP 12 Business And Biodiversity Forum* which will be a three-day event parallel to the COP featuring a variety of programme activities and workshops (including a high-level panel on business). Details can be found at: <http://www.cbd.int/business/bc/cop12.shtml>. In addition, preparations are underway for other aspects of COP 12 including, *inter alia*, possible Side-Events, a Green Exhibition and the negotiations on Business Engagement.

**Decision X/22: Plan of action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity and Decision X/8: Engagement of other stakeholders, major groups and subnational authorities**

66. In response to these decisions, in support of Parties' increasing efforts to facilitate subnational implementation of the Convention, the Secretariat has also engaged in a number of initiatives, with partners, including the following:

- (a) With funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan, the Secretariat is currently completing a pilot project to assist key cities in India, Malawi and South Africa to develop local biodiversity strategies and action plans in line with the relevant national biodiversity strategies and action plans. Part of the project involves a workshop in each country and the South African workshop took place from 30-31 January.
- (b) With funding from the Government of Canada, the Secretariat is currently coordinating a pilot project assessing the links in biodiversity planning between levels of government in three countries – Canada, Brazil and South Africa, with the support of the countries and subnational governments concerned. Draft reports were submitted and reviewed during the period January to June 2014.
- (c) The Secretariat convened a regional workshop on cities and biodiversity for South, East and South-East Asia, hosted and supported by the Government of China, in the City of Qingdao from 21 to 24 May. The event was a means of building capacity and expertise on biodiversity planning at the local level throughout the region; and

- (d) The Secretariat continues to provide biodiversity advice and expertise to other United Nations agencies dealing with urbanization issues. The Executive Secretary attended the Special Session: United Nations High-Level Inter-Agency Meeting at the World Urban Forum in Medellin, in April 2014, to ensure biodiversity's place in the new urban agenda towards Habitat III, and likewise responded on 17 April to a request for input into United Nations Economic and Social Council discussions on sustainable urbanization.

#### **Decision XI/14: Article 8(j) and related provisions**

67. In response to this decision, the Secretariat has undertaken the following:

- (a) Focused on preparations and serviced ICNP 3 in February 2014, and follow-up to the eighth meeting of the Ad hoc open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions. This included the preparation of documentation, as well as fund-raising and logistics, to bring 7 indigenous and local community representatives to participate in ICNP 3.
- (b) The Eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, requested the Executive Secretary to prepare an analysis, including by obtaining advice from the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, on the legal implications of the use of the term “indigenous peoples and local communities” for the Convention and its Protocols, and to make such advice available to the Conference of the Parties at least 90 days before its twelfth meeting. This was advanced during the period and made available as requested 90 days before COP 12 for its consideration.
- (c) Participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the UNPFII 12-16 May and the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples Issues (which met on the margins of the UNPFII).
- (d) In partnership with UNESCO and the Government of Italy, facilitated the 1st European Conference for the Implementation of the UNESCO-SCBD Joint Programme on Biological and Cultural Diversity - Linking Biological and Cultural Diversity in Europe, which has produced a useful action oriented declaration for consideration of Governments in the European region.
- (e) As follow-up to the “Regional Capacity-building Workshop for Latin America and Caribbean Region on Traditional Knowledge under the CBD”, in Cochabamba, Bolivia, from 9 to 11 December 2013, and using a train the trainer methodology, assisted ILCs trainers who participated, through small-scale training grants, to facilitate more than ten local workshops for indigenous and local communities in the Latin American and Caribbean region.
- (f) Facilitated capacity building workshops indigenous and local community representatives and National Focal Points for Traditional Knowledge for the African region (Nairobi, April 2014) and the Asian region (Chiang Mai, June 2014) and prepared for a workshop for the Pacific region (26-28 August, Apia, Samoa), as well as initiated through small scale training grants, an additional twelve local workshops.
- (g) Additional capacity building opportunities for indigenous peoples, and in particular indigenous women leaders participating in the UNPFII 13<sup>th</sup> session were provided in partnership with Colombia University, Tribal link Inc. and International Indigenous Women's Forum (IIWF/FIMI) on 9 May at Colombia University, in New York.
- (h) Supported the Equator Initiative (UNDP) in the further development of the World Indigenous and Local Community Land and Sea Managers Network which is a tool to promote indigenous and local community dialogues on the margins of major international events and meetings and community knowledge exchanges aimed at local action for the goals of the CBD. This included fund raising activities in partnership with the Government of Australia during the UNPFII, in May in New York.

- (i) Participated on the technical advisory committee and board of the Equator Initiative during April and May to select 25 community prize winners for community environmental projects.
- (j) Contributed to the Post-2015 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals through coordinating and drafting a collaborative document entitled: the knowledge of indigenous peoples and policies for sustainable development: updates and trends in the second decade of the world's indigenous people, which has become an advocacy tool for Agencies and indigenous peoples in both the Post-2010 process and the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples to be held at the GA on 22-23 September 2014.

*All these activities were relevant to Aichi Biodiversity Target 18.*

#### **Decision XI/15: Review of the programme of work on island biodiversity**

68. From 18 to 21 February 2014, the Secretariat contributed as a member to both the Executive and Steering Committee meetings of the Global Islands Partnership (GLISPA, acknowledged as an implementation platform in decision XI/15, paragraph 5) in Washington DC, USA. Objectives included a review and adoption of the GLISPA 2013-2017 Strategy as one of the members of its Executive Committee, and the identification of synergies between GLISPA and the SCBD's proposed engagement for SIDS and other island Parties and Parties with islands for 2014's main events (WGRI/SBSTTA, SIDS Samoa Conference, COP 12 Island Summit, EU islands' Guadeloupe Conference). Co-chairs Grenada, Palau and Seychelles recalled the unique opportunity for island States in the CBD this year. A coordination meeting was coordinated with the co-chairs, Italy, BVI, GLISPA, Greenland, Island Conservation and RARE in UNEP's Regional Office in DC; an outreach meeting was held in the US Department of the Interior, and conversations also included the role of Italy (as supporter of GLISPA) in the EU Presidency in 2014.

69. The Secretariat facilitated the Capacity-building workshop for Small Island Developing States to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on Invasive Alien Species on 14 - 15 June 2014 in Montreal, Canada (see <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=IASWS-2014-01>).

#### **Decisions XI/6: Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations, and initiatives, Section E on Collaboration on biodiversity and tourism development**

70. Invited by UNEP/DTIE, MPO attended the International Partners' Symposium and Conference on Sustainable Tourism, on 24 February 2014, as well as the meeting of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Tourism (GPST) on Feb 25, and an Expert Consultation on tourism for the 10 Year Framework Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10 YFP) on February 26, in Agadir, Morocco. In the context of the GPST and the 10 YFP consultations, the Moroccan government organized a one-day conference on February 24 to highlight its impressive track record on sustainable tourism planning and governance. The meeting revised the role of attending institutions in the roadmap of events in 2014. The Bahamas, UNWTO and the World Bank showcased successful projects. Discussions also revised the contribution of each institution to the Samoa SIDS conference (the Bahamas reporting on outcomes of a preparatory meeting with a focus on tourism), CBD COP 12 and the SDG process for 2015.

71. On related developments, Germany agreed to provide funding to a proposal from the Secretariat to support consultations and the production of background documents on status and trends in the application of the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development, as well as a one-day event to support deliberations of Parties on this subject at COP 12 as part of the wider Business and Biodiversity platform in Korea.

### **Decision X/23: Multi-year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development**

72. The Government of China (GoC), responding to a call from the Executive Secretary, supported the organization of a workshop on South-South Scientific and Technical Cooperation (STC) for East/South/Southeast Asia. The workshop was co-organized by the GoC's Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP - Foreign Economic Cooperation Office, FECO) and the Secretariat of the CBD from 21 to 24 May 2014 at the Huanghai Hotel in Qingdao, province of Shengdong, China, addressing decision XI/8 item D on South-South cooperation. Due to programmatic overlaps and the celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB), the two workshops on Cities and Biodiversity and on South-South cooperation were run in parallel with two common sessions (IDB celebration on Wednesday, May 21st, 2014, and a joint session on Friday, May 23rd). 39 participants from 18 CBD Parties, regional bodies and UN agencies contributed to the event. A joint field visit to the Qingdao International Horticultural Expo 2014 took place on Saturday, May 24th. The main objective of the meeting was to further discuss modalities of South-South and triangular cooperation and the roadmap towards the possible adoption of a Plan at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

73. In this context, the meeting provided an opportunity to: (i) Assess existing needs, barriers/challenges, working modalities and leading agencies and bright spots on Scientific and Technical Cooperation (STC) in the region (stock-taking), as input to deliberations on this topic at WGRI-5 and COP 12; (ii) Outline future options (including some priority project concepts) for regional and subregional cooperation in the region, matching gaps and opportunities towards concrete initiatives on STC as part of a Pyeongchang Roadmap; and (iii) Identify other opportunities for mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystems services into existing cooperation on biodiversity-related STC in the region. The report is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SSCWS-2014-01>.

### **Decision XI/22: Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development**

74. In response to Decision XI/22 as well as Decision X/6 and to mainstream biodiversity as an opportunity to help achieve broader social, environmental and economic goals and, thereby, sustainable development including poverty eradication numerous activities were undertaken:

*Activities related to mainstreaming biodiversity into the post-2015 UN development agenda and sustainable development goals (SDGs):* The eighth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (OWG8) took place from 3 to 7 February 2014 and focussed on biodiversity, forest and oceans. The Executive Secretary was a panellist during this session. The Secretariat's activities related to this session included the following:

- (a) The Biodiversity Issues Brief (BIB), prepared to inform the OWG8 that was translated into the six UN languages was distributed widely, through the CBD website and its clearing-house mechanism (CHM) and other means.
- (b) A notification (SCBD/MPO/AF/Jhed/83126 (2014-015)) regarding the OWG8 was sent to National Focal Points and all relevant organizations on 30 January 2014, to inform them on the engagements and activities of the Secretariat, the live web coverage by the UN Web TV (at <http://webtv.un.org/>), as well as to encourage them to disseminate the Biodiversity Issues Brief, among others.
- (c) Two special fact sheets, *Biodiversity: the foundation for sustainable development* and *Fast facts: Biodiversity supporting development* were prepared and made available in the margins of the

OWG8 as well as distributed widely through other means, including the CBD website and CHM, to raise awareness of the vital importance of biodiversity to sustainable development<sup>1</sup>.

- (d) The Secretariat supported the organization of a high-level side-event at the United Nations Headquarters entitled “Why Biodiversity is Essential for Social and Economic aspects of Sustainable Development: Perspectives and Country Experiences from Developing and Developed countries”, held on 3 February 2014 to coincide with the consideration of the Biodiversity Issues Brief (BIB) by the OWG. The event was co-organized by the Government of the Republic of Korea, the Government of Japan and by IUCN, in collaboration with the Secretariat, UNDP, UNEP, the World Bank, FAO, UNESCO and ICLEI. The Executive Secretary made a presentation at this side event.
- (e) The Executive Secretary or his representatives participated and contributed to various meetings with the aim of ensuring the consideration of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and mainstreaming biodiversity into the various processes and also collaborated and participated in other side events. These included, among other:
  - i) The IUCN Consultative Meeting on Integrating Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services into the Sustainable Development Goals, held from 16-17 January 2014;
  - ii) The high-level lunch dialogue on “*Linking biodiversity and ecosystem services to sustainable development - essential contributions to poverty eradication and human well-being*”, organized by Sweden on 4 February 2014 and the side-event on *Sustainability at the Intersection of Trade, Environment and Development* held on 5 February 2014, co-organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The Executive Secretary spoke at both of these events.
  - iii) The Executive Secretary was interviewed by UN Radio on 5 February 2014, and also had meetings with members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and with senior officials of UNDP and UNCTAD and others during the week of the OWG8 to discuss various issues related to the sustainable development goals.
- (f) The Secretariat has participated, via electronic means, in the brainstorming session of the UN System Technical Support Team (TST) on criteria for identifying transformative targets, looking at the priorities for targets, their inter-linkages, and intensity of impact, i.e. to see which targets are likely to make the greatest contribution to sustainable development in general or to specific goals in particular;
- (g) The Secretariat responded to the request made to members of the TST by the Co-chairs of the OWG at the conclusion of its ninth session, by preparing a list of potential goals and targets, which it submitted to the TST on 4 April 2014 before the eleventh session of the OWG<sup>2</sup>. The Secretariat was also involved, within the TST, in a ranking exercise on action areas identified by the OWG Co-chairs for the focus area “Ecosystems and Biodiversity” consisting of ranking the potential targets by order of importance and preparing options for a potential goal and five targets for the TST. The Secretariat has also proposed the reformulation of some targets in the biodiversity focus area and contributed to the incorporation of biodiversity issues/targets in other goals including poverty

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<sup>1</sup> These documents are available at: [www.cbd.int/development](http://www.cbd.int/development).

<sup>2</sup> The *Ninth Session, 3-5 March 2014*: Focus Area document adopted and reviewed/amendments suggested; *Tenth Session, 31 March- 4 April 2014*: Indicative debate based on clusters related to focus area document; *Eleventh Session, 5-9 May 2014*: Consultations based on revised Focus Area Document; *Twelfth Session of OWG on SDGs – 16-20 June 2014*: Consultations on SDGs and targets and produce refined SDGs and targets; *Thirteenth Session, 14-18 July 2014*: Consultations on SDGs and targets; agreement and adoption of report on SDGs and targets.

eradication; agriculture, food security and nutrition; water and sanitation; industrialization, promoting equality among nations; sustainable cities and human settlements; sustainable production and consumption; and climate change.

- (h) On 2 June 2014, the Co-chairs of the OWG shared the “zero draft” of goals and targets<sup>3</sup>, in preparation for the twelfth session of the OWG. The zero draft outlines seventeen potential sustainable development goals to be attained by 2030, each with a number of specific targets. Biodiversity is addressed in proposed goals “protect and restore terrestrial ecosystems and halt all biodiversity loss” and “attain conservation and sustainable use of marine resources, oceans and seas”. Biodiversity is also addressed directly or indirectly in targets of other goals related, for example, ending poverty, food security and sustainable agriculture, gender equality, among other. Another goal to strengthen and enhance the means of implementation and global partnership for sustainable development would address the needs of each of the goals. The Secretariat has submitted its comments and input to assist the Co-chairs in improving the “zero draft” document, more importantly, for implementation related targets for biodiversity. At the 12th session of the OWG, which convened from 16-20 June 2014, in New York, delegates worked primarily in informal sessions and considered proposed Goals 7-17, as discussion on Goals 1-6 had already taken place in the “informal-informals” consultations from 9-11 June 2014. The Co-Chairs have announced that there would be another set of “informal-informals” from 9-11 July, to be followed by the final meeting of the OWG from 14-18 July 2014.

*Preparation for the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-5):*

- (a) Following the second meeting of the Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development, the Secretariat was engaged in preparing the different components of the Report of the Expert Group, including the various recommendations and guidance as requested by the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, in consultation, feedback and comments from the Expert Group which continued its work using electronic means to finalize the guidance and recommendations, have consensus for final approval by the Friends of the Co-chairs and Co-chairs. A summary of the report is provided in the pre-session document UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/6, *Report on progress made to address biodiversity in poverty eradication and sustainable development*, and the report entitled *Progress report on the work of the Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development* is submitted as information document to WGRI-5 (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/INF/11).
- (b) A summary of the efforts of the Secretariat toward mainstreaming biodiversity in the post-2015 development agenda and SDGs was also provided in the above pre-session document, UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/6 and, the Report Integration of biodiversity and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in the processes to develop sustainable development goals and the post-2015 development agenda (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/5/INF/12) was also prepared and submitted as an information document to WGRI-5.
- (c) WGRI-5 Informal Dialogue Session Panel 1: Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Sustainable Development Goals: the Road Ahead took place on 17 June 2014 during the plenary session. The dialogue was held to provide an update on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) process, discuss the linkages of biodiversity with the achievement of the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and other possible SDGs; and also discuss how the SDGs and other development processes can be integrated with the NBSAPs and other national-level processes. The dialogue was preceded by a side event organized by IUCN on 16 June 2014 on the mutual supportiveness of the NBSAPs and SDGs to provide examples of case-studies and input to this

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<sup>3</sup> <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/focussdgs.html>

dialogue. The aim of the dialogue was to raise awareness, discuss important issues and help facilitate the negotiations process that followed.

- (d) At WGRI-5, the suggested recommendations were discussed at the plenary and during the Friends of the Chair meetings. The Working Group extracted the Dehradun/Chennai recommendations which was annexed to the pre-session document, revised and included it to the recommendations that will be presented to COP 12 for consideration for adoption. The Guidance for Implementation of the Integration of Biodiversity and Poverty Eradication was revised and became the Chennai Guidance for Implementation of the Integration of Biodiversity and Poverty Eradication. The suggested recommendations related to Integrating Biodiversity into the SDGs and post-2015 UN development agenda were also revised and a paragraph was added. In this paragraph WGRI-5 recommends that COP incorporate key decisions taken during its twelfth meeting, including those on integrating biodiversity into sustainable development goals and the post-2015 development agenda, in a wider package of decisions that could collectively be known as the “Pyeongchang Roadmap 2020”, in recognitions of the host of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The suggested recommendations and guidance were adopted by the Working Group.
- (e) A side event Towards a Quick Start Package for Implementing Aichi Biodiversity Target 2 on National Accounting Systems (NAS) organized by the Secretariat was also prepared and took place on 18 June 2014 in the margins of WGRI-5. Mr. Jean-Luis Weber with a life-long experience in the field made a detailed presentation and responded to key questions raised by participants. The event had around 50 participants. In response to the keen interest of some participants, the Secretariat informed them that there will be tentatively a training session on NAS during the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties between 6 and 17 October 2014 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea.

*Input, feedback and comments to:*

- (a) The Internal Strategy for CBD Engagement in the post 2015 UN development agenda and SDGs Processes regarding the details of the Secretariat’s engagement up to and beyond the OWG8;
- (b) The GBO4 related documents: compiled actions by target, GBO4 Executive Summary, Target dashboard document; and
- (c) WGRI-5 related documents.

### **Report on outreach activities**

*Press Releases*

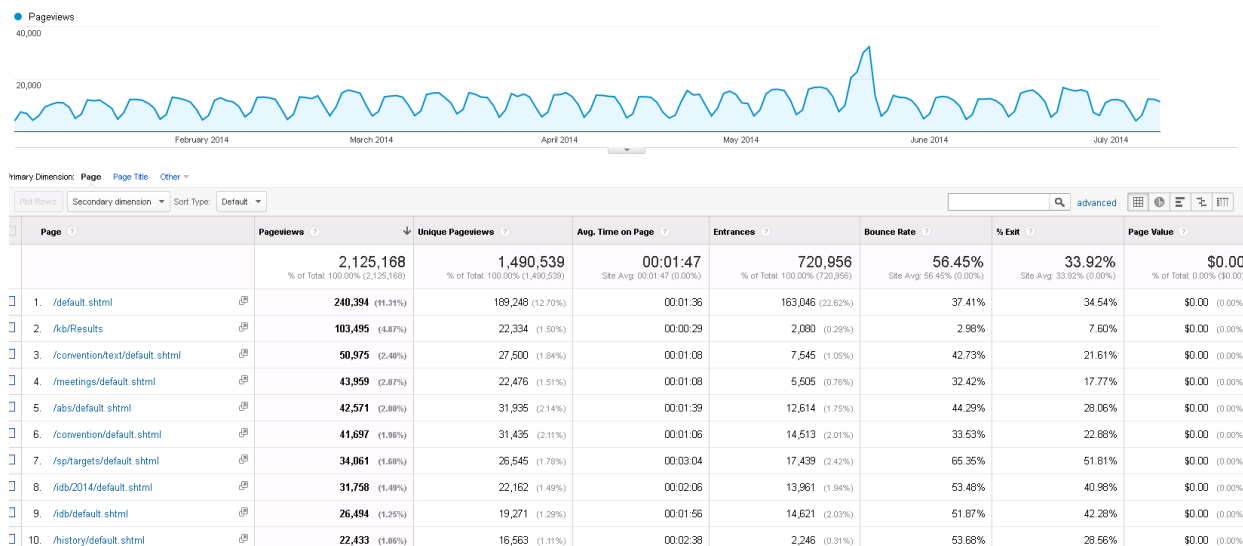
75. During the period, the Secretariat issued 14 press releases relating to activities under the Convention. Five of these related to the Nagoya Protocol, and two related to new Parties to the CBD and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Other releases reported on the International Day for Biodiversity, the results of the recent negotiations for replenishment of the GEF, the results of SBSTTA-18 and WGRI-5, and the latest national reports.

*Website and Social Media*

76. A Google analytics report shows that the CBD website received 1.49 million unique page views for the first six months of the year. The top pages viewed included the home page of the site, the



knowledge base, the text of the convention, the meetings page, the Access and benefit-sharing page, the strategic plan page and the pages for the international day for biodiversity.



77. As a result of more extensive use of the Twitter feed of the CBD (@CBDNews), the number of Twitter followers increased to over 3,600 followers, an increase of over 400 followers from the beginning of the year.

### *International Day for Biological Diversity*

78. The theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 2014 was “Island Biodiversity”. At least 71 countries and 13 organisations/others celebrated the IDB worldwide hosting a variety of activities. In addition to the 6 UN languages, the IDB logo has been translated into 16 languages by partner organisations or individuals: Albanian, Basque, Bengali, Catalan, Chinese (traditional), Croatian, Farsi, Galician, Hindi, Japanese, Kiswahili, Korean, Malayalam, Portuguese, Tamil, and Turkish. As every year, the Secretariat has also produced a booklet, entitled: “Island Bright Spots in Conservation & Sustainability”. Details are available on the IDB website: [www.cbd.int/idb/2014/celebrations](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2014/celebrations).

79. The Global Island Partnership (GLISPA), a major stakeholder in this year’s IDB edition, had positive outcomes from the celebrations. Namely, the IDB was a catalyst for drawing attention to island action and solutions, the “bright spots” that exist in implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in advance of the UNSIDS and CBD COP 12. New commitments were launched, such as the British Virgin Islands launching the Shark Sanctuary, and the “Island Bright Spots” was highlighted as part of GLISPA’s broader ongoing strategy to promote investment in scaling and replication successful initiatives towards 2020.

80. The Secretariat of the CBD participated in a number of events:

- 21-24 May 2014, in Qingdao, China, the Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) organised the Regional Workshop for East/South/Southeast Asia on Cities and Biodiversity, as well as the Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development. The workshops highlighted the impressive work taking place at the subnational level in China and contributing to the implementation of the CBD; a presentation of the

Singapore index – a tool for self-assessment of biodiversity management for local governments; and unveiling of the logo of China's National Committee for the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. More details are available at [www.cbd.int/idb/2014/celebrations/cn](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2014/celebrations/cn).

- 22 May 2014, in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, the planned celebrations of IDB, as well as other national celebrations have been dimmed or cancelled to pay homage to the numerous victims of the sinking of the MV Sewol ferry. The Minister of Environment Yoon Seong-kyu welcomed the Executive Secretary of the CBD to sign the Host Government Agreement for the upcoming Conference of the Parties (COP 12). The E.S. also met with Vice Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy Kim Jae-hong, and discussed the preparation of the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 7). The events were broadly publicized by media. The E.S. also had a meeting with the Director of ICLEI Korea Office, Ms Park Yeon-hee and emphasized the importance of active engagement of local governments for successful implementation of the CBD.
- 22 May 2014, at UN Headquarters in New York, USA, a press conference was given by Caleb Otto, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Palau to the UN and Vice Chair of the GLISPA Steering Committee, Denis G. Antoine, Permanent Representative of Grenada, and a member of the GLISPA Steering Committee, and David Ainsworth, Information Officer for the Secretariat of CBD. The event provided an opportunity to highlight the work of the CBD in promoting the idea of biodiversity as a key element of many of the discussions taking place in the UN today about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The event highlighted GLISPA's "bright spots" of conservation leadership in Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The event was attended by many ambassadors and other high-level representatives from SIDS, as well as other countries, key partners including UNCCD, and others. A webcast of the press conference is available at [www.cbd.int/idb/2014/celebrations/un](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2014/celebrations/un).
- Finally, also on 22 May 2014, at the local level in Montreal, Canada, the Secretariat participated in the Nature Days, an initiative of the David Suzuki Foundation, by doing outreach activities with the general public. More details are available at [www.cbd.int/idb/2014/celebrations/ca](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2014/celebrations/ca).

#### *United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (UNDB)*

81. In response to the need to recast and strengthen the UNDB campaign, Aichi Biodiversity Targets Task Force (ABTTF) and Biodiversity Champions Initiative, and with the view towards reinvigorating and better coordinating these as a more integrated initiative, a proposal has been set forth. It is expected that this strategy should revitalize the support for implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Concurrently, the UNDB website is being improved to support this proposal.

- Facebook - the number of "likes" on the UNDB facebook page ([www.facebook.com/UNBiodiversity](http://www.facebook.com/UNBiodiversity)) is steadily increasing as shown in the table below. Using the same period (January-June) in 2013 as reference, we observe that growth this year has been 57%, compared to 29% last year.

Date	Number of "likes"
1 Jan 2014	20799
1 Feb 2014	22365
1 Mar 2014	23557
1 Apr 2014	25885
1 May 2014	28669
1 Jun 2014	30650
30 Jun 2014	32570

*Work in Support of Aichi Biodiversity Target 1*

- Participation in Marketing Conference by World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA): Bristol, United Kingdom, 11-14 May 2014 - In the context of activities supporting Aichi Biodiversity Target 1 and the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, the Secretariat participated in the bi-annual marketing conference of WAZA. The conference focused on the UNDB, and on the role of zoos in achieving Aichi Biodiversity target 1. The Secretariat delivered presentations on the UNDB and the role of zoos in achieving the goals of the target. The Secretariat also participated in the launch of WAZA's UNDB project: "Biodiversity is Us", which includes a video, a set of promotional templates to be used by zoos, and an application for use on iPhones and Android Devices.
- Side event – 17 June 2014 - WGRI-5: CEC of IUCN and CBD Secretariat.
- In the margins of WGRI-5, the CBD co-organised with the CEC of IUCN, a side event on Target 1, awareness and mechanisms for behavior change. The side event featured a presentation by Dr. Stanley Asah of the University of Washington. This side event aimed to bring attention to the human and social dimension of biodiversity conservation. Its specific focus was to explore ways to promote pro-biodiversity conservation behaviors at the human-biodiversity phase, as well as to start a dialogue with the conservation community. Ultimately, the goal of the meeting was to further the dialogue among experts and representatives of parties to the CBD on these matters. Dr. Asah's presentation attempted to answer two fundamental questions. First, 'what motivates and constrains human action?' Second, 'how can these motivations be enhanced and the constraints removed to promote positive conservation behavior at the human-biodiversity interphase?' The presentation generated comments by participants, including Parties and other stakeholders who debated whether this approach is realistic in practice. Aligning biodiversity messages with people's existing values is expensive and time consuming, as it requires communication approaches to be context-specific.

<b>JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND</b>
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82. During the reporting period, the Secretariat carried out the following activities through the Japan Biodiversity Fund:

**A) Support for NBSAP revision**

**Technical support**

Technical support and advice continues to be provided to Parties (Burundi, Malawi and Mauritania, amongst others) and regional partners on their national biodiversity strategies and actions plans (NBSAPs). Substantive input and guidance was also provided to partners on developing capacity building materials and initiatives relating to NBSAPs. An invite to Parties to more clearly articulate their specific needs for revision of NBSAPs has been posted on the NBSAP Forum ([www.nbsapforum.net](http://www.nbsapforum.net)), which is expected to increase demand for capacity building support from the three NBSAP Forum partners (SCBD, UNDP and UNEP-WCMC).

**NBSAP Forum**

On the margins of the Fifth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of the Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (WGRI-5), the side event entitled "*Voluntary Peer- Review of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP) Preparation and Implementation: Who, How, When*" was organized by the partners of the NBSAP Forum, in collaboration with Norway and Switzerland. The purpose of this side-event was to present, promote and share experiences about peer review processes of NBSAPs, including the NBSAP Forum voluntary assessment

framework. The CBD Executive Secretary, Secretariat officials and delegates from Costa Rica, Norway, Switzerland and UNDP led the panel presentations and facilitated the hour-long discussion among the 60 participants in attendance.

The NBSAP Forum is a partnership between SCBD, UNDP and UNEP-WCMC, which was established in early 2013 to support countries with their activities related to NBSAP revision. The web portal of the Forum ([www.nbsapforum.net](http://www.nbsapforum.net)) was launched at the Global Workshop on Reviewing Progress and Building Capacity for the NBSAP Revision Process in Nairobi in November 2013.

### **CBD NBSAP webpages**

The CBD NBSAP webpages continue to be updated with new information received from Parties. During this reporting period, for instance, five Parties (Belgium, Cameroon, Dominica, El Salvador and Estonia) submitted their revised NBSAPs, while one Party (Tuvalu) submitted its first NBSAP. Four of these six NBSAPs were developed with consideration given to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets. In addition, two Parties (Belgium, Cameroon) have officially mapped their national targets to the global framework. Further information is available at the following webpages: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/about/latest/default.shtml> and <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/targets/default.shtml>.

### **B) Capacity-building workshops / activities**

The JBF has supported thematic capacity-building workshops including regional workshops on the preparation of the fifth national report and indicators, ecosystem conservation and restoration, resource mobilization, traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use, sub-regional capacity-building workshops on the Nagoya Protocol and regional workshop for the clearinghouse mechanism. A complete list of these workshops is as follows:

- Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report (20 - 24 January 2014, Minsk, Belarus)
- Capacity-building workshop for West Asia and North Africa on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (1 - 5 February 2014, Amman, Jordan)
- Regional Workshop on Resource Mobilization for Africa (11 - 13 February 2014, Entebbe, Uganda)
- Capacity-building workshop for South America on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (24 - 28 March 2014, Linhares, Brazil)
- Regional Capacity-building Workshop for the African Region on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the CBD (26 - 28 March 2014, Nairobi, Kenya)
- Regional Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on Resource Mobilization (15 - 17 April 2014, Brasilia, Brazil)
- Capacity-building workshop for Southeast Asia on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (28 April - 2 May 2014, Jambi, Indonesia)
- Capacity-building workshop for the Caribbean on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (28 April - 2 May 2014, Belize City, Belize)
- Regional workshop for African countries on the Clearing-House Mechanism (5 - 9 May 2014, Buea, Cameroon)
- Regional workshop for resource mobilization for Asia and the Pacific (6 - 8 May 2014, Bangkok, Thailand)

- Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop of the UN-Water Initiative “Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies” (6 - 9 May 2014, Hanoi, Viet Nam)
- Capacity-building workshop for Eastern and Southern Africa on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (12 - 16 May 2014, Livingstone, Zambia)
- Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for the Caribbean (19 - 22 May 2014, Georgetown, Guyana)
- Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for Asia on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the CBD (2 - 4 June 2014, Chiang Mai, Thailand)
- Capacity-building workshop for Europe on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (2 - 6 June 2014, Vilm, Germany)
- Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for Africa (9 - 13 June 2014, Kampala, Uganda)
- Capacity-building workshop for Small Island Developing States to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on Invasive Alien Species (14 - 15 June 2014, Montreal, Canada)

#### **IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL**

<b>CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY</b>
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##### **Decisions BS-II/2 and BS-VI/2: Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)**

83. The ninth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee was convened by the Executive Secretary to seek guidance with respect to technical issues associated with the ongoing development of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH). Participants discussed the following items outlined in the provisional agenda: (i) Latest developments in the BCH and ongoing projects; (ii) Review of the conclusions and recommendations of the eighth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the BCH (BCH-IAC); (iii) Status update regarding collaboration with the UNEP-GEF BCH Capacity-Building Project; and (iv) Recommendations to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The summary outcomes (available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bch/bchiac-09/official/bchiac-09-02-en.pdf>) reports conclusions and recommendations to the Executive Secretary for consideration in the implementation of the programme of work for the BCH.

84. At the end of the summary outcomes the BCH-IAC confirmed that the BCH has developed into a solid information base on LMOs and now needs to focus its attention on:

- Quality and completeness of information;
- Interoperability with other databases (e.g. FAO, JRC, OECD, Biotradestatus); and
- Reaching a wider audience (e.g. by providing small, “sound bites” of information which are useful and interesting to non-experts) supported by a user-friendly interface.

85. The BCH-IAC also expressed its full support for the BCH III Project being undertaken by the UNEP-GEF as well as the BCH e-learning initiative being undertaken by the Secretariat.

### **BS-VI/3: Capacity-building**

86. The tenth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety was held 7–9 April 2014 in Budapest, Hungary. The participants discussed and provided advice to the Executive Secretary on: (i) capacity-building for the integration of national measures for implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national development policies and plans in line with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol 2011-2020; (ii) strengthening capacities for mobilization of additional resources to support national implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The report is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/bslgcb-10/official/bslgcb-10-02-en.pdf>

### **BS-VI/1: Compliance**

87. The Compliance Committee held its eleventh meeting in Montreal from 28 to 30 May 2014. The Committee considered, on the basis of a report from the Secretariat, the status of compliance with respect to cases reviewed at its previous meeting. The Committee also reviewed the consistency between the information that each Party had provided through its second national report and the information made available to the BCH by that Party. The Committee requested the Secretariat to continue to follow-up with the Parties concerned to address the inconsistencies identified, including authorizing the Chair to write a letter to the Parties concerned, as appropriate, reminding them of their obligation to provide complete and consistent information as required under the Protocol. The Committee reviewed the third national reporting format prepared by the Secretariat and made a number of comments and suggestions for improving it. Finally, the Committee prepared and adopted its report and recommendations for submission to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. Following the meeting, members also exchanged views via electronic means on the draft proposal of a methodology for the third assessment and review of the effectiveness of the Protocol as an input to the finalization of the document to be submitted to the COP-MOP at its seventh meeting. For further details, see the report of the meeting in document UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/11/4.

### **Detection and Identification: Cross-cutting issue under the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol**

88. In line with the recommendations made by the “Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms”, set out with the view to making progress toward the relevant outcomes of the Strategic Plan as outlined in operational objectives 1.6, 1.8 and 2.3, five rounds of online discussions took place under the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of LMOs. These discussions focused on the development of technical tools and guidance, in line with the relevant operational objectives of the Strategic Plan. The participants were requested to contribute to the compilation of information on:

- Overview of available detection methods, including validated methods;
- Overview of available databases for methods and sequence information, and available screening matrices (e.g. Waiblinger table); and
- Minimum performance criteria for sample handling, extraction, detection and identification methodology; and
- Experience and case studies on detection and identification

89. The final round of discussions gave the participants of the Network the opportunity to provide recommendations to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.

### **Decision BS-V/13: Public Awareness, Education and Participation**

90. The Secretariat continued to implement the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs (2011-2015). In particular:

- a) An online forum on public participation concerning LMOs was held from 28 April to 16 May 2014. The focus of the online forum was on techniques for engaging the public. A discussion groups has been held on the themes: public debates, surveys, public meetings, advisory bodies, online modern techniques and traditional techniques. The discussion group had a total of 152 participants and a total of 167 messages were posted. The moderator's summary is available at [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art23/pp\\_forum\\_discussion.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art23/pp_forum_discussion.shtml);
- b) An exhibition on 25 May 2014 at McGill University, in collaboration with the Redpath Museum, highlighting the UN Decade on Biodiversity. The event, which was attended by about 3000 visitors, contributed to raising awareness on the Protocol as one of the tools in promoting the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;
- c) The preparation and development of a unified meetings page for the Convention and its Protocols with links to the COP-MOP 7 website, including joint information on media activities, CEPA fair and a publications request form; and
- d) A communication plan template in English and French available at [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art23/pa\\_main.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art23/pa_main.shtml);
- e) A draft checklist of key measures required to implement the Aarhus Convention's Lucca Guidelines and the Cartagena Protocol's programme of work available at [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art23/pa\\_main.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art23/pa_main.shtml) and the preparation of a summary describing sources of available technical assistance, tools and material under the two instruments;
- f) The preparation of modules on access to information and public participation regarding LMOs;
- g) A factsheet on the Strategic Plan for the Protocol available at [http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb\\_factsheets.shtml#spp](http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_factsheets.shtml#spp)

### **BS-V/12: Risk Assessment and Risk Management**

91. In preparation for the face-to-face meeting of the AHTEG and with the view of moving toward the operational objectives 1.3 and 1.4 of the Strategic Plan and its outcomes as well as implementing the requests by the Parties in their decision BS-VI/12, five rounds of online discussion took place under the Open-ended Online Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management. The discussions focused on, among other things:

- A recommendation on how to proceed with respect to the development of further guidance on specific topics of risk assessment;
- The development of a package that aligns the "Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms" (e.g. the Roadmap) with the training manual "Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms";
- An analysis of the results gathered from the testing and possible improvements to the Guidance.

92. Following the input provided by the Online Forum, the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management was convened on 2 - 6 June 2014, in Bonn, Germany.

93. The AHTEG built upon the input provided by the Online Forum with the view to developing and achieving the following:

- An analysis of the results gathered from the testing of the “Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms”;
- The development of a package that aligns the Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms (e.g. the Roadmap) with the training manual “Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms”;
- A recommendation on how to proceed with respect to the development of further guidance on specific topics of risk assessment; and
- Mechanism for updating the background documents to the “Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms”.

94. The report of the meeting is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/bsrarm-05/official/bsrarm-05-06-en.pdf>

95. Following the meeting of the AHTEG a final round of discussion was held inviting participants of the Online Forum to consider and provide feedback on a draft report prepared by the Secretariat summarizing its activities, outcomes and recommendations which shall be submitted for consideration of the COP-MOP at its seventh meeting.

### **BS-VI/13: Socio-economic considerations**

96. The meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-economic Considerations was held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from 17 to 21 February 2014. Experts were selected in consultation with the COP-MOP Bureau and in accordance with the terms of reference specified in the Annex to decision BS-VI/13, and the applicable rules of procedure for meetings under the Protocol. Pursuant to paragraph 4 of decision BS-VI/13, the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-economic Considerations examined: (i) the outcomes of the online forums that were held throughout March and April of 2013 and the four regional online real-time conferences that took place in June 2013; and (ii) the compilation and review of information on socio-economic considerations (global overview) that the Executive Secretary has commissioned, in order to develop conceptual clarity on socio-economic considerations arising from the impact of living modified organisms on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, especially with regard to the value of biological diversity to indigenous and local communities. Documents prepared for the meeting are available at <https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/meetings/documents.shtml?eventid=5336>. The AHTEG agreed to a list of elements of a framework for conceptual clarity on socio-economic considerations as contained in the annex to its report (<https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/meetings/documents.shtml?eventid=5336>). The AHTEG also made a recommendation for the seventh meeting of the COP-MOP to extend the AHTEG to work on the guidelines envisaged under operational objective 1.7 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; and to request the Executive Secretary to: (i) convene online discussion groups to facilitate the exchange of views, information and experiences on socio-economic considerations; (ii) to compile information on policies, laws and guidelines providing for definitions of socio-economic considerations, and on practical applications of socio-economic considerations, including cases where socio-economic impacts have been considered; and (iii) commission a study on international agreements that may have relevance to socio-economic considerations. The report will be submitted for consideration by the seventh meeting of the COP-MOP with a view to enabling the meeting to deliberate and decide upon appropriate further steps towards fulfilling operational objective 1.7 of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020) and its outcomes, in a manner that provides flexibility to take into account the situations in different countries.



### **BS-V/16: The Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol**

97. The Online Forum on the Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was held 26 May to 13 June 2014. The focus of the online forum was on the integration of biosafety into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and the mobilisation of human, financial and technical resources for the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol. The forum has been held on the topics: (i) national experiences and lessons learned in integrating biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans; (ii) strategies and approaches for integrating biosafety into NBSAPs and development planning, financing and implementation processes; (iii) measures to strengthen national capacities to integrate biosafety into NBSAPs and development plans and processes; and (v) strategies for mobilization of resources for implementation of the Protocol. The two discussion groups had a total of 28 participants and a total of 151 messages were posted as an input into the special session on implementation during the seventh meeting of the Parties in October, 2014.

### **Status of Ratification or Accession to the Protocol**

98. As of 22 July 2014, 167 countries had ratified or acceded to the Protocol. The list of Parties to the Protocol is available on the Secretariat's website at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>

## ANNEXES

### ANNEX I

#### Status of Implementation of the Agreed Administrative Arrangements

##### I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 36 regularized Professional staff members and 29 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 4 Professional posts and 6 General Services vacant post for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 8 professional posts and 15 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

##### II Contributions and Funds

2. During the first half of 2014, 12 pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Canada pledged CAD55,370 in support of the North Atlantic workshop; The European Union pledged EUR 639,200 for CBD support for implementing the COP-10 decisions; Finland pledged a total of US\$134,298 including \$50K for the Art 8(j)-8 meeting; Germany pledged EUR 60,350 for Biodiversity and Tourism; Korea pledged US\$271,740 for ICNP-3 (151.74K), Workshop on Financing Biodiversity (60K) and Business and Biodiversity (60K); South Africa pledged US\$50,000 for the Art 8(j)-8 meeting; Switzerland pledged CHF 150,000 for the GBO-4 (50K) and Friends of the CBD meeting, and the United Kingdom pledged GBP37,062 for Synthetic Biology.

3. Notwithstanding the pledges listed above, the European Union through its UNEP directed ENRTP programme has pledged to the BE Trust Fund over the period 2012-2014 a total of EUR2,988,000 in support of intercessional activities prior to COP-11; Support to implementation and capacity-building activities relating to COP-11 activities; support for the Nagoya Protocol, support for COP-11 and Rio+20 follow-up on oceans and marine protected areas, and support for mainstreaming of biodiversity in key sectors.

4. The Government of Japan has through its Japan Biodiversity Fund contributed a total of US\$50,000,000 to the BE Trust Fund for use over the period 2010-2016 for support to the implementation of the Aichi-Nagoya Outcomes.

5. For 2014 a total of US\$885,113 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund of which US\$765,113 or 86.4% has been collected as at 30 June 2014. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

6. The total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2014 is US\$13,497,493. Of this amount, US\$9,531,555 or 70.6% has been received as at 30 June 2014. A total of US\$2,029,232 has also been collected in 2013 as advance payments for 2014 and future years. Additionally, US\$179,335 has been collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2014. US\$196,287 has also been collected in 2014 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

7. As at 30 June 2014, US\$484,154 has been pledged for 2014 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). US\$311,383 or 64.3% of the total pledged for 2014 has been collected. A total of US\$167,998 has been collected in 2014 for prior

years however US\$270,496 still remains outstanding for the **BZ Trust Fund** for 2014 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

8. As at 30 June 2014, a total of US\$1,081,395 was paid to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 42% of pledges for 2014, including US\$527,331 as advance payments for 2014 and future years. US\$27,590 has also been collected in 2014 for prior years. Unpaid pledges for 2014 and prior years amount to US\$1,201,896. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

9. As at 30 June 2014, one Party, Republic of Korea has pledged and/or contributed US\$147,601 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**) in 2014. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

10. As at 30 June 2014, two pledges have been received for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BI Trust Fund**) from Finland (EUR20K) and Norway (NOK 233.3K) towards participation of Parties in the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP/7).

11. As at 30 June 2014, two Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**) in 2014. Germany and Norway pledged respectively EUR 83,906 and NOK 500,000. Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

### III Accounting and Reporting

#### Status of Expenditure

12. COP-11 approved a budget of US\$13,580,800 for the BY Trust Fund for 2014. As at 30 June 2014, a total of US\$7,042,166 was spent or committed. This represents 52% of the approved amount.

13. COP/MOP-6 approved a budget of US\$2,963,149 for the BG Trust Fund for 2014. As at 30 June 2014, a total of US\$2,963,149 was spent or committed. This represents 100% of the approved amount.

#### Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

14. The following nineteen posts are funded by UNEP from the programme support funds (PSC): Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (P-5); Budget and Finance Officer (P-4); Administrative Officer (P-3); two Finance and Budget Officer (P-3); Senior Finance Assistant (G-7); two (2) Finance Assistants (G-5); Finance Assistant (G-4); Personnel Assistant (G-6); Personnel Assistant (G-5); Conference Assistant (G-5) Administrative Assistant (G-6) Administrative Assistant (G-5); Administrative Assistant- conferences (G-5); two (2) Travel Assistants (G-6); Programme Assistant (G6) and Administrative Clerk (G-4).

**Appendix I**

**Staffing table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

**January to June 2014**

<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Staff member</b>
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. B. Ferreira de Souza Dias
1102	D1	Principal Officer (OES)	Vacant
1103	D1	Principal Officer (SAM)	Mr. D. Cooper
BGL 1101	D1	Principal Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (TSI)	Mr. R. Sharma
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Ms. M. Christin (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (TSI)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (OES)	Mr. Worku Yifru
1109	P4	Economist (TSI)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (SAM)	Ms. C. Santamaria
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (TSI)	Mr. O. De Munck
1114	P4	Chief, Conference Services (RMCS)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (MPO)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (MPO)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	PO Knowledge Management Officer (TSI)	Ms. K. Koppel
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. Paulo Tagliari
1119	P4	Information Officer (MPO)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (TSI)	Mr. F. Vogel
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (SAM)	Ms. J. Lee
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (TSI)	Mr. A. Rafalovitch
1123	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by UNEP)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Mr. V. Ogbuneke (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1126/BYL	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety/MPO)	Mr. E. Tamale
BGL 1103	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (TSI)	Mr. Q. Nguyen

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (SAM)	Mr. D. Coates
1132	P4	PO, Scientific/Tech. Assessments (SAM)	Mr. R. Hoft
1133	P5	SPO, Access & Benefit Sharing (MPO)	Ms. V. Normand
BGL 1134	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Mr. G. Ferraiolo
1134	P2	Assoc. Information Officer (RMCS)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1135	P4	Editor (OES)	Mr. Orestes Plasencia
1136	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Post vacant (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (SAM)	Ms. J. Shimura
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (SAM)	Ms. S. Koketso
1142	P3	PO, Reports (TSI)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (MPO)	Mr. O. Hillel
BGL 1102	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
BGL 1105	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Ms. M. Pessoa de Miranda
1145	P3	Special Assistant to the ES (OES)	Ms. A. Rego
1146	D1	Principal Officer (MPO)	Ms. A. Fraenkel
BGL 1151	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (Biosafety)	Mr. P. LeBlond
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (SAM)	Mr. V. Gidda
BGL 1104	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (BS)	Ms. U. Nilsson
1155	P3	PO, Access and Benefit Sharing (NP)	Ms. K. Garforth
1301	G7	Senior Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. R. Alum (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G6	Senior Staff Assistant to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. F. Blot
1303	G5	Staff Assistant (MPO)	Mrs. D. Ibragimova
1304	G6	Programme Assistant - (SAM)	Ms. A. Cung
1305	G6	Programme Assistant - (SAM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (TSI)	Ms. S. Meehan
BGL 1301	G5	Staff Assistant - (BS)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (TSI)	Ms. M. Chiasson
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (MPO)	Mr. D. Monnier
1310	G6	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. M. Lefevbre (Post funded by UNEP)
1311	G7	Conference Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. N. Ibrahim

<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Staff member</b>
1358	G6	Programme Assistant (SAM)	Ms. L. Janishevski
1312	G6	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. G. del Carpio (Post funded by UNEP)
1313	G5	Staff Assistant - (SAM)	Ms. V. Allain
1314	G5	Staff Assistant - (TSI)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1315	G6	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (TSI)	Mr. V. Gopez
1317	G6	Programme Assistant (MPO)	Mr. J. Hedlund
1318	G6	Programme Assistant (MPO)	Mr. M. Banski
1319	G6	Programme Assistant, (NP)	Ms. J. Huppé
BGL 1302	G6	Programme Assistant (Biosafety)	Ms. P. Scarone
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (TSI)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G6	Programme Assistant (TSI)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G4	Information Assistant - (CS/TSI)	Ms. L. Allain
1333	G4	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Mr. N. Diallo (Post funded by UNEP)
1334	G4	Administrative Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik (Post funded by UNEP)
1335	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. L. Piscopo (Post funded by UNEP)
1336	G5	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Vacant (Post funded by UNEP)
1322	G5	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by UNEP)
1321	G5	Human Resources Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. G. Alexandre (post Funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (OES)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
	G6	Programme Assistant – Japan Fund	Ms. C. Paguaga (post Funded by UNEP)
1338	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Post funded by UNEP)
1339	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. G. Sabatini (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	G6	Programme Assistant – (SAM)	Ms. J. Martinez
1351	G6	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo
1352	G6	Programme Assistant – (MPO)	Ms. F. D’Amico
1353	G6	Programme Assistant – (NP)	Ms. A. Bateman
BGL 1309	G6	Computer Assistant – (BS)	Mr. S. Bilodeau
BGL 1353	G6	Programme Assistant – (BS)	Mr. A. Bowers
1354	G6	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (MPO)	Ms. C. Robichaud
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (OES)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
1356	G7	Programme Assistant (TSI)	Mr. K. Noonan-Mooney

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1357	G6	Meeting Services Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. L. Pedicelli
1359	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS/OES)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1304	G6	Programme Assistant Risk Assess. (BS)	Ms. D. Abdelhakim

#### Staff funded under the Japan Fund

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
BEL 1101	D1	Global Coordinator - OES	Mr. A. Yoshinaka
BEL 1103	P5	Senior Programme Officer - OES	Mr. D. Duthie
BEL 1104	P4	Programme Officer - OES	Mr. N. Van Der Werf
BEL 1105	P4	Programme Officer - OES	Ms. N. Saad
BEL 1321	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Ms. G. Talamas
BEL 1322	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
BEL1323	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Mr. M. Abi Chahine

#### Seconded/Project staff members/JPOs

Name	Nationality	Seconded/Funded from	Arrival date
Viviana Figueroa	Argentina	Government of Spain	06.05.09
Beatriz Gomez Castro	Spain	Government of Spain	04.02.10
Didier Babin	France	Government of France	22.03.10
Andre Mader	South Africa	ICLEI – South Africa	22.06.11
Charles Besancon	USA	Government of Germany	28.07.12
Simone Schiele	Germany	Government of Germany	05.10.12
Ponggyun Park	Republic of Korea	Government of Korea	07.01.13
Kristina Neuman	Germany	Government of Germany	24.9.13
Matthew Dias	Canada	European Union	01.12.13
Joseph Appiott	United States	Government of Japan	27.12.13
Blaise Fonseca	India	Japan/Switzerland	10.3.14
Seishu Okuda	Japan	Government of Japan	23.4.14
David Steurman	Canada	CNI-Brazil	17.6.14

#### Temporary Appointments

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
BYL 1320	G3	Team Assistant - RMCS	Ms. M. Willey

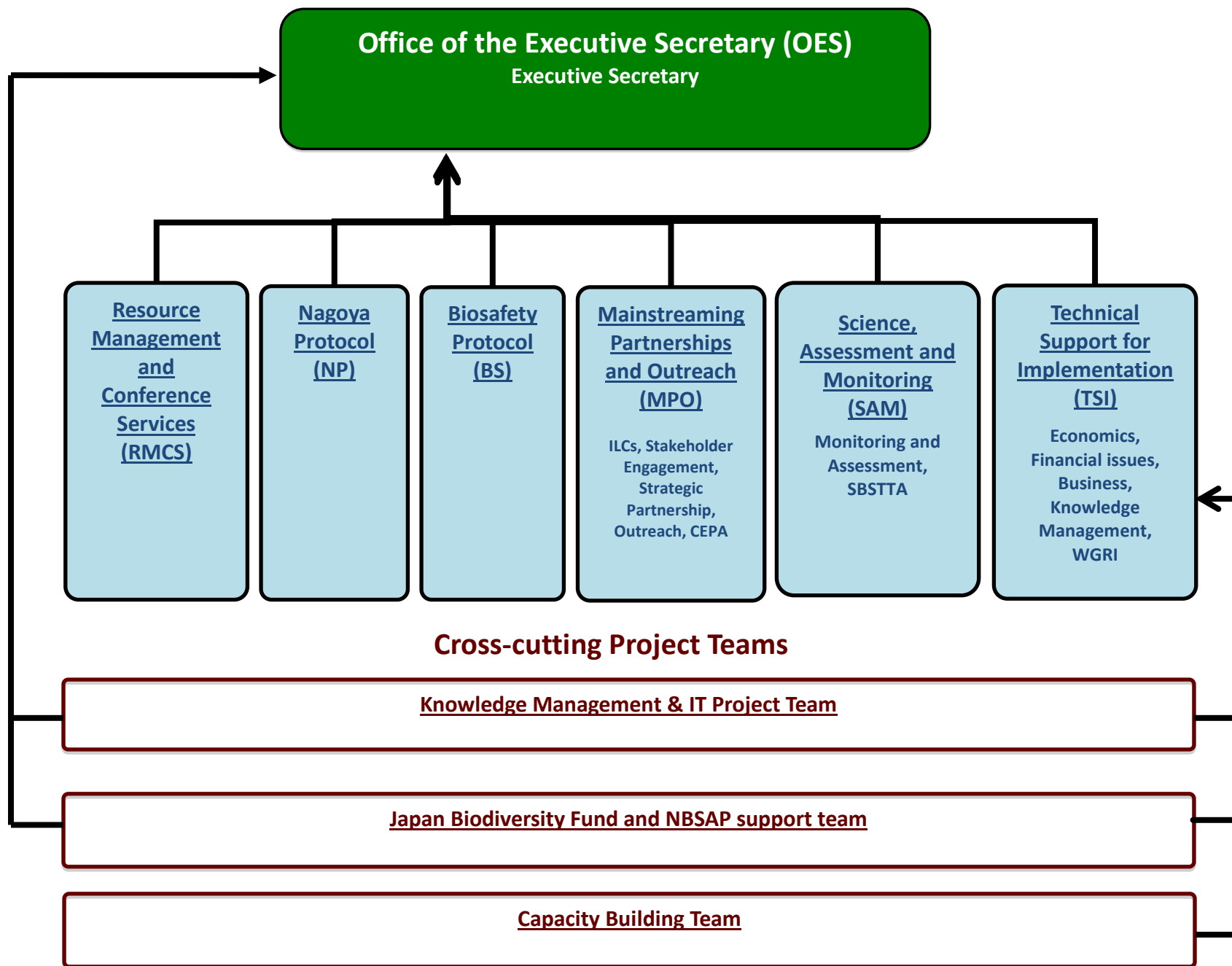
**Interns working at SCBD during the period of January to June 2014**

Name	Nationality	University	Programme Area Worked on	Entry Date	Departure Date
Ipshita Chaturvedi	Indian	University of Melbourne (Australia)	Article 8J	10.07.13	07.02.14
Émilie Bisson	Canadian	HEC Montreal	Business and Biodiversity	10.04.13	09.03.14
Adam Smith	American	University College London	Biodiversity Country Profiles	11.12.13	25.02.14
Saebom Jung	South Korean	University of Michigan	Nagoya Protocol on ABS	27.01.13	25.04.14
Billy Tsekos	Canadian	Concordia University	Biodiversity Country profiles	08.01.14	08.05.14
André Rochon	Canadian	Concordia University	Biodiversity for Sustainable Development	08.01.14	10.07.14
Esteban Salcedo	Colombian / Canadian	University of Montreal	GBO-4	01.05.14	14.08.14
Drury Sara-Louise	Canadian	University of Ottawa	Business and Biodiversity	12.05.14	15.08.14
Ron Strangway	Canadian	Concordia University	Sustainable Development Goals	02.06.14	29.08.14
Changsub Lee	South Korean	Seoul National University	Nagoya Protocol-Capacity Building	27.01.14	18.07.14
Haein Kim	South Korean	Yonsei (Republic of Korea)	Resource Mobilization	17.02.14	15.07.14
Dennis Scherer	German	Freie University, Berlin, Germany	Biosafety Outreach Activities	24.03.14	23.09.14
Ugo Joulin	French	Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg (Germany)	Resource Mobilization	25.04.14	27.10.14
Fernanda Fernandez Krassuski	Brazilian/ Italian	University of Montreal	Cooperation at the Subnational Level	05.05.14	04.09.14
Michael Twigg	Canadian	Concordia University	Subnational Biodiversity Summit	05.05.14	05.09.14
Alexandra Noel	Canadian	McGill University	National Reports	07.05.14	06.08.14



Elisa Aredda	Canadian/Ethiopian	McGill University	Biosafety Policy and Law	12.05.14	11.08.14
Lauren Farmer	Canadian	Concordia University	National Reports	12.05.14	08.08.14
Anne-Marie Asselin	Canadian	Concordia University	LifeWeb	09.06.14	09.09.14
Aline Ducoulombier	Spanish / French	McGill University	Media and Communications	13.06.14	12.09.14

**ANNEX II**  
**Organizational Chart of the CBD Secretariat**  
**OVERALL STRUCTURE**



**Legend:**

Core /OTL budget posts

Project funded posts

Dual reporting with KM/IT (\*)



Dual reporting with TSI (\*\*)



Dual reporting with MPO (\*\*\*)



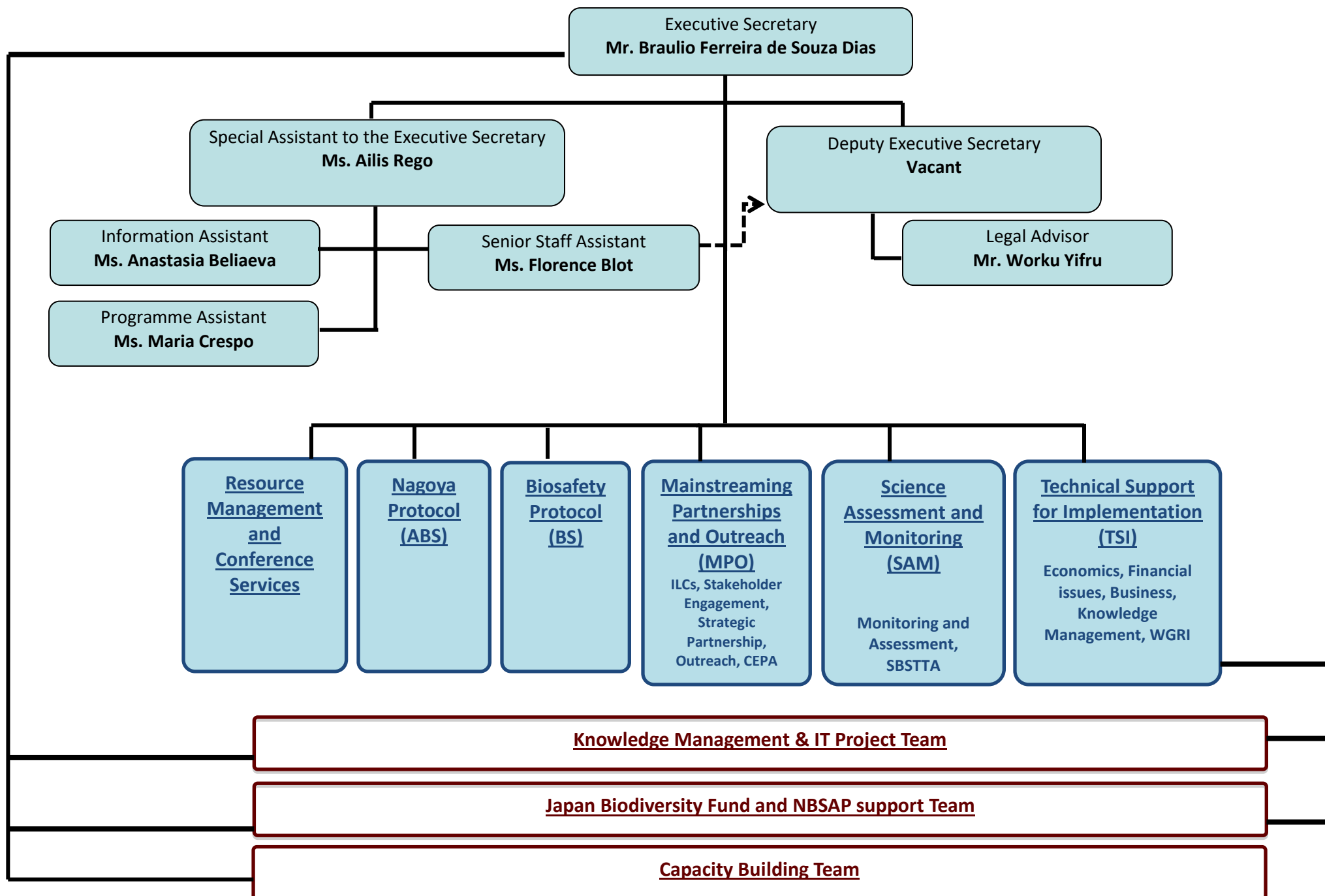
Dual reporting with OES/Editorial Team (\*\*\*\*)



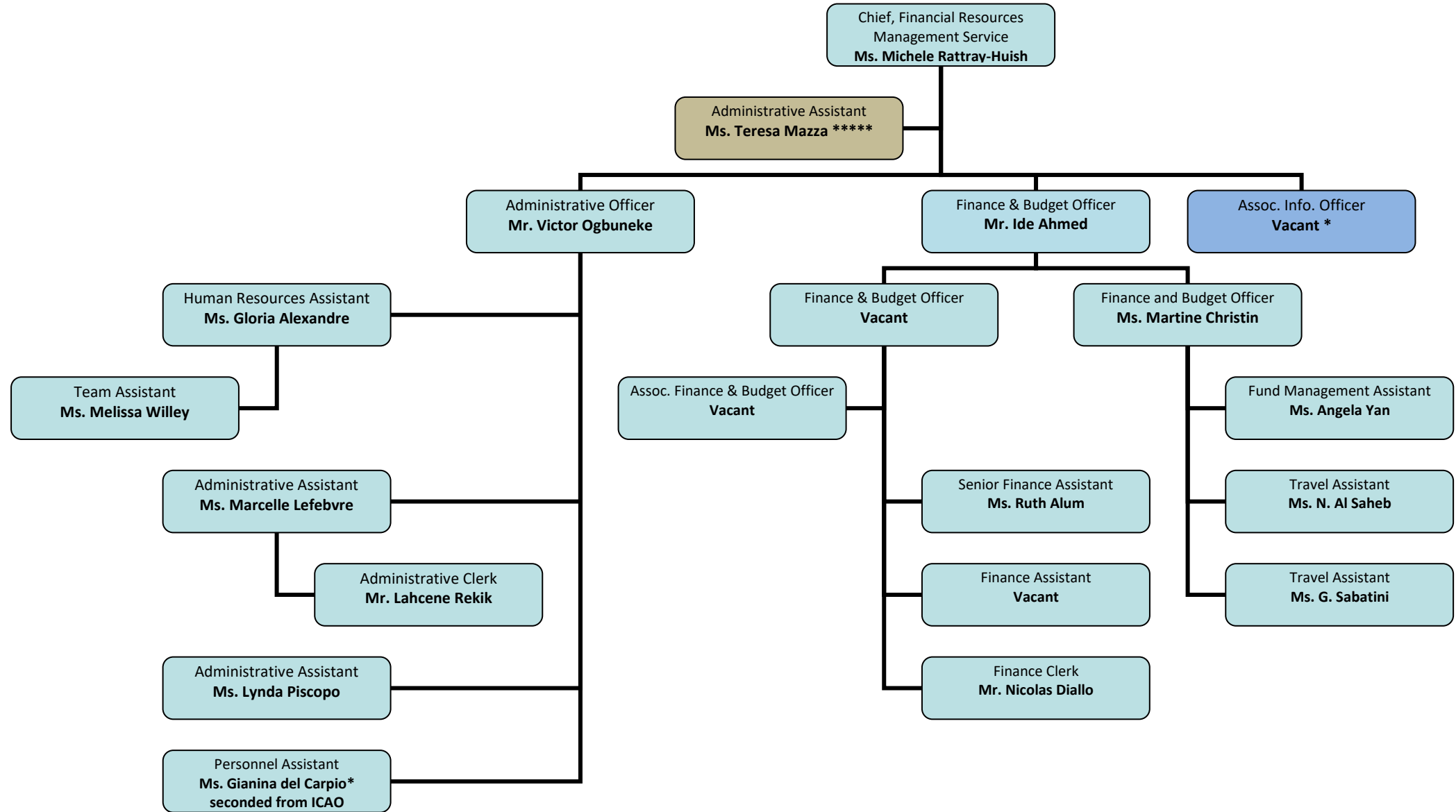
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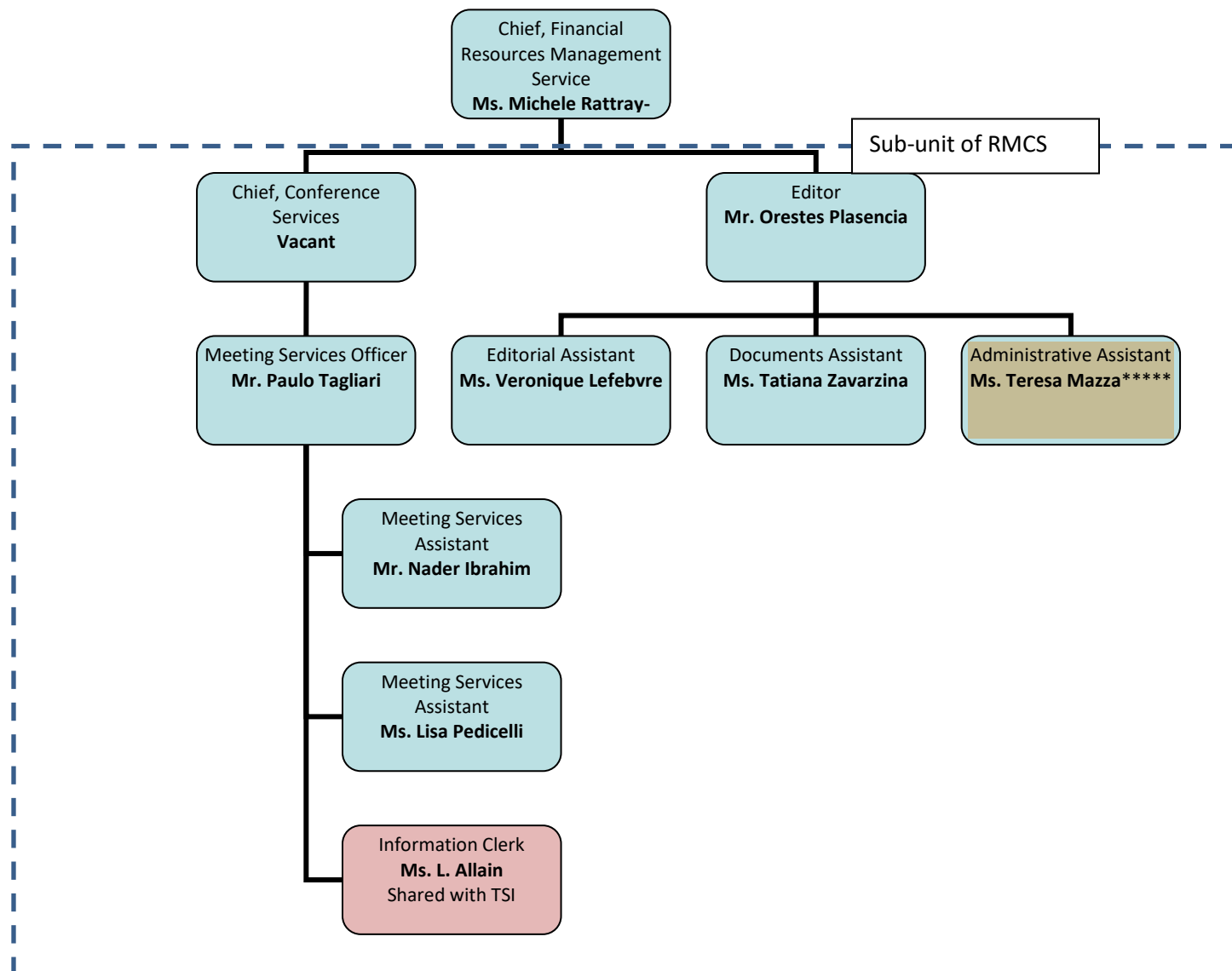
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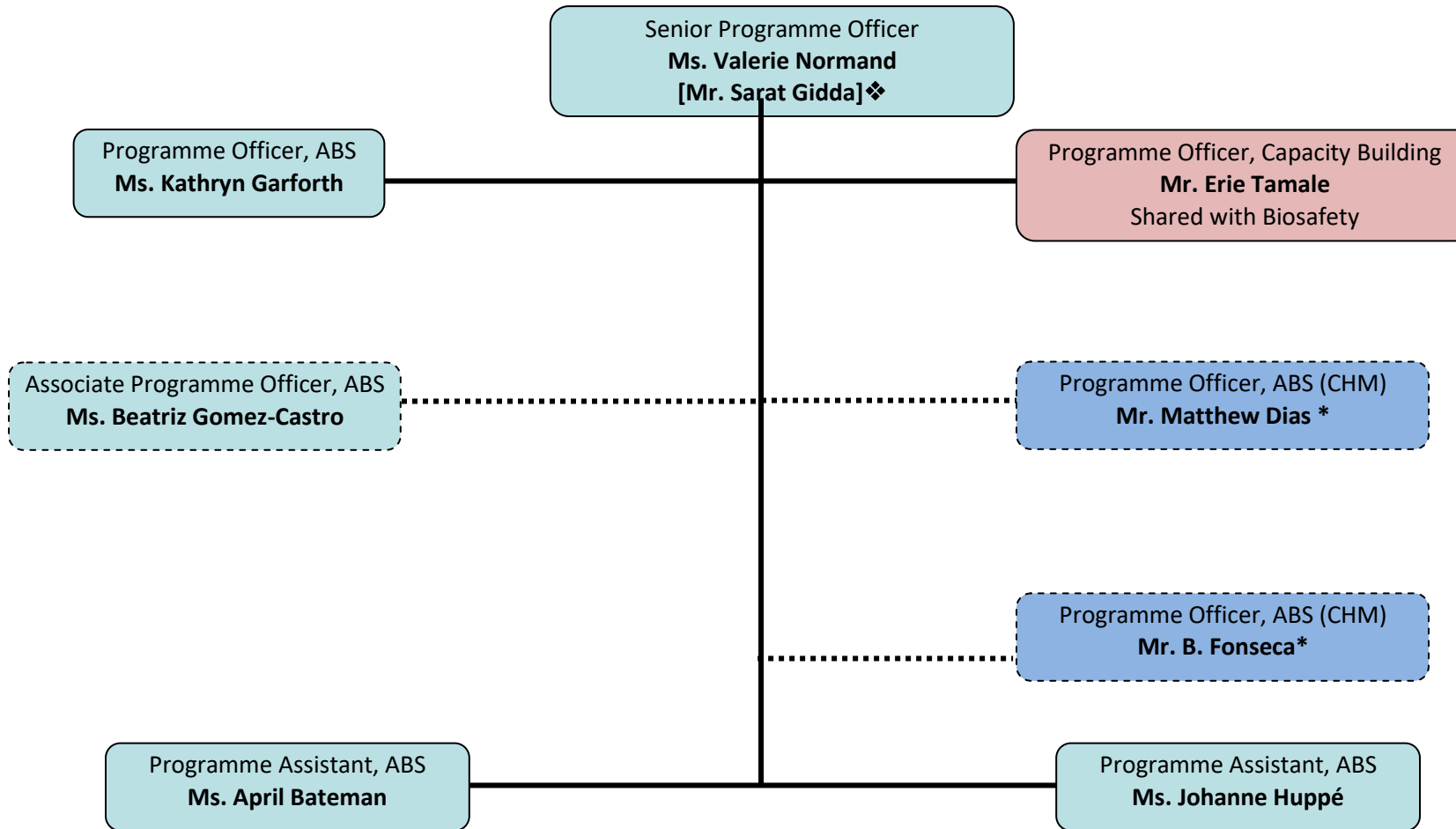
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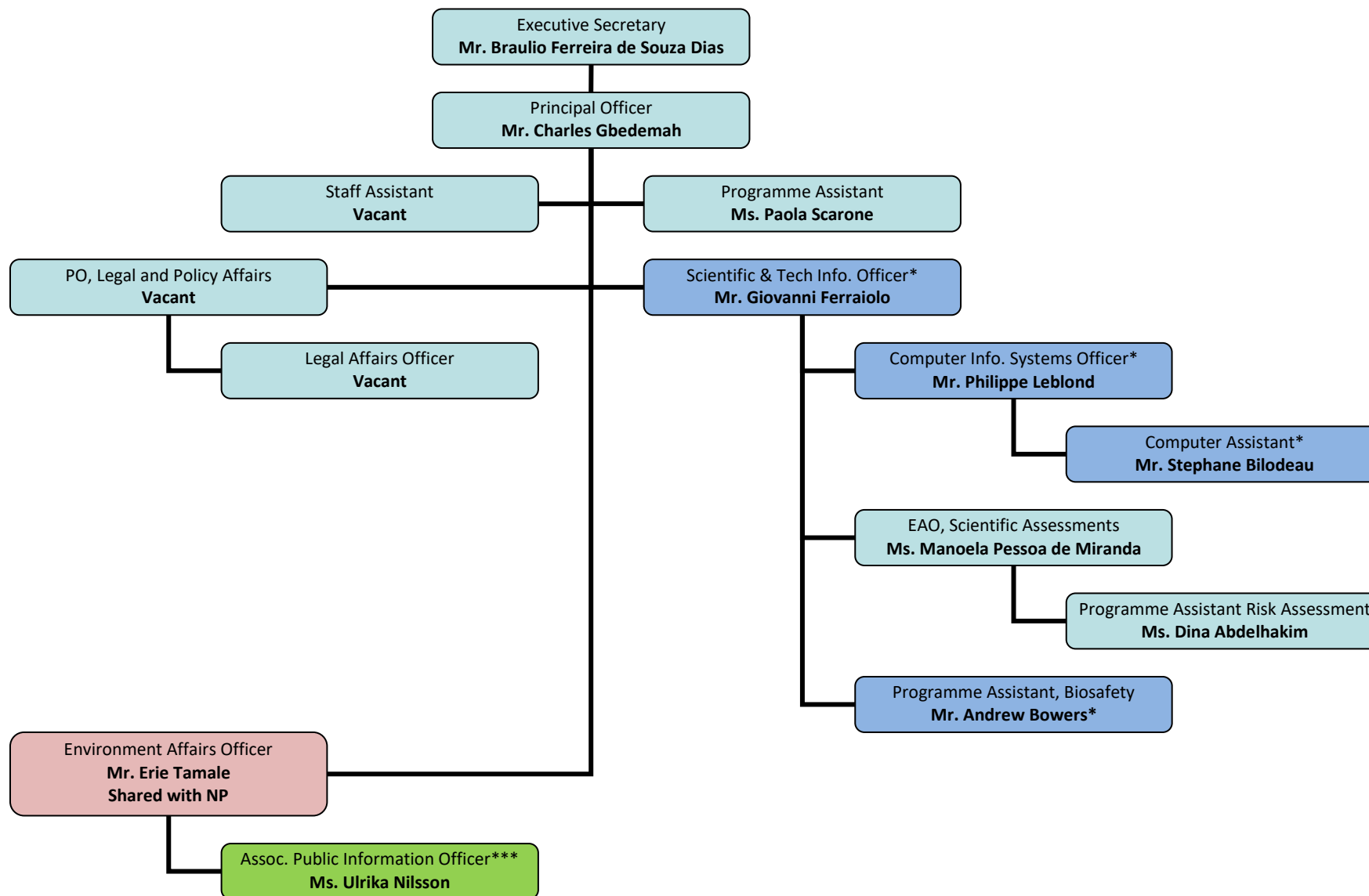


## NAGOYA PROTOCOL (NP)



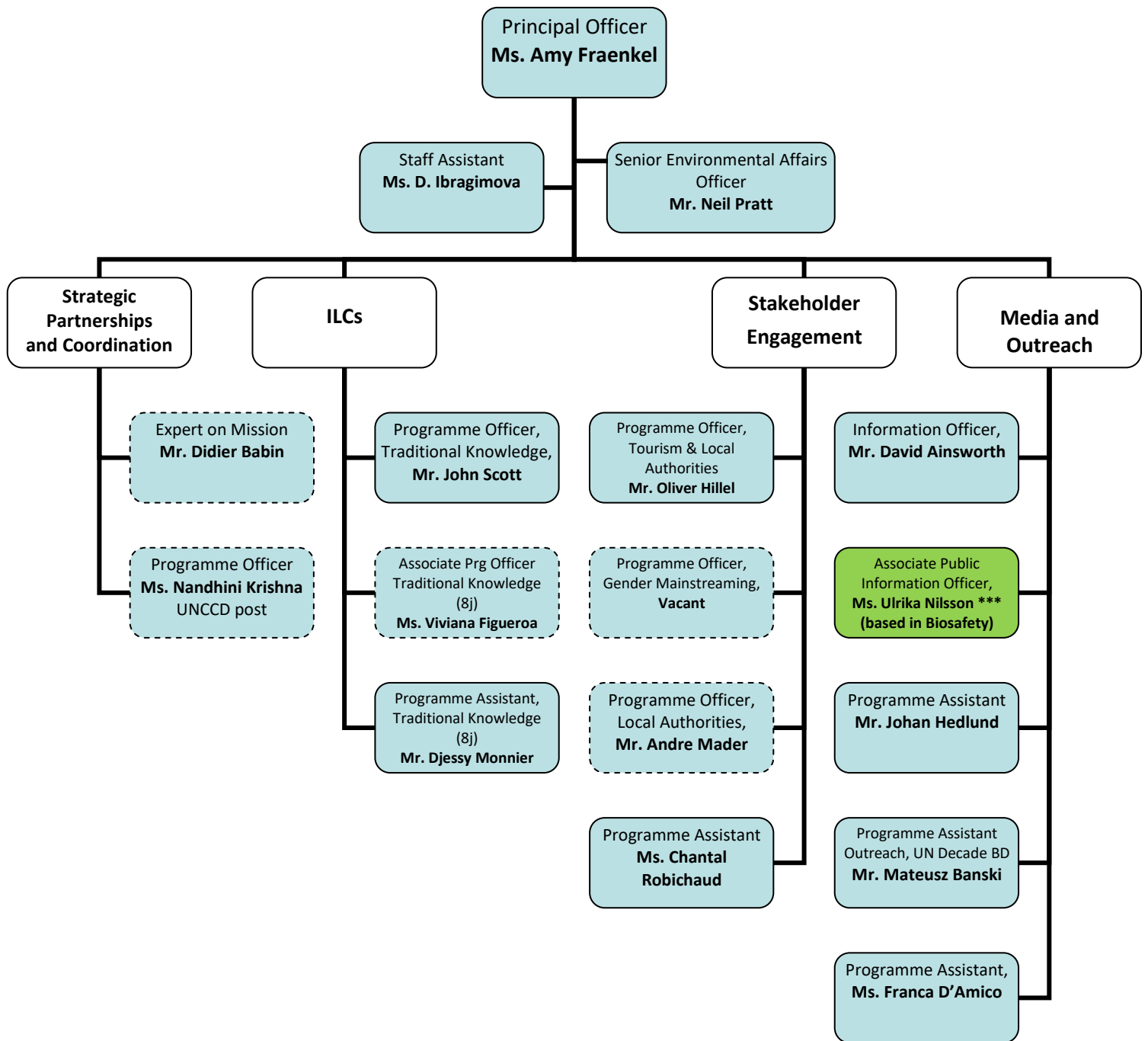
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### BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL (BS)





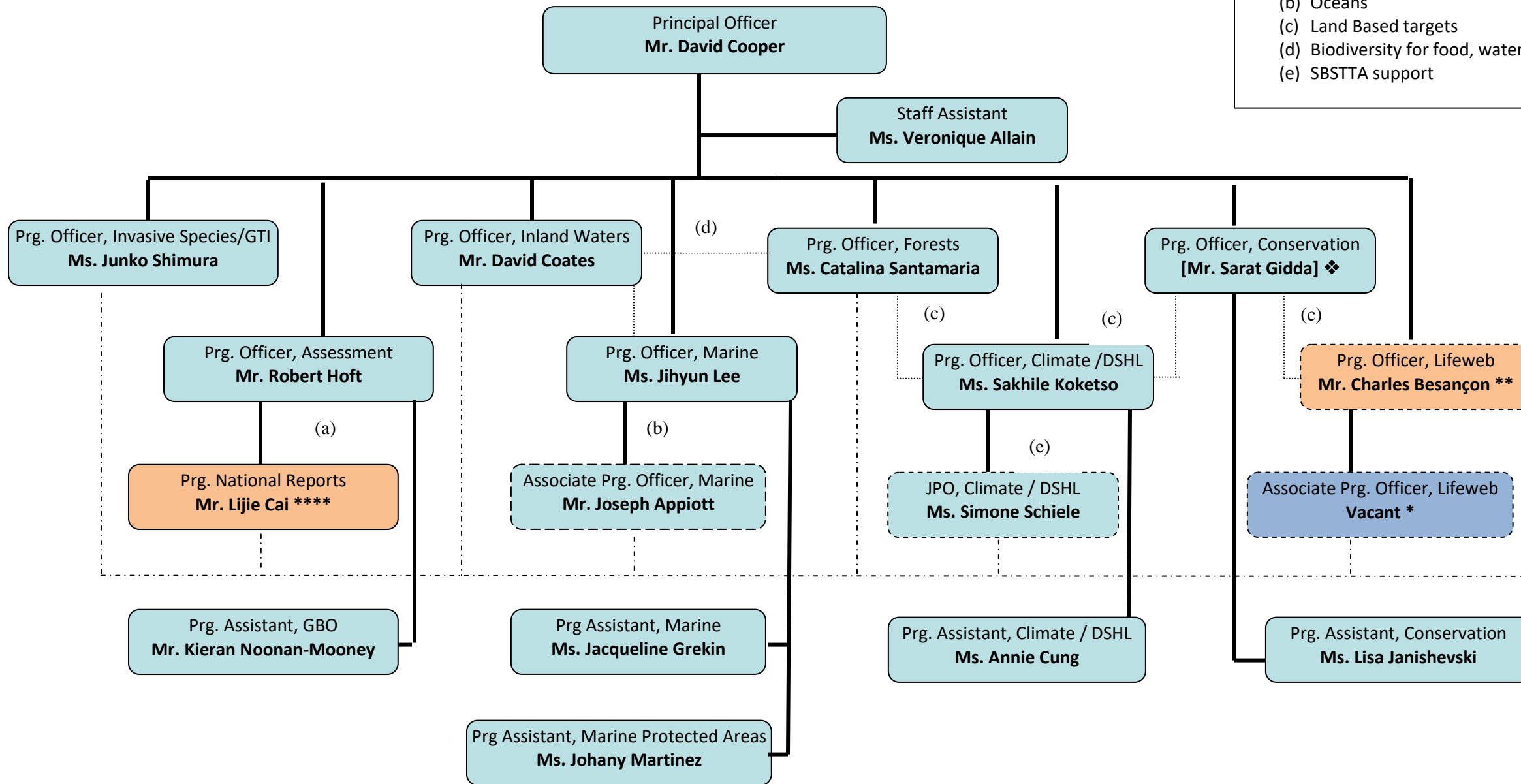
## MAINSTREAMING, PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH (MPO)



### SCIENCE, ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING (SAM)

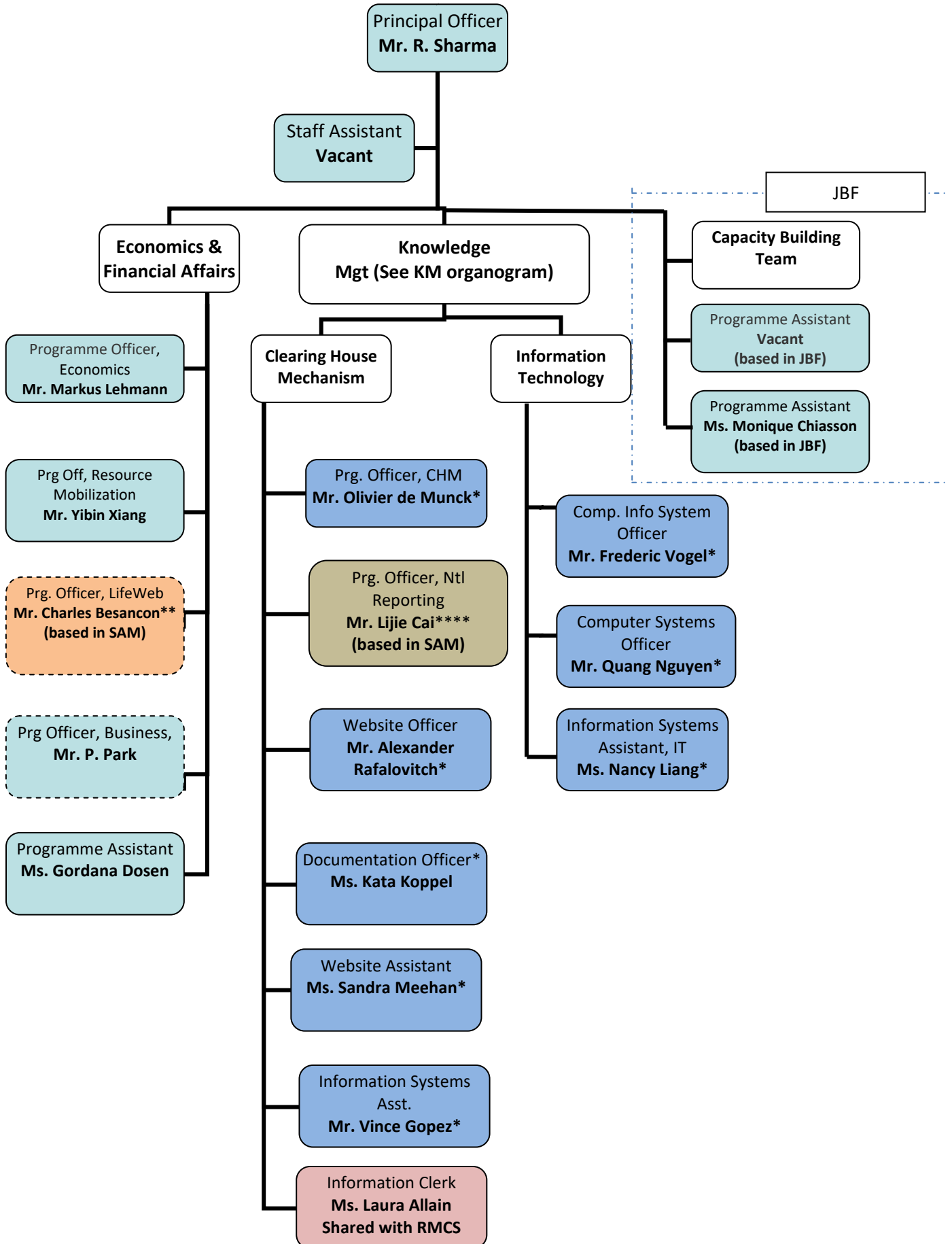
Coordination

- (a) Assessment and monitoring
- (b) Oceans
- (c) Land Based targets
- (d) Biodiversity for food, water
- (e) SBSTTA support

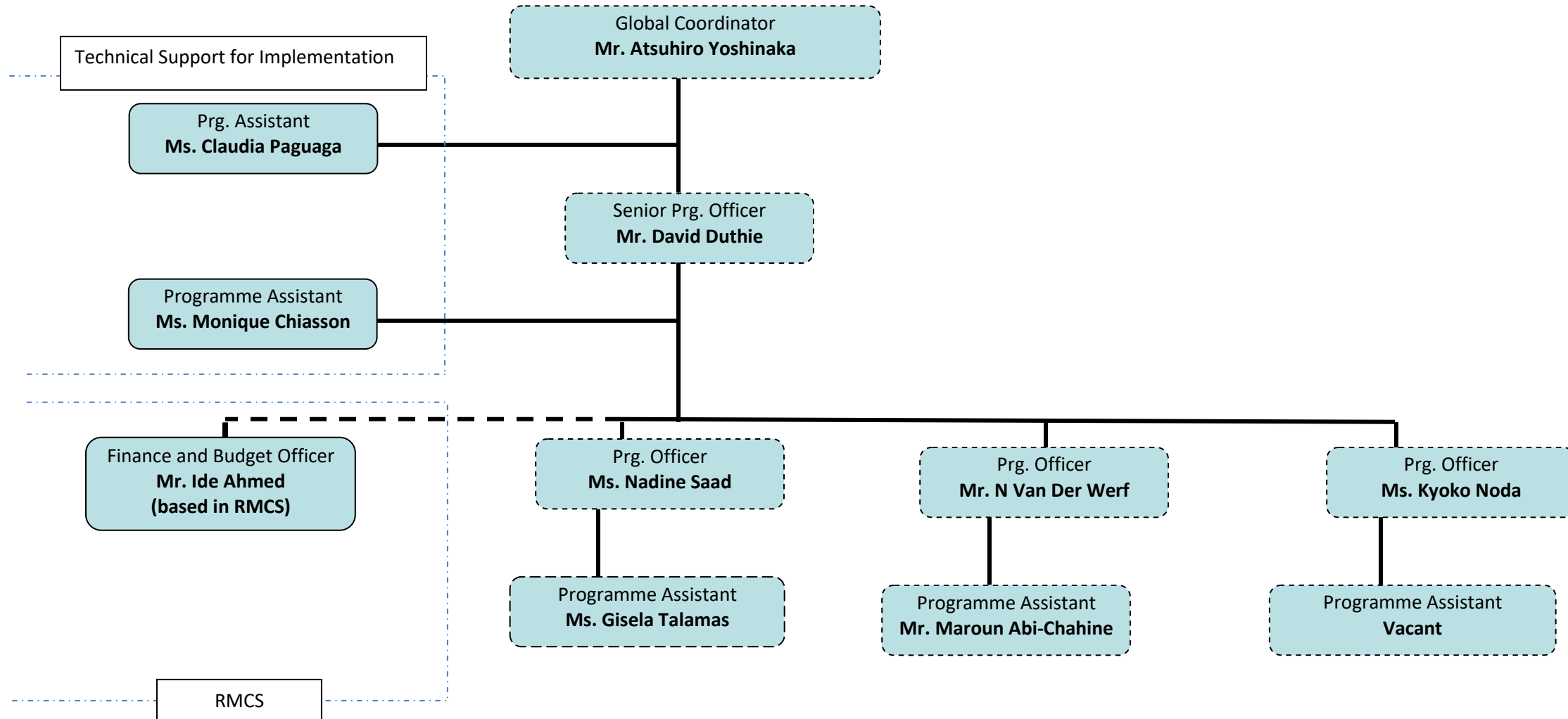


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## TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION (TSI)



### JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND AND NBSAP TEAM



## ANNEX III

**General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity (BE)**

Status of Contribution as at 30 June 2014 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.13	Adjustments	Pledges for 2014		Collections in 2014 for prior years	Collections in 2014 for 2014 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2014 & prior years
Canada	1,300			1/			1,300
Canada	431,260			2/			431,260
Canada			49,240	19/		49,240	0
COMIFAC	15,872			3/			15,872
Denmark	109,270	161		13/	109,431		0
EU			67,534	24/		67,534	0
Finland			84,298	20/		84,298	0
Finland			50,000	21/		50,000	0
France	27,473			4/			27,473
France	86,305			5/	86,305		0
Germany	42,000			7/			42,000
Germany			83,012	23/		83,012	0
India	105,807			9/			105,807
Korea	90,000			10/			90,000
Korea	30,654			11/	30,654		0
Korea			151,740	11/		151,740	0
Korea			60,000	26/			60,000

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.13	Adjustments	Pledges for 2014		Collections in 2014 for prior years	Collections in 2014 for 2014 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2014 & prior years
Korea			60,000	27/			60,000
Norway	51,480		0	12/		0	51,480
South Africa			50,000	17/		50,000	0
Switzerland	4,343			14/			4,343
Switzerland			56,528	22/		56,528	0
Switzerland			111,508	25/		111,508	0
The Global Mechanism	5,000			6/			5,000
UK	41,118			15/			41,118
UK	6,494			16/			6,494
UK	0		61,253	18/		61,253	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,048,376</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>885,113</b>		<b>226,390</b>	<b>765,113</b>	<b>942,147</b>

1/Canada pledge CAD 47,000 - Expert Meeting on Marine Biodiversity. Paid CAD 44,650 (US\$ 42,218.23) on 25 November 2009

2/Canada pledge CAD 525,000 - CAD 175,000 annually to 2015 allocated as CAD 473,310 to BE Trust Fund & CAD 51,690 to BZ Trust Fund

3/COMIFAC pledge EUR 25,000 - Implementation of CBD in Central Africa

4/France pledge EUR 20,000 - Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas

5/France pledge EUR 95,000 - Sustainable Ocean Initiative

6/Global Mechanism pledge US\$ 5,000 - Eco-pavilion

7/Germany pledge US\$ 241,073 - Pilot Phase of the ABS Clearing House - US\$ 199,073 in 2011; US\$ 42,000 in 2012

9/India pledge US\$ 286,443 - ICNP-2

10/Korea pledge US\$ 90,000 - Nagoya Protocol

11/Korea pledge US\$ 345,750 - Host Government Agreement for ICNP-3; US\$ 345,750 in 2013; US\$ 151,740 in 2014

12/Norway pledge NOK 350,000 - CBD Expert meetings

13/Denmark pledge DKK 600,000 - Negotiations/workshops on resource mobilization with focus on African Region leading up to COP 12 in October 2014.

14/Switzerland pledge CHF 4,000 - Launch of UN decade

15/UK pledge GBP 25,000 - Geo-engineering

16/UK pledge GBP 4,000 - Production of a Report on Climate-related Geo-engineering

17/South Africa pledge US\$ 50,000

18/UK pledge GBP 37,062 - R & D contribution

19/Canada pledge CAD 55,370 - North Atlantic Workshop

20/Finland pledge US\$ 84,298

21/Finland pledge US\$ 50,000 - Article 8(j)-8 meeting which took place in October 2013

22/Switzerland pledge CHF 50,000 - GBO-4

23/Germany pledge EUR 60,350 - Biodiversity and Tourism

24/EU pledge EUR 639,200 - CBD Support for implementing COP10/MOP5 Decisions - EU ref. 21.0401/2010/581495/SUB/E2

25/Switzerland pledge CHF 100,000 - Friends of CBD

27/Korea, Republic of Business and Biodiversity Forum (\$60,000)

## ANNEX IV

**General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Process of the Convention on Biological Diversity (BZ)**

Status as at 30 June 2014 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.13	Adjustments		Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2014 for prior years	Collections in 2014 for 2014 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2014 & prior years
Canada	70,652		1/				70,652
Denmark	27,076		2/				27,076
Denmark	91,058	135	3/		91,193		0
European Union	76,805		4/		76,805		0
Finland			7/	27,663			27,663
Finland			8/	41,494			41,494
Germany			9/	136,054		136,054	0
Norway			5/	16,430		16,430	0
Norway			6/	158,899		158,899	0
Sweden			10/	103,612			103,612
<b>Total</b>	<b>265,591</b>	<b>135</b>		<b>484,152</b>	<b>167,998</b>	<b>311,383</b>	<b>270,496</b>

1/Canada pledge CAD 525,000 - CAD 175,000 annually to 2015 allocated as CAD 473,310 to BE Trust Fund & CAD 51,690 to BZ Trust Fund

2/Denmark pledge DKK 150,000 - SBSTTA-12 and WGRI-2 meetings

3/Denmark pledge DKK 500,000 - Participation of developing countries in the first COP-MOP of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing in October 2014.

4/EU pledge EUR 234,300 - CBD Support for implementing COP10/MOP5 Decisions - EC ref. 21.0401/2010/581495/SUB/E2

5/Norway pledge NOK 100,000 - Participation of indigenous and local communities in the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 24-28 February 2014

7/ Finland pledge EUR 20,000 - Participation of delegates from developing countries and economies in transition in the WGRI-5 and SBSTTA-18 meetings, 16-27 June 2014, Montreal, Canada

8/ Finland pledge EUR 30000 - Participation of delegates from developing countries and economies in transition in the meetings of the COP-12 and COP-MOP/1 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 6-17 October 2014

9/ Germany pledge EUR 100,000 - COP 12

10/ Sweden pledge SEK 700,000 - COP 12



## ANNEX V

## General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (BY)

as at 30 June 2014

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & future years	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges for 2014 & Priors Years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	0	615	615			0	0	0
Albania	0	1,538	0			0	1,538	1,538
Algeria	18,779	19,687	0			18,779	19,687	38,466
Angola	2,316	1,230	0			2,316	1,230	3,546
Antigua & Barbuda	293	308	0			293	308	601
Argentina	42,106	44,142	0	42,106		0	44,142	44,142
Armenia	0	769	0			0	769	769
Australia	0	297,307	297,307			0	0	0
Austria	0	130,889	0		130,889	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	2,307	0		2,307	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	2,769	0			0	2,769	2,769
Bahrain	0	5,998	0			0	5,998	5,998
Bangladesh	0	1,230	0			0	1,230	1,230
Barbados	0	1,230	1,230			0	0	0
Belarus	25,243	6,460	0			25,243	6,460	31,703
Belgium	0	165,342	0			0	165,342	165,342
Belize	90	154	0			90	154	244
Benin	1,299	461	0	407		892	461	1,353

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & future years	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges for 2014 & Priors Years
Bhutan	0	154	154			0	0	0
Bolivia	1,995	1,077	0			1,995	1,077	3,072
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	2,153	0		2,153	0	0	0
Botswana	2,641	2,769	0	2,641	2,769	0	0	0
Brazil	236,495	247,782	0			236,495	247,782	484,277
Brunei Darussalam	0	4,307	4,307			0	0	0
Bulgaria	0	5,845	5,845			0	0	0
Burkina Faso	850	461	0			850	461	1,311
Burundi	434	154	0			434	154	588
Cambodia	1,240	461	0			1,240	461	1,701
Cameroon	862	1,692	0			862	1,692	2,554
Canada	0	493,257	493,257			0	0	0
Cape Verde	162	154	0			162	154	316
Central African Rep.	925	154	0			925	154	1,079
Chad	865	308	0			865	308	1,173
Chile	0	36,298	0		36,298	0	0	0
China	0	490,488	134,127		356,361	0	0	0
Colombia	0	22,148	0		22,148	0	0	0
Comoros	3,818	154	0			3,818	154	3,972
Congo	1,802	461	0			1,802	461	2,263
Congo Dem. Rep	8,248	461	0			8,248	461	8,709
Cook Islands	0	154	0			0	154	154

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & future years	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges for 2014 & Priors Years
Costa Rica	1,667	5,229	0			1,667	5,229	6,896
Cote d'Ivoire	8,908	1,538	0			8,908	1,538	10,446
Croatia	0	14,919	0		14,919	0	0	0
Cuba	79,262	10,920	0			79,262	10,920	90,182
Cyprus	0	7,075	0		7,075	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	53,678	53,678			0	0	0
Denmark	0	113,201	0			0	113,201	113,201
Djibouti	434	154	0	307		127	154	281
Dominica	0	154	154			0	0	0
Dominica Rep.	21,587	6,460	0			21,587	6,460	28,047
Ecuador	0	6,152	0			0	6,152	6,152
EEC	0	307,561	0		307,561	0	0	0
Egypt	0	14,458	14,458			0	0	0
El Salvador	8,227	2,922	0			8,227	2,922	11,149
Equatorial Guinea	4,625	1,230	0			4,625	1,230	5,855
Eritrea	0	154	154			0	0	0
Estonia	0	6,152	0		6,152	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	1,230	0		1,230	0	0	0
Fiji	0	615	961			0	(346)	(346)
Finland	0	87,054	0		87,054	0	0	0
France	0	941,755	0			0	941,755	941,755
Gabon	0	2,153	13,166			0	(11,013)	(11,013)
Gambia	147	154	0			147	154	301

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & future years	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges for 2014 & Priors Years
Georgia	0	923	0		923	0	0	0
Germany	0	1,233,218	0		1,233,218	0	0	0
Ghana	2,598	923	0			2,598	923	3,521
Greece	0	106,280	0			0	106,280	106,280
Grenada	704	154	0			704	154	858
Guatemala	24,071	4,307	0			24,071	4,307	28,378
Guinea	0	308	308			0	0	0
Guinea-Bissau	3,339	154	0			3,339	154	3,493
Guyana	0	154	1			0	153	153
Haiti	0	461	461			0	0	0
Honduras	2,379	1,230	0	1,174		1,205	1,230	2,435
Hungary	19	44,758	0	19	44,758	0	0	0
Iceland	0	6,460	6,460			0	0	0
India	78,344	82,133	0	78,344		0	82,133	82,133
Indonesia	0	36,606	0		36,606	0	0	0
Iran	149,961	35,837	0			149,961	35,837	185,798
Iraq	0	3,076	0			0	3,076	3,076
Ireland*	28	76,595	76,595			28	0	28
Israel	0	59,062	59,062			0	0	0
Italy	0	768,877	0		768,877	0	0	0
Jamaica	2,079	2,153	0			2,079	2,153	4,232
Japan	0	1,927,192	0		1,927,192	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & future years	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges for 2014 & Priors Years
Jordan	0	2,153	0			0	2,153	2,153
Kazakhstan	0	11,689	0			0	11,689	11,689
Kenya	1,761	1,846	0			1,761	1,846	3,607
Kiribati	0	154	154			0	0	0
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	0	1,077	0			0	1,077	1,077
Korea, Rep. of	0	347,602	0			0	347,602	347,602
Kuwait	0	40,451	0			0	40,451	40,451
Kyrgyzstan	219	154	0			219	154	373
Lao PDR	0	154	154			0	0	0
Latvia	0	5,845	5,845			0	0	0
Lebanon	25,450	5,076	0			25,450	5,076	30,526
Lesotho	0	154	154			0	0	0
Liberia	704	154	0			704	154	858
Libya	67,714	19,841	0			67,714	19,841	87,555
Liechtenstein	0	1,384	0		1,280	0	104	104
Lithuania	0	9,997	0		9,997	0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	13,843	17,613			0	(3,770)	(3,770)
Macedonia, FYR of	3,735	1,077	0			3,735	1,077	4,812
Madagascar	299	461	0			299	461	760
Malawi	704	154	0			704	154	858
Malaysia	0	38,913	38,913			0	0	0
Maldives	0	154	154			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & future years	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges for 2014 & Priors Years
Mali	1,551	461	0			1,551	461	2,012
Malta	5,055	2,615	0			5,055	2,615	7,670
Marshall Islands	817	154	0			817	154	971
Mauritania	2,649	154	0			2,649	154	2,803
Mauritius	0	1,692	0		1,692	0	0	0
Mexico	13,675	362,367	0	13,675	362,367	0	0	0
Micronesia, Fed. States	919	154	0			919	154	1,073
Moldova, Rep. of	0	308	308			0	0	0
Monaco	0	461	0		461	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	308	0		308	0	0	0
Montenegro	0	615	595			0	20	20
Morocco	8,755	8,921	0	8,755	9,531	(0)	(610)	(610)
Mozambique	0	461	1,362			0	(901)	(901)
Myanmar	906	923	0			906	923	1,829
Namibia	0	1,230	1,230			0	0	0
Nauru	459	154	0			459	154	613
Nepal	875	923	0			875	923	1,798
Netherlands	0	285,311	285,311			0	0	0
New Zealand	0	41,989	41,989			0	0	0
Nicaragua	2,055	461	0			2,055	461	2,516
Niger	4,105	308	0			4,105	308	4,413
Nigeria	0	11,997	11,997			0	0	0

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Niue	0	154	154			0	0	0
Norway	0	133,965	0		133,965	0	0	0
Oman	0	13,227	0			0	13,227	13,227
Pakistan	25,731	12,612	0	10,928		14,803	12,612	27,415
Palau	712	154	0			712	154	866
Panama	1,389	3,384	0			1,389	3,384	4,773
Papua New Guinea	311	308	0			311	308	619
Paraguay	6,459	1,077	0	5,166		1,292	1,077	2,369
Peru	0	13,843	0			0	13,843	13,843
Philippines	0	13,843	0		13,843	0	0	0
Poland	0	127,352	127,352			0	0	0
Portugal	74,970	78,595	0			74,970	78,595	153,565
Qatar	0	20,764	0		20,764	0	0	0
Romania	25,968	27,224	0	25,968	27,224	0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	246,398	0		246,398	0	0	0
Rwanda	0	154	129			0	25	25
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,989	154	0			2,989	154	3,143
Samoa	0	154	154			0	0	0
San Marino	0	461	0		461	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	1,491	154	0			1,491	154	1,645
Saudi Arabia	0	127,659	0		127,659	0	0	0
Senegal	1,256	923	0			1,256	923	2,179

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Serbia	0	5,691	0		5,691	0	0	0
Seychelles	0	308	0		308	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	0	154	154			0	0	0
Singapore	0	51,525	51,525			0	0	0
Slovak	0	21,840	21,840			0	0	0
Slovenia	0	15,842	0			0	15,842	15,842
Solomon Islands	0	154	154			0	0	0
Somalia	583	154	0			583	154	737
South Africa	0	59,215	59,215			0	0	0
Spain	0	488,642	0			0	488,642	488,642
Sri Lanka	5,650	2,922	0			5,650	2,922	8,572
St. Lucia	166	154	0			166	154	320
St.Kitts &Nevis	318	154	0	318	114	0	40	40
Sudan	7,274	1,230	0	5,757		1,517	1,230	2,747
Suriname	83	461	0			83	461	544
Swaziland	0	461	461			0	0	0
Sweden	0	163,650	163,650			0	0	0
Switzerland	0	173,801	0		173,801	0	0	0
Syria	10,886	3,845	0			10,886	3,845	14,731
Tajikistan	698	308	0			698	308	1,006
Thailand	0	32,145	423		27,616	0	4,107	4,107
Timor - Leste	298	154	0			298	154	452



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Togo	722	154	0	722	129	0	25	25
Tonga	714	154	0			714	154	868
Trinidad & Tobago	0	6,767	6,767			0	0	0
Tunisia	0	4,614	0			0	4,614	4,614
Turkey	0	94,898	0		94,898	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	3,815	3,999	0			3,815	3,999	7,814
Tuvalu	147	154	0			147	154	301
U. K.	0	1,015,736	0		1,015,736	0	0	0
Uganda	0	923	780		118	0	25	25
Ukraine	0	13,381	0			0	13,381	13,381
Un. Rep. of Tanzania	0	1,230	11,741			0	(10,511)	(10,511)
United Arab Emirates	0	60,138	0		60,138	0	0	0
Uruguay	0	4,153	16,039			0	(11,886)	(11,886)
Uzbekistan	12,216	1,538	0			12,216	1,538	13,754
Vanuatu	704	154	0			704	154	858
Venezuela	93,370	48,295	0			93,370	48,295	141,665
Viet Nam	4,841	5,076	0			4,841	5,076	9,917
Yemen	7,456	1,230	0			7,456	1,230	8,686
Zambia	0	615	615			0	0	0
Zimbabwe	440	461	0			440	461	901
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,172,905</b>	<b>12,302,446</b>	<b>2,029,232</b>	<b>196,287</b>	<b>7,322,989</b>	<b>976,617</b>	<b>2,950,225</b>	<b>3,926,843</b>

<b>Countries</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13</b>	<b>Pledges for 2014</b>	<b>Collections in 2013 for 2014 &amp; future years</b>	<b>Collections in 2014 for Prior Years</b>	<b>Collections During 2014 for 2014 &amp; Future Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2014</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2014 &amp; Priors Years</b>
<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
Canada	0	1,015,712	0		0	0	1,015,712	1,015,712
Quebec	0	126,727	0		126,727	0	0	0
Quebec	0	52,608	0		52,608	0	0	0
Quebec	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,172,905</b>	<b>13,497,493</b>	<b>2,029,232</b>	<b>196,287</b>	<b>7,502,323</b>	<b>976,617</b>	<b>3,965,937</b>	<b>4,942,555</b>

## ANNEX VI

## General Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BG)

as at 30 June 2014

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & Futures	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges For 2014 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Afghanistan	88	145	0			88	145	233
Albania	0	362	0			0	362	362
Algeria	0	4,637	0			0	4,637	4,637
Angola	0	257	0			0	257	257
Antigua and Barbuda	0	72	72			0	0	0
Armenia	0	181	0			0	181	181
Austria	0	30,832	0		30,832	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	543	0		543	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	652	643			0	9	9
Bahrain	0	1,413	0			0	1,413	1,413
Bangladesh	0	257	257			0	0	0
Barbados	286	290	0			286	290	576
Belarus	0	1,522	0			0	1,522	1,522
Belgium	0	38,947	0		38,947	0	0	0
Belize	0	36	0			0	36	36
Benin	330	109	0	116		214	109	323
Bhutan	36	36	0	36	36	0	0	0
Bolivia	0	254	0		254	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & Futures	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges For 2014 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Bosnia Herzegovina	0	507	0		507	0	0	0
Botswana	669	652	0			669	652	1,321
Brazil	32,257	58,367	0			32,257	58,367	90,624
Bulgaria	0	1,377	0		1,377	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	66	109	0			66	109	175
Burundi	162	36	0			162	36	198
Cambodia	297	109	0			297	109	406
Cameroon	548	399	0			548	399	947
Cape Verde	51	36	0			51	36	87
Central African Republic	158	36	0			158	36	194
Chad	216	72	0	216	72	0	0	0
China	0	115,538	0		115,538	0	0	0
Colombia	0	5,217	0			0	5,217	5,217
Comoros	133	36	0			133	36	169
Congo, P.R.	444	109	0			444	109	553
Costa Rica	0	1,232	0			0	1,232	1,232
Croatia	0	3,514	0		3,514	0	0	0
Cuba	15,729	2,572	0			15,729	2,572	18,301
Cyprus	0	1,667	0		1,667	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	12,644	12,644			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & Futures	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges For 2014 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Democratic Republic Of Congo	418	109	0			418	109	527
Denmark	0	26,665	26,279			0	386	386
Djibouti	100	36	0			100	36	136
Dominica	286	36	0			286	36	322
Dominican Republic	333	1,522	0	284		49	1,522	1,571
Ecuador	0	1,449	100			0	1,349	1,349
Egypt	0	3,406	0			0	3,406	3,406
El Salvador	678	688	0			678	688	1,366
Eritrea	0	36	36			0	0	0
Estonia	0	1,449	0		1,449	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	257	0		1,449	0	(1,192)	(1,192)
European Union	0	64,246	0			0	64,246	64,246
Fiji	175	145	0			175	145	320
Finland	0	20,506	0		20,506	0	0	0
France	0	221,836	0			0	221,836	221,836
Gabon	260	507	0	260	19	0	488	488
Gambia	0	36	36			0	0	0
Georgia	0	217	0			0	217	217
Germany	0	290,492	290,492			0	0	0
Ghana	594	217	0			594	217	811

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	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Greece	0	25,035	0			0	25,035	25,035
Grenada	286	36	0			286	36	322
Guatemala	1,994	1,014	0			1,994	1,014	3,008
Guinea	0	72	0			0	72	72
Guinea Bissau	113	36	0			113	36	149
Guyana	36	36	0			36	36	72
Honduras	286	290	0	286	116	0	174	174
Hungary	44	10,543	0	44	10,543	0	0	0
India	19,121	19,347	0			19,121	19,347	38,468
Indonesia	0	8,623	0		8,623	0	0	0
Iran	33,344	8,442	0	16,759		16,585	8,442	25,027
Ireland	0	18,043	0		18,043	0	0	0
Italy	0	181,114	0			0	181,114	181,114
Jamaica	511	507	0	511	507	0	0	0
Japan	0	453,962	0		389,110	0	64,852	64,852
Jordan	0	507	0			0	507	507
Kazakhstan	0	2,753	0			0	2,753	2,753
Kenya	0	435	0			0	435	435
Kiribati	0	36	36			0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	0	254	72			0	182	182

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	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Korea, Republic of	0	81,880	81,880			0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	36	0			0	36	36
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	0	36	36			0	0	0
Latvia	0	1,377	1,377			0	0	0
Lebanon	771	1,195	0			771	1,195	1,966
Lesotho	0	36	0			0	36	36
Liberia	56	36	0			56	36	92
Libya	24,093	4,674	0			24,093	4,674	28,767
Lithuania	0	2,355	0		2,355	0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	3,261	0		3,261	0	0	0
Macedonia	999	254	0			999	254	1,253
Madagascar	0	109	695			0	(586)	(586)
Malawi	151	36	0			151	36	187
Malaysia	0	9,166	9,166			0	0	0
Maldives	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Mali	0	109	5			0	104	104
Malta	1,210	616	0			1,210	616	1,826
Marshall Islands	286	36	0			286	36	322
Mauritania	257	36	0			257	36	293
Mauritius	0	399	0			0	399	399
Mexico	0	85,358	0			0	85,358	85,358

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	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Mongolia	71	72	0			71	72	143
Montenegro	45	145	0	45	145	0	0	0
Morocco	2,142	2,101	0			2,142	2,101	4,243
Mozambique	20	109	0			20	109	129
Myanmar	248	217	0			248	217	465
Namibia	0	290	0			0	290	290
Nauru	286	36	0			286	36	322
Netherlands	0	67,207	67,207			0	0	0
New Zealand	0	9,891	0		9,891	0	0	0
Nicaragua	297	109	0			297	109	406
Niger	384	72	0			384	72	456
Nigeria	0	2,826	0			0	2,826	2,826
Niue	0	36	0			0	36	36
Norway	0	31,556	0		31,556	0	0	0
Oman	0	3,116	0			0	3,116	3,116
Pakistan	11,117	2,971	0			11,117	2,971	14,088
Palau	286	36	0			286	36	322
Panama	786	797	0	786		0	797	797
Papua New Guinea	0	72	5			0	67	67
Paraguay	417	254	0			417	254	671
Peru	18	3,261	0	18	5,679	0	(2,418)	(2,418)



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & Futures	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges For 2014 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Philippines	0	3,261	0		3,261	0	0	0
Poland	0	29,998	29,998			0	0	0
Portugal	18,245	18,514	0			18,245	18,514	36,759
Qatar	0	4,891	0		4,891	0	0	0
Republic of Moldova	0	72	72			0	0	0
Romania	0	6,413	0		6,413	0	0	0
Rwanda	25	36	0			25	36	61
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	36	0			0	36	36
Saint Lucia	36	36	0			36	36	72
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	286	36	0			286	36	322
Samoa	0	36	0			0	36	36
Saudi Arabia	0	30,071	0			0	30,071	30,071
Senegal	637	217	0			637	217	854
Serbia	1,321	1,341	0	1,321		0	1,341	1,341
Seychelles	0	72	72			0	0	0
Slovakia	0	5,145	0		5,145	0	0	0
Slovenia	0	3,732	0		3,732	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	72	36	0			72	36	108
Somalia	106	36	0			106	36	142
South Africa	0	13,949	0		13,949	0	0	0
Spain	0	115,103	0			0	115,103	115,103
Sri Lanka	1,353	688	0			1,353	688	2,041

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & Futures	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges For 2014 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Sudan	1,752	257	0			1,752	257	2,009
Suriname	208	109	0			208	109	317
Swaziland	0	109	0			0	109	109
Sweden	0	38,549	0		38,549	0	0	0
Switzerland	0	40,940	0		40,940	0	0	0
Syria	2,999	906	0			2,999	906	3,905
Tajikistan	220	72	0			220	72	292
Thailand	16,670	7,572	0	4,766		11,904	7,572	19,476
Togo	36	36	0			36	36	72
Tonga	0	36	2,723			0	(2,687)	(2,687)
Trinidad and Tobago	0	1,594	0			0	1,594	1,594
Tunisia	6	1,087	0		1,087	6	0	6
Turkey	0	22,354	0			0	22,354	22,354
Turkmenistan	1,110	942	0			1,110	942	2,052
Uganda	0	217	3,174			0	(2,957)	(2,957)
Ukraine	0	3,152	0			0	3,152	3,152
Uruguay	964	978	0	964		0	978	978
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	239,263	0		239,263	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/13	Pledges for 2014	Collections in 2013 for 2014 & Futures	Collections in 2014 for Prior Years	Collections During 2014 for 2014 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2014	Unpaid Pledges For 2014 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
United Republic of Tanzania	669	257	0			669	257	926
Venezuela	36,634	11,376	0			36,634	11,376	48,010
Viet Nam	1,178	1,196	0	1,178		0	1,196	1,196
Yemen	947	257	0			947	257	1,204
Zambia	0	145	145			0	0	0
Zimbabwe	0	109	109			0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>239,461</b>	<b>2,571,161</b>	<b>527,331</b>	<b>27,590</b>	<b>1,053,805</b>	<b>211,871</b>	<b>990,025</b>	<b>1,201,896</b>

<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
Canada		0			0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>239,461</b>	<b>2,571,161</b>	<b>527,331</b>	<b>27,590</b>	<b>1,053,805</b>	<b>211,871</b>	<b>990,025</b>	<b>1,201,896</b>

## ANNEX VII

**Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BH)**

Status as at 30 June 2014 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.13		Adjustments	Pledges for 2014		Collections in 2014 for prior years	Collections in 2014 for 2014 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2014 & prior years
European Union	3,698				1/	3,698		0
Germany	50,000		(112)		2/	49,888		(0)
Republic of Korea				150,000	3/		147,601	2,399
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,698</b>		<b>(112)</b>	<b>150,000</b>		<b>53,587</b>	<b>147,601</b>	<b>2,399</b>

1/EU pledge EUR 126,500 - CBD Support for implementing COP10/MOP5 Decisions - EC ref. 21.0401/2010/581495/SUB/E2

2/Germany pledge US\$ 50,000 - AHTEG on Risk Assessment and Risk Management in 2014

3/Korea, Republic of, pledge US\$ 150,000 -Support for the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-economic Considerations

## ANNEX VIII

**General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the work of the  
Convention on Biological Diversity (VB)**

Status as at 30 June 2014 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.13</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>		<b>Pledges for 2014</b>	<b>Collections in 2014 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2014 for 2014 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2014 &amp; prior years</b>
Germany			1/	44,272		44,272	0
Germany			3/	70,289		70,289	0
Norway			2/	41,075		41,075	0
Norway			4/	42,186		42,186	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>197,822</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>197,822</b>	<b>0</b>

1/ Germany pledge EUR 32,806 - Organization of the African regional Workshop for ILCs & development of trainers' material for ILCs

2/ Norway pledge NOK 250,000 - Participation of indigenous and local communities in the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 24-28 February 2014

3/ Germany pledge EUR 51,100 - Support to VB Trust Fund

4/ Norway pledge NOK 250,000 - Support of the participation of developing countries, economies in transition and indigenous and local communities in the various meetings of the Secretariat in 2014

## ANNEX IX

**Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Parties, in particular the Least Developed and the Small Island Developing States amongst them, and Parties with Economies in Transition (BI)**

Status of Contributions as at 30 June 2014 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.13</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2014</b>		<b>Collections in 2014 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2014 for 2014 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2014 &amp; prior years</b>
Finland	0		27,663	2/			27,663
Norway	0		39,373	1/		39,373	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67,036</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>39,373</b>	<b>27,663</b>

1/ Norway pledge NOK 233,333 - Support of the participation of developing countries, economies in transition and indigenous and local communities in the various meetings of the Secretariat in 2014

2/ Finland pledge EUR 20,000 - Participation of delegates from developing countries and economies in transition in the meeting of COP - MOP 7 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, 29 September - 3 October 2014

## ANNEX X

### List of meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (as at 30 June 2014)

#### 2013

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
28 January - 1 February 2013	First Regional Workshop for African Least Developed Countries on the preparation of the Fifth National Report and Global Biodiversity Outlook and regional policy scenarios	Nairobi, Kenya
4 - 8 February 2013	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop for West Africa	Dakar, Senegal
8 February 2013	Biodiversity Indicators Partnership – Steering Committee Meeting	Teleconference
11 - 14 February 2013	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop to Address Invasive Alien Species and to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 in the Arab region	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
25 February - 1 March 2013	North Pacific Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Moscow, Russian Federation
4 - 7 March 2013	Global Taxonomy Initiative Capacity-building Workshop towards Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets 9 and 19 for Western and Central Africa	Dakar, Senegal
4 - 8 March 2013	Regional Workshop on Reflecting the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Singapore, Singapore
4 - 8 March 2013	Caribbean Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-building for the effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Saint George's, Grenada
10 March 2013	CBD-UNCCD Joint Workshop on the role of biodiversity in national drought management policies	Geneva, Switzerland
18 - 22 March 2013	Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) regional training workshop on adaptation for Francophone Least Developed Countries (LDCs) (organized by UNFCCC)	Lomé, Togo
19 - 22 March 2013	Western Balkans Capacity-building Workshop on Indicators as part of NBSAP updating	Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina
24 - 27 March 2013	Sub-regional Workshop for Anglophone Africa on the Integration of Climate Change and Ecosystem-based Adaptation in National Biodiversity Planning Processes	Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania
25 - 29 March 2013	Asia-Pacific regional training workshop on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs	Hanoi, Viet Nam
2 - 5 April 2013	Regional Workshop on the Inter-Linkages between Human Health and Biodiversity in Africa	Maputo, Mozambique
8 - 12 April 2013	South-Eastern Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Swakopmund, Namibia
8 April - 24 May 2013	Online discussion groups on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing	On-line

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
9 - 10 April 2013	Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for Middle East region and Djibouti, Libya, Mauritania	Amman, Jordan
15 - 19 April 2013	Deuxième atelier régional pour les pays moins avancés d'Afrique sur la préparation des cinquièmes rapports nationaux et de la quatrième édition des Perspectives mondiales de la diversité biologique (GBO-4), et les scénarios pour la politique régionale	Yaoundé, Cameroon
17 April 2013	Eighth Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Biosafety Clearing-House	On-line
6 - 10 May 2013	Regional Workshop for Latin America on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)	Villa de Leyva, Colombia
6 - 10 May 2013	Regional Workshop for Latin America on the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM)	Villa de Leyva, Colombia
14 - 17 May 2013	Sub-regional Workshop on Valuation and Incentive Measures for Sub-Saharan West Africa	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
15 - 17 May 2013	Mediterranean Biodiversity Network: from ecological urban planning to management in the Mediterranean – subnational cooperation and knowledge transfer	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
20 - 24 May 2013	Regional Workshop for South, East and Southeast Asia on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report and Global Biodiversity Outlook and regional policy scenarios	Incheon City, Republic of Korea
29 - 31 May 2013	Tenth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
30 - 31 May 2013	First meeting of the second phase of the High-level Panel on the Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Trondheim, Norway
3 - 5 June 2013	Expert Meeting to Develop a Draft Strategic Framework for Capacity-building and Development in Support of the Effective Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
4 - 5 June 2013	CBD-GEF Retreat to work together for a robust GEF-6 replenishment and leveraging of other resources for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity	Montreal, Canada
5 June 2013	Webinar on Incorporating Biodiversity and Ecosystem Values into NBSAPs: Introduction and biophysical approaches	Online
7 June 2013	Webinar on Incorporating Biodiversity and Ecosystem Values into NBSAPs: Economic approaches	Online
13 June 2013	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety): Western Europe and Others Group and Central and Eastern Europe	Online
17 June 2013	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety): Asia-Pacific	Online
18 - 20 June 2013	Second meeting of the Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments of the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity	Barcelona, Spain



<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
20 June 2013	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety): Africa	Online
25- 28 June 2013	Atelier régional sur les indicateurs et l'intégration des objectifs de la CMS et de la CITES dans le cadre de la mise à jour des Stratégies et Plans d'Action Nationaux pour la Biodiversité (SPANB)	Douala, Cameroon
27 June 2013	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety): Latin America and the Caribbean (Spanish)	Online
22 - 26 July 2013	Regional Workshop for the Pacific Countries on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report	Nadi, Fiji
29 July - 2 August 2013	LDC Expert Group (LEG) regional training workshop on adaptation for African Anglophone Least Developed Countries (organized by UNFCCC)	Kigali, Rwanda
20 - 24 August 2013	LDC Expert Group (LEG) regional training workshop on adaptation for Asian Least Developed Countries (organized by UNFCCC)	Siem Reap, Cambodia
16 - 17 September 2013	Meeting of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)	Montreal, Canada
16 - 20 September 2013	Regional Workshop for the Caribbean Countries on the Clearing-House Mechanism	Gros Islet, Saint Lucia
16 - 20 September 2013	Regional Workshop for the Caribbean Countries on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report	Gros Islet, Saint Lucia
17 - 19 September 2013	Expert Meeting on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
2 - 3 October 2013	Third Meeting of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity	Montreal, Canada
2 - 4 October 2013	Informal Advisory Committee to the pilot phase of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-house	Montreal, Canada
7 October 2013	Sixth Meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (CSAB)	Formia, Italy
7 - 11 October 2013	Eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Montreal, Canada
12 October 2013	Expert Workshop on enhancing biodiversity data and observing systems in support of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Montreal, Canada
13 October 2013	Second meeting of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 4 Advisory Group	Montreal, Canada
14 - 18 October 2013	Seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Montreal, Canada
15 October 2013	First meeting of the Steering Committee for the Global Invasive Alien Species Information	Montreal, Canada
11 - 15 November 2013	Global Workshop on Reviewing Progress and Building Capacity for the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans Revision Process	Nairobi, Kenya
12 - 15 November 2013	Workshop on the assessment of plant extinction risk in megadiverse countries	Villa de Leyva, Colombia
25 - 27 November 2013	Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms	Ispra, Italy

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
25 - 29 November 2013	Capacity-building workshop for the Pacific on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Suva, Fiji
25 - 29 November 2013	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for the Pacific	Suva, Fiji
2 - 4 December 2013	Second meeting of the second phase of the High-level Panel on the Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Chennai, India
2 - 6 December 2013	Regional Workshop for Latin America on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report and Indicators	Cochabamba, Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
3 - 7 December 2013	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for East, South and South-East Asia	Chennai, India
4 - 6 December 2013	Second Meeting of the Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development	Chennai, India
9 - 11 December 2013	Regional Capacity-building Workshop for Latin America and Caribbean Region on Traditional Knowledge under the CBD	Cochabamba, Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
9 - 12 December 2013	Regional Capacity-building Workshop to Address Invasive Alien Species and to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 in the Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
9 - 13 December 2013	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-building Workshop for East, South and South-East Asia	Guangzhou, China
14 - 17 December 2013	Regional Workshop for Middle East and North Africa on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report	Doha, Qatar
16 - 20 December 2013	Central and Eastern Europe Regional Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Measures	Batumi, Georgia

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<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
20 - 24 January 2014	Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report	Minsk, Belarus
25 - 27 February 2014	Expert Workshop on Underwater Noise and its Impacts on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity	London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
24 - 28 February 2014	Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea
23 February 2014	ABS Clearing-House Capacity-building Workshop Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea	Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea
17 - 21 February 2014	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)	Seoul, Republic of Korea
11 - 13 February 2014	Regional Workshop on Resource Mobilization for Africa	Entebbe, Uganda
1 - 5 February 2014	Capacity-building workshop for West Asia and North Africa on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Amman, Jordan

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
31 March - 4 April 2014	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Minsk, Belarus
26 - 28 March 2014	Regional Capacity-building Workshop for the African Region on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the CBD	Nairobi, Kenya
24 - 28 March 2014	North-west Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Montreal, Canada
24 - 28 March 2014	Regional Capacity-building Workshop for Latin America on Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montevideo, Uruguay
24 - 28 March 2014	Capacity-building workshop for South America on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Linhares, Brazil
3 - 7 March 2014	Arctic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Helsinki, Finland
28 April - 16 May 2014	Online Forum on Public Participation Concerning Living Modified Organisms	Online
28 April - 2 May 2014	Capacity-building workshop for the Caribbean on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Belize City, Belize
28 April - 2 May 2014	Capacity-building workshop for Southeast Asia on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Jambi, Indonesia
15 - 17 April 2014	Regional Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on Resource Mobilization	Brasilia, Brazil
14 - 15 April 2014	Third meeting of the second phase of the High-level Panel on the Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Brasilia, Brazil
9 - 12 April 2014	Second Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Finance for Biodiversity	Quito, Ecuador
7 - 9 April 2014	Tenth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Budapest, Hungary
7 - 11 April 2014	Mediterranean Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Málaga, Spain
2 - 4 April 2014	Ninth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-IAC)	Ispra, Italy
28 - 30 May 2014	Eleventh meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
26 - 28 May 2014	Regional Workshop on Resource mobilization for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Vilm, Germany
22 May 2014	International Day for Biological Diversity 2014	Multiple venues, Multiple Venues
21 - 24 May 2014	Regional Workshop for East/South/ Southeast Asia on Cities and Biodiversity	Qingdao, Province of Shandong, China
21 - 24 May 2014	Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development	Qingdao, Province of Shandong, China
21 - 23 May 2014	Workshop on Biodiversity Corridors in the Guiana Shield to streamline support for the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Kurupukari, Guyana
19 - 22 May 2014	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for the Caribbean	Georgetown, Guyana

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
12 - 16 May 2014	Capacity-building workshop for Eastern and Southern Africa on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Livingstone, Zambia
6 - 9 May 2014	Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop of the UN-Water Initiative "Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies"	Hanoi, Viet Nam
6 - 8 May 2014	Regional workshop for resource mobilization for Asia and the Pacific	Bangkok, Thailand
5 - 9 May 2014	Regional workshop for African countries on the Clearing-House Mechanism	Buea, Cameroon
23 - 28 June 2014	Eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice	Montreal, Canada
22 June 2014	SCBD Dialogue Forum on Integrating the perspectives of Indigenous and Local Communities (ILCs) in the application of the scientific criteria for ecologically or biologically significant areas (EBSAs)	Montreal, Canada
21 June 2014	Workshop on the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO 4)	Montreal, Canada
16 - 20 June 2014	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention	Montreal, Canada
14 - 15 June 2014	Capacity-building workshop for Small Island Developing States to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on Invasive Alien Species	Montreal, Canada
13 - 14 June 2014	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM-IAC)	Montreal, Canada
9 - 13 June 2014	Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for Africa	Kampala, Uganda
6 - 7 June 2014	Regional Workshop on Community-Based Monitoring and Information Systems (CBMIS)	Chiang Mai, Thailand
2 - 6 June 2014	Capacity-building workshop for Europe on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Isle of Vilm, Germany
2 - 6 June 2014	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management	Bonn, Germany
2 - 4 June 2014	Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for Asia on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the CBD	Chiang Mai, Thailand
1 - 5 June 2014	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for West Asia and North Africa	Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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