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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 2017.

### I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

3. In January 2017, the Executive Secretary participated in the sixteenth session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA 16), held at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy. In his address, he briefed the session on the decisions of the recent thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity held in Cancun in December 2016, of relevance to the session's agenda, specifically: on the voluntary guidelines contained in the *Elements to Facilitate Domestic Implementation of Access and Benefit-Sharing for Different Subsectors of Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture*; and the implications of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services assessment on pollinators, pollination and food production for the work of the Convention. In the margins of the CGRFA 16, meetings were held with the FAO Director-General and with other FAO senior officials.
4. During the same month, the Executive Secretary took part in a BIP Steering Committee meeting. He also gave a lecture at Concordia University on "The Global Governance of Biodiversity: The role of the CBD and the challenges ahead", which was organized by the Loyola College for Diversity and Sustainability in partnership with Sauvons l'Anse-a-l'Orme.
5. In February 2017, the Secretariat welcomed the visit of Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer, the incoming CBD Executive Secretary. Ms. Paşca Palmer, who assumes her new position in March 2017, had a handover meeting with Mr. Braulio Dias. During the three-day visit, divisional meetings were to provide an overview of the work of the Secretariat and the Convention. An all staff meeting was also held, which provided an opportunity for introduction and exchange with staff.
6. In March 2017, the Deputy Executive Secretary and Officer-in-Charge of the CBD Secretariat took part in the fifth Plenary Session of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, which was held in Bonn, Germany. In his statement, the Deputy Executive Secretary informed participants on the outcomes of the recent CBD COP 13 in Cancun held in December 2016, in particular that the COP welcomed the Platform's Assessment on Pollinators and on Scenarios and Models, and the scoping report for the global assessment; acknowledged the key role of the ongoing Global Assessments in the development of the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, it adopted the Mo'otz Kuxtal Voluntary Guidelines on the prior and informed consent of indigenous peoples and local communities for accessing their knowledge, innovations and practices and for fair and equitable sharing of benefits, and it called for an inclusive process for developing the next strategic plan for biodiversity, among other decisions of relevance to the Platform. Prior to his statement, an overview of the outcomes of the UN Biodiversity Conference was also presented by the representative of Mexico, host of the CBD COP 13.
7. In April 2017, the Executive Secretary was in New York to pay a courtesy call on the United Nations Secretary-General, her first meeting with him since taking up her new position last month. During their meeting, issues that were discussed included: raising the profile and political visibility of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the outcomes of the 2016 UN Biodiversity Conference, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and potential road map towards the UN Biodiversity Conference

in Egypt and in China, as well as upcoming meetings to promote biodiversity and its links to sustainable development, including the United Nations High-level Political Forum and the Ocean Conference. Meetings were also held with other senior UN officials and Permanent Representatives.

8. A joint meeting of the Bureaux of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) was held on 25 April 2017 in Mexico City, Mexico, at the offices of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico (SEMARNAT). Brief introductory remarks were made by Environment Minister and CBD COP 13 President, H.E. Mr. Rafael Pacchiano. The meeting discussed: overview of the workplan of the biennium; approaches for the preparation of the post-2020 Strategic Plan, which includes a “vision” for 2050; and the role and responsibilities of the COP and SBSTTA Bureaux. A brief overview on the Data Reporting Tool for MEAs was also made at the meeting. The meeting was suspended and resumed in the afternoon of 26 April 2017.

9. A separate meeting of the COP Bureau and the SBSTTA Bureau was held on 26 April in Mexico City. Issues discussed at the COP Bureau meeting included: preparations for the WG8J 10, SBI 2 meetings and the UN Biodiversity Conference in Egypt. Other issues discussed were: exploring ways to involve Parties in the development of draft decisions on a pilot basis, the status of credentials from the meetings in Cancun for the Convention and its Protocols, and the status of the trust funds. The SBSTTA Bureau discussed preparations and agendas for SBSTTA 21 and SBSTTA 22. A presentation was made by the COP Bureau representative on the requests from COP 13, NP COP-MOP 2 and CP COP-MOP 8. Also discussed at the meeting were innovative approaches to improve the role of the Bureau, facilitating relevant recommendations and enhancing visibility.

10. Also in April 2017, the CBD Primary Focal Point for Canada visited the Secretariat and met with the Executive Secretary, together with senior SCBD officials. The meeting provided an opportunity for introduction of the new Executive Secretary and also to discuss ways to further strengthen and enhance relations with the Government of Canada.

11. At the kind invitation of the Minister of Environment of Egypt, the Executive Secretary visited Cairo during the first week of May 2017, to discuss substantive and logistical preparations for the UN Biodiversity Conference to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh in 2018. A site visit of the proposed conference venue was also arranged. While in Cairo, the Executive Secretary also had an opportunity to meet with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, the UNDP Resident Representative, the EU Ambassador in Cairo, the Governor of South Sinai, as well as with representatives of Egyptian youth and civil society, with a view to enhance collaboration and mobilize support for the Biodiversity Conference.

12. After trip to Cairo, the Executive Secretary travelled to Kenya and visited the United Nations Environment Programme headquarters in Nairobi to pay a courtesy call on the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Director and other senior officials of UN Environment and United Nations Office at Nairobi. Meetings were held, which provided opportunities for introduction, overview of work, and discussion on ways to further enhance and strengthen cooperation. In the margins of the visit, the Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet with the current UN General Assembly President. The participation and involvement of the Secretariat in the upcoming Ocean Conference was discussed, among other issues.

13. The Secretariat of the Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico, through the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas, and in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, organized an event to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity, under the theme of “Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism”. Held at El Chico National Park, the event was also attended by the President of Mexico, Mr. Enrique Peña Nieto. It was the first time the Executive Secretary of the UN Biodiversity Convention and a Head of State are celebrating this important event together. The event demonstrates Mexico’s commitment from the very top to safeguarding biodiversity and ecosystems, particularly with the call to establish Sustainable Tourism Development Zones in Mexico and to prepare biodiversity initiative and a legal framework aligned with public policies for the protection of biodiversity.

14. In May 2017, the Executive Secretariat attended the 52nd meeting of the Global Environment Facility Council, which took place in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. In her intervention, the Executive Secretary briefed the Council on the recent UN Biodiversity Conference held in December 2016, in Cancun, Mexico. She also underscored the importance of the linkage between biodiversity and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and also informed the Council regarding the adoption by the CBD COP of a four-year framework of programme priorities with respect to the seventh replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund. The visit of the CEO and Chairperson of GEF and team the previous week had also provided an opportunity to discuss practical implications of the proposed approach for the GEF 7 replenishment, as well as to further enhance close collaboration with GEF Secretariat.

15. A delegation from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity headed by the Executive Secretary took part in the Ocean Conference – Our Oceans, Our Future: Partnering for the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14, held from 5 to 9 June 2017, at UN Headquarters in New York, and co-hosted by the Governments of Fiji and Sweden. The Executive Secretary had an opportunity to address the plenary and also participate as a panel member at the Partnership Dialogue #2: “Managing, protecting, conserving and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems”. She also delivered remarks at a number of side events, including the UNDP Equator Initiative Global Dialogue and the SCBD-organized SOI high-level reception on “Sustainable Ocean Night: Biodiversity for the Future We Want”. The conference provided an opportunity for the Secretariat to participate in various events relevant to the work of the CBD, as well as meet and engage with relevant partner organizations and bodies, highlighting the work of the CBD, in particular the results of the recent CBD COP 13 held in Cancun. In the margins of the conference, the Executive Secretary also had an opportunity to hold bilateral meetings with some Ministers at the conference and pay courtesy calls on a number of Permanent Representatives.

16. The Executive Secretary was in Tokyo in June 2017 to pay a courtesy call on senior official from the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery, the Fishery Agency, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Meetings were also held with various Japanese stakeholders. The meetings provided an opportunity for introduction of the new Executive Secretary, her priorities with regard to raising the profile of biodiversity and the visibility of CBD, as well as strengthen and enhance collaboration and support provided by the Government of Japan to the work of the Convention and its Protocols. The Executive Secretary also gave a keynote speech at a symposium at the Sophia University, with the participation of more than 500 participants, including ministers and ambassadors. Meetings were also held with officials from UNU-IAS, JICA, OPRI, and members of the Japan Civil Networks, and the Global Youth Biodiversity Network

17. During the reporting period, the Executive Secretary also took part in: the UN Environment Leadership Group Meeting via videoconference; the Montreal 375th anniversary reception; Montreal Botanical Gardens event; and a radio interview on the show “From the Top” by host and CEO of Musicians for Biodiversity Inc. (<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/fromthetop/2017/06/29/dr-cristiana-pasca-palmer-will-be-on-from-the-top>). The Deputy Executive Secretary also attended the seventh meeting of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management Visitors to the Secretariat during the first half of 2017 included: the Environment Minister of Austria; the CEO and Chairperson of GEF and her team; the Head of the E-Learning Programme at the UN Systems Staff College, which is hosting the CBD’s E-Learning Platform; students from a Brazilian school; and the Vice-President of the Financial Cooperative Association of International Civil Servants (AMFIE) who gave a general presentation on AMFIE's personal financial services and how they may benefit international civil servants.

#### **A. Memorandum of Cooperation/Understanding**

Observatoire du Sahara et du Sahel (OSS)/Sahara and Sahel Observatory

18. The agreement aims to provide a framework of cooperation and understanding, and to facilitate collaboration to further shared goals and objectives in regard to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity.

## **B. Monitoring, Review and Reporting**

### **Progress in the implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets**

19. In response to COP decision XIII/1 (as well as decisions XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10), the Secretariat:

- (a) Issued a notification to Parties on 17 January 2017 in reference to decision XIII/1 reminding them to submit their NBSAPs and adopt them as policy instruments;
- (b) Reviewed, at the request of Parties, draft updated NBSAPs and provided inputs on their finalization;
- (c) Facilitated the finalization and submission of updated NBSAPs. As of July 2017, 146 updated NBSAPs have been received (12 NBSAPs were received during this reporting period). These NBSAPs are posted at the country profile webpages, as well as summarized at the Latest NBSAPs webpage (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/about/latest/default.shtml>). In addition, all national targets contained in the NBSAPs have been loaded in the targets database (<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/targets/default.shtml>). Information presented at the NBSAP webpages (see <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/>) has been updated and maintained, as have records on NBSAP submissions in the CBD database;
- (d) Supported the regional workshop for the Caribbean countries on the updating and implementation of NBSAPs (5-7 July, 2017, the Bahamas);
- (e) Maintained and updated the database with information on updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans and the fifth national reports;
- (f) Prepared documentation on and liaised with partner conventions in preparation for a comprehensive and inclusive process to discuss the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;
- (g) Prepared draft documentation related to evaluations of the effectiveness of measures undertaken to implement the Strategic Plan and made it available for peer review in advance of the twenty first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

### **Enhancing integration among the Convention and its Protocols and the organization of meetings**

20. In response to COP decision XIII/26, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared and distributed two surveys related to experiences with convening concurrent meetings of the Convention and its Protocols and summarized the findings;
- (b) Adjusted the CHM pages to reflect the process towards more integrated reporting;
- (c) Reported indicators information derived from the Convention at its Protocols as it relates to the Sustainable Development Goals and relevant IPBES assessments.

### **National Reporting**

21. In response to COP decision XIII/27 (as well as XII/29, XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10 relating to national reporting), the Secretariat:

- (a) Continued to facilitate the submission of the fifth national reports. As of the end of June 2017, a total of 187 countries had submitted their final fifth national reports (3 reports had been received during this reporting period);
- (b) Finalized the guidelines and resource manual for the sixth national report following the outcomes of COP13 and made them available in the six languages of the United Nations;

- (c) Finalized the on-line reporting tool for the sixth national report on the CHM and developed a user's manual for the tool and made these available in the six languages of the United Nations,
- (d) Held conversations with the GEF Secretariat, UN Environment and UNDP regarding their support to the preparation of the sixth national reports;
- (e) Issued a notification to Parties on 31 March 2017 advising them of the availability of the guidelines (and resource manual) and online reporting tool for the sixth national report, in the six languages of the United Nations, and that GEF funding was also available to support eligible Parties with report preparation;
- (f) Held conversations with 35 Parties regarding their plans for the preparation of their sixth national reports, including the use of the online reporting tool;
- (g) Registered persons to the roles of Publishing Authority and/or National Authorized User for the National Report and Strategic Plan in the CHM upon receipt of official nominations from Parties;
- (h) Facilitated the submission of letters of endorsement from 140 eligible countries for the GEF project on support to develop the sixth national reports;
- (i) Developed an information portal for the sixth national report; and
- (j) Raised awareness on the CHM, including the online reporting tool for the sixth national report, in formal acknowledgements of receipt of NBSAPs and national reports submitted to the CBD National Focal Points.

#### **Indicators and monitoring progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan**

22. In response to COP decision XIII/28, the Secretariat:

- (a) Participated in relevant meetings of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership;
- (b) Incorporated the indicative list of indicators into the online reporting for the sixth national report

#### **The Global Biodiversity Outlook and Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

23. In response to COP decision XIII/29, the Secretariat:

- (a) Initiated discussions with the Forest Peoples Programme on a possible follow up to the "Local Biodiversity Outlooks - Indigenous Peoples' and Local Communities' Contributions to the Implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020";
- (b) Prepared a workplan and proposed budget for the preparation of the fifth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and made it available for peer review as part of the preparations for the twenty first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice;
- (c) Reviewed relevant deliverables of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

#### **Scientific assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets**

24. In response to COP decision XIII/30, the Secretariat:

- (a) Recruited 11 interns to assist with the collection of relevant information required to undertake the scientific assessment of progress towards selected Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- (b) Initiated the delivery, by members of the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership, of updated indicators information as a contribution to the updated scientific assessment of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

#### **Global Strategy for Plant Conservation**

25. In response to COP decisions XII/15, XI/26 and X/17, the Secretariat:



- (a) Commissioned, with the support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund, Botanic Gardens Conservation International Secretariat to facilitate implementation of technical aspects arising from decisions on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation;
- (b) Prepared and streamed a video message by the Executive Secretary for the 6th Global Botanic Gardens Congress;
- (c) Prepared a series of on-line modules on seed conservation, available in three languages (French, Spanish and Chinese) and accessible at: [http://www.bgci.org/plant-conservation/seed\\_learning/](http://www.bgci.org/plant-conservation/seed_learning/);
- (d) Initiated preparation of regional training courses on plant Red Listing (Haiti, November 2017), ex situ conservation (Nepal, September 2017), and ecological restoration (Nigeria, September 2017).

## II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

### A. Personnel Arrangements

26. During the period January to June 2017, 41 of the 49 professional posts approved under the core budgets of the Convention, the Biosafety Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol, were regularized. The filling of 2 professional posts is currently being finalized and 4 vacant professional posts are currently under recruitment. One professional post is currently being filled using a staff member partially funded with voluntary funding.

27. Of the 29 General Services post approved under the core budget for 2017-2018, 27 posts were regularized with 2 vacant posts under recruitment.

28. In addition to the posts funded under the core budgets, 19 posts (4 Professionals and 15 General Services) are filled with funding from the Programme Support Costs (PSC) charged by the UN Environment Programme. There are 2 vacant posts funded by the PSC that are under recruitment.

29. There were a total of 6 professional project or seconded staff and 2 general services project staff working at the Secretariat during the period under review. Additionally, 3 professional project posts and 2 general services project posts are under recruitment.

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

### B. Financial Arrangements

31. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 June 2017, of the total pledged contributions of US\$12,362,146 for 2017 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounts to US\$5,932,751 of which US\$ 542,105 were received in 2016 and US\$5,390,646 has been received in 2017. Total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the BY Trust Fund is US\$7,714,645. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

32. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 June 2017, the total pledges for 2017 amounts to US\$3,885,111 of which US\$1,322,653 has been received. In addition, US\$ 122,306 has been received with regards to prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$2,935,718. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

33. As at 30 June 2017, US\$451,370 has been pledged in 2017 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**), of which US\$ 56,370 has been received. In addition, US\$ 15,958 was received with regards to prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the BZ Trust Fund amount to US\$ 425,654.. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

34. As at 30 June 2017, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,606,205 for 2017 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,399,784 of which US\$52,406 was received in 2016 and US\$ 1,347,378 has been received in 2017. In addition, US\$382,366 was received in 2017 with regards to prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the BG Trust Fund, amount to US\$1,534,716. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

35. As at 30 June 2017, two pledges, totaling US\$ 78,741 have been received and paid 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 2017. There are no unpaid pledges for the fund as at 30 June 2017. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the VB Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

36. As at 30 June 2017, two Parties have pledged but not paid yet US\$14,285 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**). Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

37. As at 30 June 2017, of the total pledged contributions of US\$1,455,782 for 2017 to the Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (**BB Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$611,542 of which US\$ 9,485 were received in 2016 and US\$ 562,057 has been received in 2017. Total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the BB Trust Fund, amount to US\$1,132,192. Details of the BB Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

38. As at 30 June 2017, total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities (**BX Trust Fund**), amount to US\$20,001. Details of the BX Trust Fund are contained in Annex XI.

### C. Conference and Editorial Services

#### Conference Services

39. During the first six months of 2017, the Conference Services Unit in response to Decision XIII/26, CP COP-MOP-8 Decision VIII/10 and NP COP-MOP-2 Decision II/12, compiled the statistics for the report on the COP and COP-MOP meetings and the associated high-level segment requested by COP-13. Statistics from previous meetings were also compiled and included in the report; The Unit also procured a venue for the convening of the SBSTTA-21 and WG8J-10 meetings to be held in December 2017 in Montreal, including logistical arrangements and booked rooms for SBSTTA, WG8J and SBI meetings until 2020 at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal

40. In preparation for the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Egypt in 2018, the Conference Services unit initiated discussions with the Government of Egypt to share information and provide guidance and HGA instructions on the logistical requirements and on the Host Government roles in providing the infrastructure and support services for the convening of the meetings; Visited Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt, to carry out an assessment of the facilities for COP-14 and meet the host Government Officials and contractors involved in the set-up and running of COP-14 where a series of meetings were held to discuss and provide information and guidance on all logistical requirements and standard procedures for the meetings. A draft floor plan was created for COP-14 as part of the main logistical arrangements. Follow-up discussions were also held with Government Officials and professional conference organizer. The Unit also prepared the main articles of the COP-14 Host Government Agreement for submission to the relevant officials of the Government of Egypt, and is continuing the formulation and preparation of the annexes to the Host Government Agreement;

41. The Conference Services Unit negotiated and renewed an agreement with Tourism Montreal, a local organization that supports international organizations based at the duty station and provided logistical arrangements, planning, procurement and information notes for the convening of eight

meetings and workshops. The full list of meetings organized by the Secretariat in the first half of 2017 is attached as annex XI to this report;

### **Editorial and Translation Services**

42. During the period under review, Editorial and Translation services finalized editing, translation and posting of the reports of the COP-13, CP COP-MOP-8 and NP COP-MOP-2 meetings, including publication and posting of the decisions adopted at those meetings both as part of the reports and as individual documents on the Secretariat website; Additionally documents: agendas, pre-session working documents and final reports of six meetings/workshops, including providing translation of documents for two of the meetings were edited and posted;

43. Translation teams in five languages were secured for the upcoming SBSTTA-21 and WG8J-10 meetings in December 2017 as well as for the SBSTTA-22 and SBI-2 meetings in July 2018 and for COP-14 and associated meetings in November 2018.

44. Work was also done on increasing the roster of translators for various languages by contacting potential new translators, verifying credentials, providing examinations, receiving, reviewing examination results and comments, deciding and proceeding with the hiring process as needed. The template to be used for all CBD meeting documentation was also revised.

## **III. SCIENTIFIC AND POLICY SUPPORT**

### **A. Conservation and Sustainable Use**

#### **Protected Areas**

45. Pursuant to COP decision XIII/2 (para. 5 to 10) and also in line with previous COP decisions XI/24 (para.10); X/31 (para.7); IX/18 (para.15 to 20), the PoWPA, and the assessment results of GBO 4, the focus during the reporting period was on designing and devising ways and means to facilitate the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 by 2020, as specified in the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

#### **Facilitation of Implementation of National Priority Actions identified by Parties to the Convention**

46. Since COP 13, the focus of the Secretariat has been on planning and designing ways to facilitate the implementation of the National Priority Actions in developing countries, countries with economies in transition and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) during Phase II (2017-2020) of its Two-phase Strategy. These actions were developed by the Parties through extensive work prior, during and after the six regional capacity building workshop organized by the Secretariat in Phase I (2015-2016). They were identified for each the elements of Target 11 including effective management, governance and equity, integration into wider land- and seascapes and sectors (e.g. agriculture and health); programmes and strategies (e.g. poverty eradication), connectivity and corridors, transboundary conservation, coverage of areas important for biodiversity, ecological representativeness, among others.

47. A Concept Note clearly describing the Phase II Strategy has been developed. It explains the main issues regarding Aichi Biodiversity Target 11; the relevant COP decisions; the main objectives of the strategy including achievement of Target 11 and putting in place mechanisms for sustained capacity development by 2020; what is needed to facilitate implementation on the ground, how to promote and encourage concerted efforts, the socio-economic and environmental implications of achieving Target 11, process to select a Coordination Agency and enable a Regional Implementation Support Network for each region to support implementation on the ground, in a decentralized manner, through concerted efforts, among others.

48. The Concept Note, together with other updated information on Target 11, including various commitments by Parties (in NBSAPs, GEF 5 and GEF 6 projects, The Ocean Conference etc) to achieve Target 11 by 2020, were shared with numerous partner organizations and experts, funding agencies, and

the participants of the regional capacity building workshops that were held during Phase I. This was done to:

- i. Start or continue dialogue with experts and implementing partners at the regional and country level, as well as raise awareness about the importance of this implementation process and the need for concerted efforts by all to facilitate the achievement of Target 11 by 2020;
- ii. Encourage willingness to fully engage in the *Regional Implementation Support Network* that will be enabled in each region to directly assist countries with the implementation on the ground of their National Priority Actions, in a decentralized manner; and
- iii. Encourage alignment and synergy of activities to facilitate the implementation of the National Priority Actions through concerted efforts and in a time- and cost-effective manner.

49. Activities during this period included also securing funding to facilitate this implementation process in all regions, including preparing proposals. The Secretariat has managed to get generous financial support for Asia and the Pacific Region, as well as Latin American Countries from the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund and the European Union through the Economic Commission. The Secretariat is currently actively exploring and seeking additional sources of funding for the remaining regions which include Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, the Caribbean region, and most probably part of Asia. It is very important to highlight the crucial importance of covering all regions to able to reap all the benefits and co-benefits for the well-being of society.

50. Discussions have also started with regional agencies regarding coordination of implementation activities that will be needed for each region. Regarding implementation in Asia, the Pacific Region and LAC, numerous communications were held with Asean Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and REDPARQUES, among others, which are already very actively involved in conservation and started evaluating the National Priority Actions of the countries in their region to reflect on the development of an *Action Plan* for their region.

51. A Brainstorming/Inception meeting is underway to discuss particularities, modus operandi, and to make final selection of Coordination Agencies and enable Regional Implementation Support Networks to start implementation on the ground in a decentralized manner.

#### *Contributions and Input to The Ocean Conference and Other Events and Documents of Partner Organizations*

52. The Secretariat actively participated at the high-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14 (The Ocean Conference), which took place from June 5 to 9, 2017, coinciding with World Oceans Day.

- (a) An updated assessment of the progress towards and feasibility of reaching the 10% marine conservation requirement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 and target 5 of SDG 14 was conducted;
- (b) The current status of global coverage of marine protected areas was provided by UN Environment's World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC); while the feasibility of reaching the 10% targets by 2020 was assessed based on the expected impacts of implementation of various national commitments which included information contained in the National Priority Actions in Phase I of the Strategy; voluntary commitments made during The Ocean Conference; recently proposed large marine protected areas; targets set in National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) since COP 10; as well as project approved for the fifth and sixth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility. Time-series data provided by UNEP-WCMC was also used to examine the growth in protected area coverage since 1993 when the Convention on Biological Diversity entered into force, since 2004 after the adoption of the Program of Work on Protected Areas, and since 2010 the introduction of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Very promising results were obtained.

- (c) A press release entitled *global marine protected area target of 10% to be achieved by 2020* was issued and a flyer highlighting the main findings was distributed during a press conference on the “*Achievement of global marine protected area targets*” delivered by the Executive Secretary of the Biodiversity Convention, along with the Minister of Environment of Sweden, co-host of the Conference; and the Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change of the Seychelles, on June 5, 2017. The flyer and a table summarising all national commitments, as well as a note on Frequently Asked Questions were also provided to the PoWPA Focal Points and other interested parties.

53. Feedback and comments or input were also provided to other events and partner organizations on subjects related to protected areas. The highlight was on the fact that the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 will generate *multiple benefits* and *co-benefits* for the well-being of society by contributing solutions to the most important global challenges, such as food/water security, health, and the impacts of climate change; and facilitating sustainable development of nations (including poverty eradication and economic prosperity), life in harmony with nature and peace/security, at the local, national and global levels, not only for the current but also future generations. Hence, alignment and synergy of activities, as well as concerted efforts by all will be necessary to achieve Target 11 and start reaping the multiple benefits and co-benefits.

#### *The Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative*

54. The Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative continues work matching the major areas of the United Nations priorities: peace and security, development and management. The Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative has its roots in outcomes of the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Republic of Korea launched the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative as a potential solution to global concerns about conflict areas.

55. The Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative aims to: showcase how conservation could alleviate conflicts; update the information on transboundary protected areas, including potential sites for peace parks; establish at least one peace park, enhance existing peace parks and give higher priority to them for UNESCO World Heritage Sites; organize small-scale workshops to explore the possibilities for future transboundary cooperation with 3-4 states; disseminate best practice guidelines and legislations for the transboundary protected areas in order to promote wider acceptance and application; and provide expertise and capacity-building assistance for establishing and implementing the concept of peace parks in addition to technical support.

56. Peace park creation is a form of environmental diplomacy that is gaining prominence. Peace parks allow shared sovereignty of the environment since their establishment is based on science, can be de-politicized and can set the scene for other forms of cooperation in difficult areas, such as competition for natural resources, environmental security or tackling environmental crime. Environmental diplomacy is drawing together agencies from the environmental, human rights and peacebuilding spheres of the United Nations. The Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative is being developed to play a catalytic role and to promote peace parks further. The Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative is committed to broadening the range of collaborating organizations in support of peace parks' creation and developing a strong potential for conflict resolutions by applying sustainable development principles.

57. The Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative presents best practice guidelines, case studies and prepares to disseminate them using the newly developed E-Learning Module on Peace Parks in English, Spanish and French. A Massive Open Online Course on peace parks creation is planned for four weeks and aims to reach a worldwide audience.

58. Using publicly available information and academic literature, more information is being compiled on the existing transboundary protected areas. The initial connection and cooperation have been established with the United Nations Environment Programme's World Conservation Monitoring Centre team to work towards updating the 2007 Global List of Transboundary Protected Areas. The focus is on continued investigations into conflict cases that have established, or are proposing peace

parks. The Secretariat is continuing identifying transboundary conservation areas/transboundary protected areas in international conflict zones, exploring opportunities in initiating dialogue and modalities of establishing peace parks in Africa, East Asia, Caucasus, Eastern Europe, and in countries of the Latin American and Caribbean Group. A cooperation has been established with the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine and the Transboundary Joint Secretariat in Caucasus to promote environmental diplomacy in the conflict-affected regions.

59. The Secretariat has also organized the side event “Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative: Transboundary Conservation for Biodiversity and Peace”, provided web casting of all presentations, enabled the mass media coverage and launched the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative website during the United Nations Biodiversity Conference in Mexico. The Secretariat has been regularly updating the website <https://www.cbd.int/peace> with new content and research data about Peace Parks worldwide.

### **Marine and coastal biodiversity**

60. In response to COP decisions XIII/9-12, XII/22-23, XI/17-18 and X/29, the Secretariat:

- (d) Attended the GEF-FAO ABNJ Deep Sea Project, Project Steering Committee Meeting, 7 to 9 February 2017 Rome, Italy;
- (e) Attended the UN Environment-EC Workshop on Area-based Management and Regional Cooperation for the Implementation of Ocean-related Sustainable Development Goals, 9 to 10 February 2017 Brussels, Belgium;
- (f) Attended the Preparatory meeting to the UN Conference to support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14, 15 and 16 February 2017, New York, UN Headquarters;
- (g) Organized and serviced the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity Building Workshop for the Wider Caribbean and the Central America, 20 – 24 February 2017, San José, Costa Rica;
- (h) Attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Marine Spatial Planning, 15 -17 March 2017, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris;
- (i) Attended the Third session of the Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction, 27 March to 7 April 2017, New York Headquarters, and organized two side events on (i) ecologically or biologically significant marine areas, and (ii) Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogues with regional seas organizations and regional fisheries bodies;
- (j) Organized and serviced the CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea region, 25 to 29 April 2017, and Training Session on EBSAs, 24 April 2017, Baku, Azerbaijan;
- (k) Attended the Ocean Conference (SDG 14) from 5 to 9 June 2017 at the UN Headquarters in New York; contributed to Plenary Meeting and Partnership Dialogue; organized a High Level Reception (Sustainable Ocean Night); produced and presented a short film on marine biodiversity for sustainable development; and hosted/co-hosted six side events on the following subjects, in collaboration with various partners:
  - Marine Pollution: A critical challenge (and opportunity) for sustainable development
  - Facilitating cross-sectoral regional collaboration to support implementation towards SDG 14: Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fishery Bodies.

- Strengthening national capacity and empowering indigenous peoples and local communities to accelerate implementation towards SDG 14: Sustainable Ocean Initiative Capacity Development Platform.
  - Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas: special places to accelerate implementation towards SDG 14.
  - Mainstreaming biodiversity in fisheries for human well-being
  - Ocean Acidification
- (l) Organized and serviced the First Meeting of the Informal Working Group for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue, 28 – 29 June 2017, Seoul, Republic of Korea

61. The result of these actions has been:

- Engaged and enabled a significant number of country Parties and partner organizations in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets as well as Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 14, in marine and coastal areas through sharing of scientific and technical information, learning exchanges, training on specific tools and guidelines, etc.
- Engaged various global and regional partners to contribute to long-term capacity development for national implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets, as well as Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 14,
- Increased global awareness on specific pressures on marine and coastal biodiversity and ecosystems, such as marine pollution and ocean acidification
- Addressed targeted national & regional-level capacity development to support enhanced implementation and progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- Provided relevant scientific and technical advice to relevant global and regional processes related to conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity
- Increased to 74% of global ocean covered by a regional workshop on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) since COP 10, with the 13<sup>th</sup> regional workshop having been organized during this period in Baku.

### **Biodiversity and Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction**

62. In response to COP decisions XIII/4, XII/20, XI/19, XI/20, XI/21 and X/33, the Secretariat:

- (a) The Executive Secretary made a keynote address on 2 May 2017 at “Cairo climate talks” initiated by the German Embassy and building on the strong partnership between Egypt and Germany in the fields of energy and environment;
- (b) Contributed to the Global Environment Facility Expanded Constituency Workshop for the Caribbean 16-19 May in Grenada. CBD staff developed and issued a survey to Parties of the Caribbean on their needs in order to address climate change and biodiversity issues.
- (c) Prepared for an informal workshop of experts organised by UN Environment –WCMC and BirdLife International in collaboration with SCBD to brainstorm on the development of the voluntary guidelines for ecosystem-based approaches for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction
- (d) Hired a consultant to develop the voluntary guidelines for ecosystem-based approaches for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction;
- (e) Is undertaking planning and has issued a notification calling for nominations to participate in the Regional Dialogue and Learning Mission on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity at the National Level to be held 2 to 6 October 2017 in South Africa.
- (f) Participated in the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) regional training workshop on national adaptation plans for the Pacific region, held 10-13 July 2017, in Nadi, Fiji.

- (g) Participated in the 46th UNFCCC Subsidiary Body meetings, 8 – 18 May 2017, and the 31st meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, 9 – 10 March 2017.
- (h) Participated in the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, held 23-26 May 2017, in Cancun, Mexico. SCBD presented on the synthesis report on ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.
- (i) Participated in a meeting of the Climate Change Working Group of the Convention on Migratory Species, 20 – 21 February 2017 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.*

### **Biological Diversity of Inland Waters**

63. In response to COP decisions XI/23 and X/28, the Secretariat
- (a) CBD representative participated in the “RDI International Cooperation development for tackling global water challenges” held 26-27 April 2017;
  - (b) participated in ongoing discussions as a member of UN Water, and substantively contributed materials on biodiversity and water, to support development of the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028;
  - (c) As one of the coordinators of World Water Day “Nature for Water” along with UNESCO and UN Environment, participated in ongoing discussions and plans for related events on the margins of World Water Week in Stockholm in August 2017, and as part of the World Water Forum in Brasilia in March 2018.
  - (d) Is developing messaging and outreach products on biodiversity and water as a contribution to the UN Water Decade.

*The result of these actions has been: further strengthened cooperation in the UN system regarding ecosystems and water.*

### **Agricultural biodiversity**

64. In response to COP decisions X/34, XIII/3 and XIII/15, the Secretariat:
- (a) Has issued a notification calling for relevant national initiatives and activities to promote the conservation and sustainable use of pollinators and to contribute to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations survey on the status of honey bees worldwide and other pollinator populations. The information will be used to populate the DAD-IS (Domestic Animal Diversity Information System) system hosted by FAO. The system provides the user with searchable databases of breed-related information and images, management tools, and a library of references, links and contacts of Regional and National Coordinators for the Management of Animal Genetic Resources as well as serves the purposes of communication and information tool for implementing strategies for the management of animal genetic resources. The Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, at its 16th session, requested FAO to consider including domesticated honey bees and potentially other pollinators into DAD-IS.
  - (b) Followed up in partnership with FAO on the European Commission programme on “Capacity Building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) in African, Caribbean and

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Pacific (ACP) countries” - ACP MEAs Phase 2 - on integrating ecosystem services and biodiversity into agricultural for sustainable management of natural resources and livelihoods. The project aims to strengthen regional and national institutional capacity for finding synergies and implementing target MEA clusters on agrochemicals and biodiversity. Biodiversity and ecosystem services are at the heart of man solutions to sustainable increases in agricultural productivity that deliver not only better outcomes for food and nutrition security but also contribute to reduce externalities of production. Maximizing, rather than depleting, the services from biodiversity resources found in agricultural areas can sustain, and enhance production while at the same time reducing the need to employ large quantities of external inputs, including agro-chemicals.

- (c) Contributed to the revision of FAO Field training modules on mainstreaming ecosystem services and biodiversity into agricultural production and management in East Africa: Agro-biodiversity and ecosystem services play a key role in supporting sustainable agricultural production. In 2016, two guidance documents on mainstreaming agro-biodiversity and ecosystem services in East Africa ([www.fao.org/3/a-i5603e.pdf](http://www.fao.org/3/a-i5603e.pdf)) and the Pacific Islands ([www.fao.org/3/a-i6505e.pdf](http://www.fao.org/3/a-i6505e.pdf)) were produced, targeting regional and national policymakers working on environment and agriculture sector policies. Building on this work, in 2017 further materials will be produced to provide guidance on field implementation of practices that maximize agro-biodiversity and ecosystem services. These will be geared towards Farmer Field School (FFS) contexts. An introductory volume on agro-biodiversity and ecosystem services will be published, in late 2017, with a regional focus on East Africa. The publication will largely build on existing training materials produced by FAO Kenya in 2008.

## **B. Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing / Traditional Knowledge**

### **Decisions of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization**

65. In light of the decisions adopted by COP-MOP 2, relevant developments and activities carried out by the Secretariat during the reporting period include the following:

#### *Status of Ratification*

66. Follow-up with CBD, ABS NFPs and other national contacts regarding ratification and encouraging countries to finalize their national processes as soon as possible. During this period, seven countries – Angola, Japan, Kuwait, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea and Sao Tome and Principe ratified or acceded to the Nagoya Protocol.

#### *Capacity-building activities*

67. The Secretariat established two databases for sharing information on capacity-building initiatives and resources through the ABS Clearing-House.

- (a) Thanks to support provided by the JBF, the Secretariat partnered with Bioversity International, the ABS Capacity Development Initiative and the Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture to organize a workshop on mutually supportive implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and the International Treaty for countries in South and Southeast Asia. The workshop was held at the International Rice Research Institute in Los Baños, Philippines from 27 to 30 March 2017.
- (b) The workshop brought together national focal points of the Nagoya Protocol and the International Treaty from Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan and the Philippines to discuss complementarity in policies and procedures for access to plant genetic

resources for food and agriculture and the sharing of benefits arising from their use. They also discussed possible follow-up activities for promoting implementation of the two agreements in mutually supportive ways at the national level.

(c) The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity also collaborated in the organization of the workshop.

#### *The ABS Clearing-House*

68. During this reporting period the main focus has as been on encouraging the participation of Parties, as well as other stakeholders, in the population of relevant content and the use of the ABS Clearing-House. Capacity-building and awareness-raising has been particular timely during this reporting period in light of the quickly approaching deadline (1 Nov 2017) for the submission of the national reports on progress in the implementation of the Protocol, the upcoming assessment and review of the implementation of the Protocol, as well as, a number of other processes that take into account the information submitted to the ABS Clearing-House.

69. Work done on capacity-building and awareness-raising for the ABS Clearing-House as been organized into three related projects: 1) the ongoing outreach and awareness raising campaign, which is aimed at providing Parties with pro-active support and encouragement; 2) the ABS help desk, providing users of the ABS Clearing-House with immediate technical support and simple and convenient avenue for Parties to communicate issues, questions and requests to the SCBD, and; 3) a number of capacity-building and guidance materials have been developed, such as, an e-learning module on the ABS Clearing-House, an online information section, as well as, a number of step-by-step instructional guides outlining how to submit information and use the ABS Clearing-House website. Much of our work on these projects has been made possible thanks to generous support provided by the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

70. Additional progress has been made on improving a number of the features and functionality of ABS Clearing-House website. For example, we have made significant progress on the translation of the website into the 6 UN languages and in the development of the automated national report analyzer. We have also significantly improved as well as put our interoperability mechanisms, such as the API, to the test by assisting the EU to successfully development their ABS DECLARE system and enabling it to seamlessly integrate with the ABS Clearing-House.

#### *Participation in meetings and workshops organized by relevant organizations and partners:*

- Participated in the 16<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in Rome, Italy, from 30 January to 3 February 2017
- Participated in the Sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System of the ITPGRFA, in Rome, Italy from 13 to 17 March 2017
- Participated and presented at 10<sup>th</sup> Pan-African ABS workshop in Dakar, Senegal, from 6 to 10 March 2017
- Participated and presented at the Steering Committee meeting of the UNEP-GEF/IUCN Caribbean ABS regional Project and meeting with UNDP in Panama City, Panama from 23 to 24 March 2017
- Participated in the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland from 24 to 27 May 2017
- Participated and presented at the second meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee on the Global Information System of Article 17 of the Treaty (SAC-GLIS-2), 13-14 June 2017
- Met with the ITPGRFA on issues related cooperation and interoperability with the ABS Clearing-House, 15 June 2017
- Participated in the IUCN regional project “Advancing the Nagoya Protocol in Countries of the Caribbean Region” in St. Kitts & Nevis from 19 to 20 June 2017

### **Decision XIII/13: Article 8(j) and related provisions**

71. In light of the decisions adopted by COP 13, relevant developments and activities carried out by the Secretariat during this period (January to June 2017) include the following:

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

- Prepared for, in partnership with the Equator Initiative UNDP, an Electronic Global Consultation with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities and Parties. The forum will serve as a needs analysis to determine regional training priorities within the mandate of the CBD and articles 8(j) and related provisions. It will include exchange experiences on national arrangements for achieving traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use elements of targets 18 and 16 of Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The electronic consultation will be conducted in August 2017, in time to inform and shape the Pacific Regional Training scheduled for the last quarter of 2017.
- Prepared for the Pacific Regional Training which will be held in October in the Pacific (venue to be advised), including by reaching out to potential host countries and partners.
- Prepared for the tenth meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) and related provisions, including the preparation of the official documentation.

*Participation in meetings and workshops organized by relevant organizations and partners:*

- Project Access 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ***Global Capacity-Building Training Workshop for Indigenous Peoples***, facilitated in partnership with NGO Tribal Link Inc., Colombia University and the UNPFII on 21 April 2017 in New York. Training focussed on the work of the Convention on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use of Biodiversity, facilitated by John Scott.
- ***United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues*** (UNPFII), 16<sup>th</sup> session, UN Headquarters, 24-28 April 2017. Included presentation of the Executive Secretary's statement and progress report to the UNPFII and meetings with the indigenous Global, Women's, Youth and regional Asian Caucuses. Also included facilitation of a side event with the Government of Sweden, the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous peoples, on *Biodiversity and Human Rights* on Wednesday 26 April 2017.
- ***UN Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples Issues (IASG)***, coordination, collaboration and planning meetings 24-28 April, including a 3 hour bilateral meeting between Agencies and the 16 experts of the UNPFII (28 April).
- ***Initial preparatory meetings*** for the ***First Conference for North American on Biocultural Diversity***, and the ***First Global Dialogue on Biocultural Diversity***, facilitated by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biodiversity, UNESCO (NYO), and the American Museum of Natural History (AMNH), 30 April 2017 and promotion through a side event at UNPFII held on Friday 28 April 2017.
- Participated and contributed to, as member of the ILK Task Force at the 6th Meeting of the Task Force on Indigenous and Local Knowledge Systems of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), Pereira, Colombia, 8-12 May 2017.

### **C. Biosafety and Biosecurity**

#### **Programme areas under the Cartagena Protocol**

### **Mainstreaming and integrated implementation of biosafety**

72. During the reporting period, the Secretariat issued a notification to Parties calling for expressions of interest to participate in the project on "Integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress, and the Convention on Biological Diversity." The project aims at strengthening capacities at the national level for integrated implementation of the three instruments. The project builds on a pilot project to build capacity for integrated implementation.

73. The project is being undertaken in response to a number of decisions by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP) calling for the integration of biosafety into relevant policies, plans and programmes, including national biodiversity strategies and action plans (e.g. decisions BS-V/16, BS-VII/5, XII/29, CP-VIII/3). Most recently, at its eighth meeting, the COP-MOP requested the Executive Secretary to undertake relevant activities in order to enhance the capacity of Parties to promote the integration of biosafety considerations into NBSAPs and national strategies to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (decision CP-VIII/15). The project is being undertaken thanks to the financial support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

74. The deadline for expressions of interest to participate was extended to 26 June 2017 and the announcement of the 10 Parties selected to participate will be informed via a notification.

75. Further with regards to mainstreaming biosafety into national policies and processes, the Secretariat was invited to make a presentation on "Biosafety and biosecurity: finding synergies at national and subnational levels" at a webinar organized through the *Regions for Biodiversity Learning Platform* (R4BLP) by the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development. The webinar took place on 28 June 2017.

76. The objective of the webinar was to advance the goals of the ten regional governments that are members of the R4BLP focusing on the overarching topic of biodiversity including development and implementation of NBSAPs and achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. A poll that was held during the webinar showed that the great majority of participants wished to continue discussing biosafety matters. Moreover, after the webinar, the Secretariat received positive feedback, including several enquiries by participants, and was informed that R4BLP is planning to organize a face-to-face meeting in late 2017 during which biosafety matters will be discussed.

### **Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification (Article 18)**

77. The Workshop on developing capacity for national border controls on living modified organisms in Pacific small island developing States was held in Suva, Fiji from 27 to 29 March 2017. The objectives of the workshop were to assist customs and border control officials in the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol's provisions with regard to handling, transport, packaging and identification of LMOs, as well as sampling and detection of LMOs in the context of illegal and unintentional transboundary movements; and to share experiences and assess national needs and gaps for the effective implementation of the relevant outcomes under the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol. A total of 39 participants attended the workshop, from 11 countries in the region. The final report of the workshop is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/cphtpiws-2017-01/official/cphtpiws-2017-01-02-en.pdf>.

### **Compliance**

78. The Compliance Committee held its fourteenth meeting in Montreal from 16 to 18 May 2017. The Committee considered the outcomes of the eighth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol focusing on items relevant to compliance. It decided that a standing item be included in the agenda for future meetings of the Committee to facilitate consideration of ongoing individual cases of non-

compliance. The Committee reviewed compliance on the basis of third national reports with a focus on priority areas identified by the meeting of the Parties and requested the Secretariat to seek information from Parties facing challenges with particular obligations, including: the introduction of legal, administrative and other measures for the implementation of the Protocol and their monitoring obligations, for consideration at its next meeting. In this context, the Committee reviewed the types of assistance it could offer Parties and updated the “Information note on the role of the Compliance Committee in assisting Parties”. The Committee also explored, as requested by COP-MOP in decision CP-VIII/14, the possible reasons for the lower rate of reporting for the current reporting cycle. The Committee welcomed the extended availability of funds provided by the Global Environment Facility for the completion of third national reports, which may assist eligible Parties to submit their third national report. The Committee decided that the Chair would also send follow-up letters to those Parties whose third national report is still outstanding. The meeting was attended by 12 members of the Compliance Committee. The report of the meeting is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/cpcc-14/official/cpcc-14-05-en.pdf>.

### **Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House (Article 20)**

79. From 20 to 23 June 2017, 15 participants from the islands of Fiji, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Kiribati gathered in the city of Nadi, Fiji, for the *Pacific Regional Training Workshop for Biosafety Clearing House National Focal Points*. The workshop was convened by UN Environment, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and brought together the National Focal Points to enhance the capacities of Pacific Island nations to effectively participate in the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) as part of the *BCH III project*, which is funded by the Global Environment Facility and implemented by UN Environment, and aims at sustaining the effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol by Parties through the BCH.

80. By the end of the workshop, participants unanimously agreed to the “*One PASIFIKA Biosafety Roadmap*”, a navigation tool for island nations to effectively put in place biosafety measures beyond the BCH III project. This roadmap consists of four main components: enhancing capacity, establishing sustainable administrative systems, improving compliance with the Cartagena Protocol, and enhancing collaboration within the region. All Parties agreed to move forward united as *One PASIFIKA* to promote conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and therefore attaining sustainable development. UN Environment and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity are witness to the genesis of *One PASIFIKA* and are committed to supporting the journey planned for the implementation of the “*One PASIFIKA Biosafety Roadmap*”.

### **Risk Assessment and Risk Management (Articles 15 and 16)**

81. The Secretariat issued a notification during the reporting period inviting Parties to submit to the Executive Secretary:

- (a) Information on their needs and priorities for further guidance on specific topics of risk assessment of living modified organisms;
- (b) Proposals on criteria, including the technical justification, that may facilitate the selection of topics for the development of further guidance; and
- (c) Views on perceived gaps in existing guidance materials.

82. Submissions of information will be accepted until 25 August 2017 and will be submitted for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its twenty-second meeting in July 2018.

### **Socio-economic considerations (Article 26)**

83. During the reporting period, the Secretariat issued a notification calling for nominations for experts from all regions, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities to participate in the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-economic Considerations. The face-to-face meeting of the AHTEG is scheduled to be held from 9 to 13 October 2017.

84. The same notification also invited submissions of information on existing guidance documents on socio-economic considerations, as well as any experience with taking socio-economic considerations into account in decision-making on living modified organisms.

85. As of 30 June 2017, a total of seven submissions of information were received and are available on the website of the Biosafety Clearing-House at [https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb\\_art26\\_submissions/AHTEG2.shtml](https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_art26_submissions/AHTEG2.shtml).

### **Monitoring and reporting (Article 33)**

86. During the reporting period, national focal points of Parties who had not yet submitted their third national reports were personally contacted by the Secretariat and urged to submit their reports by 30 April 2017 in order to be registered in the BCH before the Compliance Committee reviewed the rate of submission of third national reports at its fourteenth meeting.

87. As of 30 June 2017, a total of 141 third national reports had been received by the Secretariat, eight of which were received during the reporting period.

### **Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures (Article 17)**

88. The Asia-Pacific Workshop on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms was convened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 20 to 24 March 2017. The objectives of the workshop were to provide theoretical and hands-on training on: (i) Sampling, detection and identification of living modified organisms in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety; (ii) Laboratory methodologies used for the analysis of samples; and (iii) Sharing experiences and assessing national needs and gaps for the effective implementation of the relevant outcomes under the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol. The workshop was attended by 16 participants from 13 Parties in the region. The final report of the workshop is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/cpdiws-2017-01/official/cpdiws-2017-01-02-en.pdf>.

89. As part of the participants' conclusions and recommendations following the workshop, they agreed that a series of online activities by the group would facilitate the consolidation of the knowledge gained during the workshop and encourage the sharing of information between labs within the region. In following up with these requests the Secretariat organized two of the planned online discussions on the following topics: (i) *Sample preparation*: Sharing of practical experiences and knowledge on sample preparation from different matrices including considerations for troubleshooting; and (ii) *Extraction methods*: Compilation of information on extraction procedures from difficult samples. The discussions are available at [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_detection/workshop\\_2016-2018\\_AP.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_detection/workshop_2016-2018_AP.shtml).

### **Public awareness, education and participation (Article 23)**

90. The Online Forum on Public Education regarding LMOs was held from 3 April to 5 May 2017 and aimed to facilitate an exchange of views and information on a course entitled, "Review of a module on public education regarding LMOs". The expected outcomes of the online discussion were to facilitate the implementation of programme element 2 of the Programme of Work on public awareness and education and to develop a toolkit on public education through an e-learning module; and to facilitate the implementation of priority areas 3 and 5 of the programme of work on advancing tools, resources and

processes to broaden training activities and strengthen biosafety education at all levels. The online discussions covered the following themes:

- Theme 1: Feedback on the topic on key educational elements of public education;
- Theme 2: Feedback on the topic on procedures and practices of public education; and
- Theme 3: Feedback on the topic on planning for public education.

91. The online discussions had a total of 227 participants and a total of 94 messages were posted. Theme 1 had a total of 71 messages posted, Theme 2 had a total of 11 messages posted and Theme 3 had a total of 12 messages posted. The moderators' summary and recommendations will be available at [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art23/pe\\_forum.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art23/pe_forum.shtml)

92. During the reporting period, the Secretariat issued a notification, among other things, launching two self-directed e-learning modules on access to biosafety information and public participation regarding LMOs, in the Biodiversity E-Learning Platform at <https://scbd.unssc.org/>. Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and other stakeholders are invited to participate in the two modules.

### **Status of Ratification or Accession to the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress**

93. One additional Party deposited its instrument of ratification/accession to the Cartagena Protocol in the reporting period (Kuwait), bringing the total number of ratifications, acceptances, approvals or accessions to 171. The list of Parties to the Protocol is available on the Protocol's website at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.

94. Two additional Parties deposited their instruments of accession to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress in the reporting period (Cuba, Central African Republic), bringing the total number of ratifications, acceptances, approvals or accessions to 39 (including the European Union). The Supplementary Protocol will enter into force on the 90<sup>th</sup> day after the date of deposit of the 40<sup>th</sup> instrument of ratification, accession, acceptance or approval by the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, meaning that only two more ratifications are needed for the Supplementary Protocol to enter into force. The status of signature, and ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Supplementary Protocol is available at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.

### **Programme areas under the Convention**

#### **Invasive Alien Species**

95. During the reporting period, the Secretariat conducted the following activities in response to decisions IX/4 A, X/38, XI/28, XII/17 and XIII/13:

- (a) Attended the 12th session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM12) in Incheon, Republic of Korea, from 5 to 11 April 2017. At CPM12, Secretariat staff reported the outcomes of COP13 and the activities conducted in collaboration with the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) on Invasive Alien Species and other biodiversity related matters. In addition, Secretariat staff participated in a panel session on e-commerce and delivered a presentation entitled "Increasing risk of biological invasion posed by trade in wildlife via e-commerce and associated materials", and organized a side session entitled "Facilitation of international trade and safeguarding biodiversity from pest spread (invasive alien species)". As a result of this participation, a joint work plan for cooperation between the two Secretariats is currently being negotiated and in the process of signature;

- (b) Issued a notification inviting Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities to submit information on invasive alien species management as detailed in decision XIII/13. Although the deadline to submit information is 30 September 2017, as of the writing of this report, the Secretariat had already received 57 responses;
- (c) Has begun preparations for the “capacity-building workshop for Caribbean small island developing States towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9”. Thanks to the contribution of the Japan Biodiversity Fund and UNEP sub regional office in Jamaica, the preparations have involved:
- Issuing a notification and a reminder notification inviting Parties of small island developing States (SIDS) in the Caribbean to nominate experts to participate in the workshop;
  - Reaching out to CBD national focal points and national plant protection organizations of invited Parties;
  - Collaborating with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to produce country dossiers that will inform the status of progress on achieving Aichi Target 9 on invasive alien species in the region;
  - Collaborating with invasive alien species experts, GEF implementing agencies and additional related international organizations.

### **The Global Taxonomy Initiative**

96. During the reporting period, the Secretariat conducted the following activities in accordance with the capacity-building strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative and in response to decision XI/39:

- (a) Produced the e-book “Introduction to ABS and the Nagoya Protocol: What DNA Barcoding Researchers Need to Know” in collaboration with partners;
- (b) Prepared to further build the capacity of developing countries, with funding from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, on rapid species identification using DNA sequence-based technologies by working with a network of trained trainers that participated in GTI training courses in 2015-2016;
- (c) Liaised with the government of Egypt to obtain approval and support to organize the “GTI Forum”, an event to take place on the margins of COP14 aimed at promoting capacity-building activities, projects, and initiatives in taxonomy and related biodiversity science aligned with decision XIII/31. As a result, the Secretariat has obtained Egypt’s approval and support to organize the GTI forum and has started collecting ideas and feedback from the members of the GTI Coordination Mechanism to plan the event.

### **Synthetic biology**

97. During the reporting period the Secretariat issued a notification inviting the submission of information (decision XIII/17, para 10). As of 30 June, the Secretariat had received 27 submissions of information. Submissions are available at <https://bch.cbd.int/synbio/submissions/2017-2018.shtml>

98. The abovementioned notification also invited Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities to nominate experts to participate in the Open-ended Online Forum on Synthetic Biology, scheduled to take place online from July to September 2017. As of 30 June 2017, a total of 175 participants representing Parties were registered for the online forum, of which 63 were new; one new participant representing other Governments; 2 new participants representing indigenous peoples and local communities; and 121 representatives of organizations, of which 49 were new.

99. During the reporting period, the Secretariat also sought the confirmation and continued endorsement of existing members of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Synthetic Biology in preparation for the face-to-face meeting of the AHTEG scheduled to take place from



5 to 8 December 2017. Due to the confirmation that a number of experts were no longer available to serve on the AHTEG, the Secretariat issued a notification inviting Parties to nominate experts for consideration.

#### IV. IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

##### A. Clearing-house Mechanism

100. During the first half of 2017, the main activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) can be summarized as follows:

- (a) As requested in decision XIII/27, the online reporting tool was further developed in alignment with the reporting templates for the sixth national report which were adopted at COP 13. Notification 2017-031, issued on 31 March 2017, announced that the tool was accessible through the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM) at <https://chm.cbd.int> in the six United Nations languages. CBD National Focal Points have been given the right to publish national information and to grant access to this tool to other users by assigning them the role of National Publishing Authority or National Authorized User. If needed, users can get assistance through a live help button at the bottom of each page or through the [onlinereporting@cbd.int](mailto:onlinereporting@cbd.int) email address.
- (b) The Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF) approved the CBD Secretariat's project proposal to support the development of national CHMs during 2017-2018. This project includes two regional capacity-building workshops on the CHM as well as support to further develop and rollout the Bioland tool facilitating the establishment of a national CHM. Since then, the CBD Secretariat has initiated the process to further develop the Bioland tool and to organize the first workshop to be held in Asia during the last quarter of 2017.
- (c) The CBD Secretariat collaborated with the Biodiversity Management Programme (BMP) of the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) in the Horn of Africa to convene the *Joint IGAD/CBD Sub-Regional Training Workshop on the Harmonization of the CBD Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) and IGAD BMP's National Biodiversity Databases*, held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 9 to 13 April 2017. The objectives of the workshop were to strengthen the capacity of participating countries to establish and sustain effective national CHMs in support of the NBSAPs in the IGAD sub-region, and to build stronger awareness of CBD and CHM for biodiversity content providers, trained within the IGAD's BMP National Biodiversity Databases project. This workshop brought together 27 national participants (a mix of CHM National Focal Points and technical content managers of IGAD BMP national biodiversity databases) from several countries in the region (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Uganda).
- (d) The CBD Secretariat contributed to the *CHM capacity-building workshop for francophone partner countries in Africa*, organized by Belgium and Togo, and held from 2 to 5 May 2017 in Lomé, Togo. 19 national participants representing 10 partner countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Morocco, Niger, and Togo) attended this workshop. The objectives of the workshop were to review the progress made by the partner countries in the implementation of their national CHMs established with the European CHM Portal Tool Kit (PTK), and to further build the capacity of their CHM National Focal Points on using the Bioland tool. Participants were introduced to the Bioland tool, including its similarities and differences with the PTK. The workshop also included hands-on training sessions, in which each participant had access to a Bioland-based training site to test-drive its features.

- (e) The CBD Secretariat was represented at the *Eight Multilateral Environmental Agreement Knowledge Management (MEA-IKM) Steering Committee meeting*, held in Montreux, Switzerland, from 20 to 23 June 2017. The main objectives of the meeting were to review MEA-IKM ongoing work and establish directions for joint work in the intersessional period. The meeting was attended by around 50 participants representing 17 MEAs and 11 partner organizations. Recommendations were made on to proceed with various initiatives, including the Law and Environment Ontology (LEO), interoperability, e-learning, the use of the Akoma-Ntoso format adopted for UN documents, and synergies in national reporting through the Data Reporting Tool (DaRT). These recommendations are under review and will be made available at [www.informea.org/about](http://www.informea.org/about).
- (f) The CBD Secretariat upgraded its web translation infrastructure through the purchase and setup of several licenses of the SDL Trados Studio 2017 software. After the necessary technical adjustments and testing, the web translation process resumed in all six official United Nations languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish) with the translator roster and the available budget.
- (g) Further to decision XIII/23, the Informal Advisory Committee of the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM-IAC) was renewed in accordance with its operational procedures. Notification 2017-015, issued on 21 February 2017, invited Parties to nominate candidates, and the composition of the Committee was announced through notification 2017-047, issued on 1 June 2017. An online meeting of the Committee was held on 13 June 2017 to discuss how to plan the work ahead and to inform them that a two-day face-to-face meeting would normally take place in December 2017 at the margins of SBSTTA 21.

## B. Capacity Development

101. The main activities undertaken by the Capacity Development Unit and the achievements made during the reporting period included the following:

### **Communication of capacity development activities and achievements under the Convention and its Protocols**

102. An electronic newsletter known as *BioCAP: Biodiversity Capacity Development Update* was launched in March 2017 and disseminated to Parties, relevant organizations and indigenous peoples and local communities on 10 April 2017 (Notification No. 86442 - <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2017/ntf-2017-034-biocap-en.pdf>). The purpose of the quarterly newsletter is to provide periodic updates to Parties and other stakeholders on the implementation of the short-term action plan on capacity-building adopted in Cancun, with a particular focus on the main outcomes of the capacity development and technical and scientific cooperation activities facilitated and supported by the Secretariat in collaboration with partners. The inaugural issue of *BioCAP* is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/newsletters/biocap/biocap-01-en.pdf>. The second issue of *BioCAP* is scheduled to be published in July 2017.

### **Facilitation of learning**

103. On 1 March 2017, the Secretariat launched the *Biodiversity e-Learning Platform* (<https://scbd.unssc.org>). This platform was developed in collaboration with the United Nations Systems Staff College (UNSSC) with financial support from the Government of Japan through the Japan Biodiversity Fund. It seeks to promote the use of advanced technologies to further enhance capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer as requested by the Conference of the Parties. Currently, the platform has 16 modules on protected areas, 8 modules on access and benefit-sharing, 4 modules on biosafety and 2 modules on biodiversity valuation.

104. A two-day Secretariat staff training workshop on e-learning was organized from 3 to 4 May 2017. The workshop, which was conducted by instructors from UNSSC, introduced staff to the fundamental principles of instructional design and adult learning techniques and provided them with

practical hands-on experience on the use of the *Biodiversity e-Learning Platform*, including how to create course pages and enroll participants; how to track and report on the participants' completion of the modules; how to engage participants during and after a training activity; and how to measure the impact and effectiveness of e-learning activities. A total of 34 staff attended the workshop. A web page was also established on the Secretariat's intranet to provide staff with relevant tools and resources.

105. The Secretariat collaborated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the NBSAP Forum and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in organizing a six-week massive open online course (MOOC) on "Greening Consumption and Production", which was held from 31 May to 12 July 2017. The course was hosted on TNC's Conservation Training website (<http://www.conservationtraining.org/course/index.php?categoryid=37>). At least 1,371 participants from 138 countries, including policymakers and practitioners working in the area of sustainable consumption and production took part in the course.

### **Facilitation of Technical and Scientific Cooperation**

106. In January 2017, the Secretariat embarked on the operational phase of the Bio-Bridge Initiative for technical and scientific cooperation. Some of the main achievements made during the reporting period included the launch of the Initiative's website (<http://www.cbd.int/biobridge>) and the Bio-Bridge web platform on 7 March 2017 (Notification No. 86354 - <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2017/ntf-2017-024-bbi-en.pdf>). The web platform enables Governments and relevant stakeholders to submit, as appropriate, requests for assistance, make offers of such assistance or announce opportunities for technical and scientific cooperation. It also facilitates access to a wide range of technical and scientific knowledge assets and curated resources, and supports knowledge sharing through online discussion forums.

107. The Secretariat completed the initial screening of the 32 requests for assistance (proposals for Bio-Bridge demonstration projects) that were received from various countries. Of these, 13 proposals met the eligibility criteria and will be submitted to the Project Review Panel for a final technical review based on the established project quality assessment and technical assessment criteria and the scoring framework.

108. A concept note on the Bio-Bridge Initiative regional outreach workshops on technical and scientific cooperation to be organized later this year for Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and Central and Eastern Europe was prepared. The purpose of the workshops is to raise awareness of the Bio-Bridge Initiative and its operational tools and Action Plan 2017-2020, communicate the Parties' requests for assistance submitted to BBI, showcase results of the BBI pilot projects, and facilitate dialogue among Parties requesting technical assistance and potential providers of technical assistance.

### **Facilitation of strategic partnerships, coordination and networking for capacity development**

109. The Secretariat attended the 5th Meeting of the Task Force on Capacity-building of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), which was held 26-28 April 2017 in Trondheim, Norway. The aim of the meeting was to consolidate and align the contributions by various organizations to the implementation of the IPBES Capacity-building Rolling Plan and to further strengthen collaboration. The Secretariat submitted information on its ongoing and planned activities in support of the IPBES Capacity-building Rolling Plan.

## **C. Information Technology Unit**

110. During this reporting period the Information Technology (IT) Unit, in collaboration with relevant Units of the Secretariat, accomplished several major projects. In collaboration with the Monitoring, Review and Reporting Unit in the Office of the Executive Secretary, the IT unit launched

the online reporting tool for the 6th National Report (<https://chm.cbd.int/submit/nationalReport6>). For the first time the entire reporting common format, the help texts and the user guide were presented in all 6 UN languages at the same time. This was made possible through the use of modern translation environment software capable of aligning translated texts cost efficiently. Since the online reporting tool is entirely part of the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM), the same code developments will be used for an easier translation of other portions of the CHM, including the ABS Clearing House.

111. Together with the Economic Policy and Resource Mobilization Unit in the Mainstreaming, Cooperation and Outreach Support (MCOS) division, the IT unit produced the second portion of the online Financial Reporting Framework (<https://chm.cbd.int/submit/resourceMobilisation2020/new>) and an online Financial Reporting Framework analyzer (<https://chm.cbd.int/search/financial-analyzer>). The new online form will allow Parties to report on their contribution and progress made to reach the global financial targets, under Aichi Biodiversity Target 20.

112. In collaboration with the Capacity Development Unit and with support of the United Nations System Staff College, the IT Unit actively facilitated and supported the deployment of the first set of e-learning modules on the Biodiversity e-Learning Platform (<https://scbd.unssc.org>).

113. Other web platforms developed with the support of the IT Unit included the United Nation Decade on Biodiversity portal <https://www.cbd.int/2011-2020/> which allows governments, organizations, communities and individual people to report on their actions to safeguard biodiversity and the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI) web platform (<https://www.cbd.int/biobridge/platform>) which aims at facilitating technical and scientific cooperation among Parties by linking those with needs to participants capable of offering the adequate support.

114. According to users, the most appreciated feature of all the above new developments is the unification of user accounts which means that a single user account can now be used to access all online tools proposed by the Secretariat. In case of problems, an online helpdesk feature is available throughout the CHM and the e-learning platform web sites to respond to queries and resolve technical difficulties.

115. In the framework of the Secretariat's office IT infrastructure, the IT team piloted the bidding process for renewal of its integrated telecommunication, internet and mobile phone service contracts. Substantial cost reductions are expected when the new contracts enter into force in the second half of 2017.

116. Finally, the IT unit further developed synergies with other Conventions by adapting and sharing its meeting participant's registration tool (named Kronos). The Ozone Convention will be using this software at its next major meeting in Bangkok in July 2017 while other sister institutions have already shown their interest in using Kronos in a near future.

## V. MAINSTREAMING, COOPERATION AND OUTREACH SUPPORT

### A. Communication and Awareness

#### *Report on the Celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2017 (IDB2017)*

#### Theme

117. The theme "Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism" has been chosen to coincide with the observance of 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development as proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 70/1931 and for which the United Nations World Tourism Organization is providing leadership. The theme of the International Day for Biological Biodiversity (IDB) 2017 was announced by notification on 1 February 2017. More details are available at [www.cbd.int/idb/2017](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2017).

## Participation worldwide

*Celebrations*

118. At least 94 countries (of which 43 have reported on their activities to the Secretariat and others were found through a google search), as well as 14 other organizations/entities, have celebrated the IDB to varying degrees, and held a variety of activities: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Caribbean, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, European Union, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russia, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ukraine, United States of America, Venezuela, and Vietnam. Details are available on the [website](#).

119. The official celebration took place in Parque Nacional El Chico, Hidalgo, Mexico, with the participation of President Enrique Peña Nieto.

120. It is also worth noting that Mexico's CONABIO has organized/coordinated 603 activities in 31 states. Sweden's Natursidan.se has organized/coordinated 70 activities all over Sweden, with more than 100 articles in the media. Also worth mentioning is coverage by [Al Jazeera](#), [Deutschewelle](#), [La Repubblica](#), [National Geographic](#), and [Xinhua](#).

*Messages & statements*

121. A number of organizations have expressed their support to biodiversity by issuing [messages](#) to commemorate the IDB: Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment), United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD).

122. As every year, as part of the CBD's outreach activities, the Executive Secretary of the CBD has also released a message: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MemfwY9yB0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MemfwY9yB0)

## Communications Products

*Logo & branding*

123. The IDB2017 logo was designed by the pedagogical staff members of the Environmental Education Center (E.E.C.) of Kastoria, Greece, and it was released on 23 March 2017 by [notification](#).



124. Inspired by this year theme, Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism, the E.E.C. aimed to design a logo that highlights the strong interrelationship between biodiversity and tourism, a major and one of the fastest growing economic sectors worldwide. More specifically, they composed a visual representation of the importance of rich biodiversity and attractive landscapes for tourism, as well as the need of an appropriate tourism development that would protect and sustainably manage biodiversity. More details are available on the website.

125. The logo was made available in the 6 United Nations languages at [www.cbd.int/idb/2017/logo](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2017/logo), and was also translated by Parties and others into 19 languages: Albanian, Bengali, Farsi, Georgian, Greek, Gujarati, Hangul, Hindi, Japanese, Konkani, Malayalam, Marathi, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, and Urdu.

126. The logo was used in outgoing emails (signature), and featured on the CBD homepage [www.cbd.int](http://www.cbd.int) (carousel & slider) as well as on CBD social media accounts.

Website - [www.cbd.int/idb/2017](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2017)

127. In 2017, the webpage offered a new feature: celebrations were submitted through an interactive online form shared with the website of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity ([www.cbd.int/2011-2020/dashboard/submit/event/new](http://www.cbd.int/2011-2020/dashboard/submit/event/new)). This automation has made data collection much more efficient.

128. For the period 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017, Google analytics shows a peak of 10406 pageviews on 22 May 2017:



## Social Media

129. Twitter - On 22 May alone the page reached just over 75000 impressions with regards to IDB material coming from the @CBDNews account. The first tweet sent out at midnight gained over 263 retweets and over 258 likes. 34 original tweets have been published on the CBDNews, with countless retweets from partners. Highlighted partners were: CONABIO, CONANP, FAO, GEF, Nature For All, SEMARNAT, UN, UNCCD, UNDP, UN Environment, UNFCCC, WTO, City of Montreal and many more. Main partners who highlighted the IDB: @UN (8.94m followers), @GOB.MX (1.4m followers), @UNWTO (948k followers), @Semarnat (479k followers), @UNFCCC (379k followers), @UNEP (9618 followers)

130. Facebook - On 22 May alone the pages reached over 62000 people. The IDB was tagged in over 90 posts by partners and individuals. Notable posts mentioning the CBD and IDB came from UNEP (380k followers), UNWTO (184k followers), IUCN (151k followers), UN Geneva (118k followers), RARE (14k followers), UNDPI (10k followers), IDLO (5k followers)

131. Thunderclap - The Upfluence Thunderclap campaign garnered over 7,754,154 social reach, with a total of 303 social media trendsetters helping promote the IDB.

132. Instagram - Over 200 posts were showing the hashtag #IDB2017, and another 1052 with the trending #BiodiversityDay. Combined impressions for 4 Instagram posts, all associated with IDB, garnered over 90125 impressions. IDB was tagged in 17 posts and mentioned in countless others.

133. Press release & press briefs - A press release was published on 22 May 2017. Two press briefs (the main communication products) are available in English at [www.cbd.int/idb/2017/briefs](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2017/briefs).

## **B. Cooperation and Partnerships**

### **Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations**

134. The Secretariat conveyed to the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions the numerous outcomes of COP 13 that have a particular bearing on the conventions and the work of the Liaison Group and invited the convention secretariats to contribute to the discussions on the follow-up to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

135. In response to decision XIII/24 on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations, the Secretariat has prepared an implementation plan for the biennium. As an important step in implementation, the Secretariat has consulted with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre to identify, in the framework of projects to be implemented by each of them, actions to enhance synergies, as presented in the table of annex II of decision XIII/24, in particular in relation to information and knowledge management, capacity-building and guidance on synergies among biodiversity-related conventions. Related activities are planned to be implemented in the period July-December 2017 and onwards. In this regard plans have also been made for the establishment of an informal advisory group as requested in paragraph 15 of decision XIII/24.

### **Stakeholder engagement and participation**

136. In May 2017, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) organized the first two workshops of a series of regional capacity-building workshops to be held in 2017 and 2018 as part of the project “Youth Voices” which is supported through the Secretariat by the Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF). The “Regional Youth Capacity-Building Workshop on Biodiversity for Latin America and the Caribbean” was hosted by the Alexander von Humboldt Institute in Bogota, Colombia from 2 to 5 May 2017, and the “Regional Youth Capacity-Building Workshop on Biodiversity for Asia” was hosted by the National Parks Board of Singapore, in Singapore, from 22 to 27 May 2017. Both workshops resulted in the development of youth initiatives, including national and sub-regional networks, which will be implemented in collaboration with governmental and/or non-governmental actors.

### **Mainstreaming Gender Considerations**

137. In response to decision XII/7, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared an official submission, in response to a request received from the UN Office for the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) for input into the preparation of their management plan for 2018-2021. This submission highlighted the importance of biodiversity and climate change in addressing growing human rights concerns.
- (b) Prepared an official submission to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change on the development of possible elements of a gender plan of action for the UNFCCC. The Secretariat also participated in an informal consultation on the development of possible elements of a gender action plan for the UNFCCC, which was held in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27-28 March 2017.
- (c) Prepared and submitted final reporting to the Japan Biodiversity Fund for the project “Strengthening capacity of developing country Parties to implement the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action under the Convention towards the objectives of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020”.
- (d) Developed a survey in collaboration with the UNFCCC and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on knowledge and training needs for mainstreaming gender in the Rio Conventions. This is intended for distribution to Parties and other stakeholders in the coming months.

- (e) Prepared a pocket guide of the Convention on Biological Diversity's Gender Plan of Action, providing a summary of the plan and examples of actions undertaken by Parties. This document will be available shortly in all UN languages.
- (f) Prepared and published a statement in honour of International Women's Day, and held a lunchtime event with staff to mark the occasion.
- (g) Reported on spending of funds received in 2016 from the Government of Canada for implementation of the 2015-2020 Gender Plan of Action.
- (h) Supported the mainstreaming of gender considerations in the work of the Secretariat through providing assistance to staff on the inclusion of gender goals in annual workplans.
- (i) Drafted capacity building material on gender mainstreaming under the Convention on Biological Diversity to be included as part of a larger guidance package on this topic. Also drafted material on gender linkages with the Aichi Targets.
- (j) Collaborated closely with staff from the UN Environment Programme (UN Environment) Asia Pacific Region on the development of a project proposal to mainstream gender in the implementation and monitoring of national biodiversity strategies and action plans in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries. Work on this project is expected to go ahead starting in fall 2017.
- (k) Provided initial input into the development of an online course on gender and environment, which will have a module on gender and biodiversity. The course is being prepared by the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme, the GEF and the UN Institute for Training and Research, in collaboration with other partners.
- (l) Undertook planning for the development of an online training course module addressing sustainable ecosystem management in relation to global health, which will include gender perspectives. This module is proposed as part of a larger course on global health at the human-animal-ecosystem interface.
- (m) Obtained funding from the Government of Sweden, to support the engagement of regional gender and environment experts on the development of training and awareness-raising material and approaches for gender and biodiversity. Planning for this project is underway.
- (n) Developed an in-person training course for staff on gender awareness and sensitivity, to be delivered in the coming months.
- (o) Continued to engage closely with UN and partner organizations and networks on gender, including through the development of joint planning and work.

### **C. Economic Policy / Resource Mobilization**

#### **Resource mobilization**

138. In response to decision XIII/20 in the period under the review, the Secretariat started implementation of its work plan on resource mobilization and incentive measures pursuant to the various requests in the decision. In particular:

- (a) Further to paragraph 8, the Secretariat prepared an online version of the Financial Reporting Framework for the second round of financial reporting, and informed Parties by notification 2017-061.
- (b) Further to paragraphs 11 and 12, the Secretariat continued its close collaboration with the UNDP BIOFIN initiative, including by contributing to the series of global webinars held by the CBD-BIOFIN regional technical support nodes.
- (c) Further to paragraph 24, the Secretariat participated at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Working Party on Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Water, held from 21-22 February 2017 in Paris, France, provided a post-COP debrief, and participated in the discussions with a view to achieve work plan consistency.



**Strategic actions to enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including with respect to mainstreaming and the integration of biodiversity within and across sectors**

*Engagement of key actors to enhance mainstreaming*

*Mainstreaming*

139. As part of its preparations for the consideration by COP 14 of mainstreaming biodiversity into infrastructure, energy and mining, manufacturing and processing, and health, as requested by paragraph 103 of the decision, the Secretariat liaised with UN Environment and other relevant organizations. Under this item, the Secretariat also embarked on preparations for the 21st meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 21), including the drafting of pertinent documentation.

140. Further to paragraph 18 (b) of decision XIII/3, the Secretariat participated in the Twelfth Meeting of the UN Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting, informed the committee on pertinent COP 13 decisions, and supported emerging work streams on the linkages between biodiversity-related expenditure review and the United Nations System of Environmental Economic Accounting, and the merging revision process for its element on Experimental Ecosystem Accounting.

141. Further to paragraph 11, the Secretariat provided a statement on pertinent issues arising from COP 13 to the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment (CTE) regular session held on 20 June 2017, de-briefing the WTO on trade-related outcomes of the COP 13, as well as NP COP/MOP 2 and CP COP/MOP 8.

*Sustainable development and poverty alleviation*

142. The Secretariat organized a workshop session on 6 April 2017 at the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA 17) meeting that was held in from 4 to 7 April 2017 in Montreal. The workshop presented preliminary conclusions of a study commissioned by the CBD on the global state of affairs regarding guidance on, and application of, biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment, in the context of the intensified work of the CBD on the mainstreaming of biodiversity into development policies and economic sectors. The session gave opportunity to participants to provide comments on the preliminary findings of the study, and to discuss opportunities and effective approaches to further improve and upscale Biodiversity-Inclusive Impact Assessment practices, particularly in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

143. The Secretariat participated at the Poverty Environment Partnership (PEP) 22 meeting on Investing in Natural Capital and chaired the panel on public finance, providing technical input and recommendations to the works of the PEP in view of support of the convention's work on sustainable development and poverty alleviation, further to paragraph 105 (a) of decision XIII/3.

**Financial mechanism**

144. In response to decision XIII/21 in the period under the review, the Secretariat liaised with the GEF Secretariat in the development of the programming directions for the seventh replenishment period, provided comments on drafts, and attended the first GEF-7 Replenishment meeting, held from 28-30 March 2017 in Paris, France.

145. The Executive Secretary attended the GEF 52 Council meeting held from 22 to 25 May 2017 in Washington D.C., and briefed the Council on relevant COP 13 outcomes and on the collaborative work above.

## ANNEXES

### ANNEX I

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

##### I Personnel Arrangements

1. In summary, during the reporting period, the Secretariat had 42 Professional staff members and 27 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 7 Professional vacant posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress and 2 vacant General Service posts. Additionally, 9 professional posts and 17 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigrams (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

##### II Contributions and Funds

2. During 2017, 10 pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. The EU has pledged EUR165,850 as part of GPGC 2017-2020 for activities in support of the outcomes of COP-MOP 2 and EUR 2,000,000 for supporting enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and outcomes of COP13 and COP-MOP 9. Italy has pledged EUR 57,577 for a technical expert meeting on Aichi Target 11. Korea Forest Services have pledged USD 450,171 for implementing the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (FERI) and Korea Republic has pledged KRW 400 million for the implementation for the action plan for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) 2015-2020. Sweden has pledged SEK 500,000 for the Gender Plan of Action, SEK 250,000 for the Climate Change Project and SEK 4 million for EBSA-SOI. Switzerland has pledged USD 20,000 for the AHTEG on Digital Sequencing Information – and USD 20,000 for the Digital Sequencing Information Study.

3. As at 30 June 2017, a total of US\$3,885,111 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund in 2017 of which 34.0% has been collected. Additionally, US\$ 122,306 has been collected in 2017 for prior year pledges. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.

4. As at 30 June 2017, the total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2017 is US\$12,362,146. A total of US\$5,932,751 has been received for the 2017 pledges. Of this amount, a total of US\$ 542,105 was received as advance payments in 2016 and a total of US\$5,390,646 has been received in 2017. The total amount received represents 48.0% of the total pledges for 2017. Additionally, US\$ 63,525 has been received in 2017 for prior year pledges and US\$49,979 was received in 2017 for future years. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

5. As at 30 June 2017, the EU and Sweden have respectively pledged USD 395,000 and SEK 500,000 to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). Details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

6. As at 30 June 2017, the total amount pledged for the **BG Trust Fund** in 2017 is US\$2,606,205. A total of US\$1,399,784 has been received for 2017 pledges. Of this amount, US\$52,406 was received as advance payments in 2016 and US\$ 1,347,378 has been received in 2017. The total amount received represents 53.7% of the total pledges for 2017. Additionally, US\$382,366 has also been collected in 2017 for prior years' pledges and a total of US\$66,043 was collected in 2017 for future years. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

7. As at 30 June 2017, two Parties have pledged and contributed to the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the

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Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (VB Trust Fund) in 2017. Australia and Sweden pledged respectively AUD 30,000 and SEK 500,000. Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

8. As at 30 June 2017, France and Finland have respectively pledged EUR 5,000 and EUR 8,000 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 2017. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

9. As at 30 June 2017, the total amount pledged for the Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (**BB Trust Fund**) in 2017 is US\$1,455,782. A total of US\$571,542 has been received for 2017 pledges. Of this amount, US\$ 9,485 was received as advance payments in 2016 and US\$ 562,057 has been received in 2017. The total amount received represents 42.0% of the total pledges for 2017. Additionally, US\$127,653 has also been collected in 2017 for prior years' pledges and a total of US\$46,153 was collected in 2017 for future years. Details of the BB Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

10. In keeping with the decision of the Parties at COP-13 to merge the Trust Funds of the the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities (**BX Trust Fund**), and the BE Trust Fund of the Convention, no pledges have been recorded in the BX Trust Fund in 2017. Total unpaid pledges for 2017 and prior years to the BX Trust Fund, amount to US\$20,001. Details of the BX Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

### III Accounting and Reporting

#### Status of Expenditure

1. COP-13 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, COP/MOP-8 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and COP/MOP-2 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing approved an integrated budget of US\$18,361,600 for the year 2017. As at 30 June 2017, a total of US\$6,858,532 was spent or committed. This represents 38% of the total approved budget.

2. Staff costs during the period under review amounted to US\$5,371,607 or 42% of the approved staffing budget. A total of US\$164,062 or 32% of funds were spent on Travel on Official Business; US\$78,066 or 49% of the approved amount for 2017 were spent on Consultants and Subcontracts; US\$85,818 or 4% was spent on Meeting Costs and US\$1,158,979 or 45% of the approved budget was spent on General Operating Expenses.

3. Expenditures referred to above include the 13% programme support charges.

#### Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

13. The following twenty (21) 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 (2) Finance and Budget Officers (P-3); Senior Finance Assistant (G-7); two (2) Finance Assistants (G-5); Finance Assistant (G-4); two (2) Human Resources Assistants (G-6); Documents Assistant (G6); Meeting Services (G-6); three (3) Administrative Assistants (G-6); two (2) Travel Assistants (G-6); Programme Assistant (G6), Administrative Clerk (G-4) and Team Assistant (G3).

## Appendix 1

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

January – June 2017

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
1.	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. C. Paşca Palmer
2.	D1	Principal Officer (OES)	Mr. D. Cooper
3.	D1	Principal Officer (SPS)	Vacant
4.	D1	Principal Officer (IMS)	Mr. R. Sharma
5.	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (AFC)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
6.	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Ms. M. Christin (Post funded by UNEP)
7.	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (MCO/EPRM)	Mr. Y. Xiang
8.	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (OES/L&I)	Mr. W. Yifru
9.	P5	Economist (MCO/EPRM)	Mr. M. Lehmann
10.	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (SPS/CSU)	Ms. C. Santamaria
11.	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (IMS/CHM)	Mr. O. De Munck
12.	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SPS/ABS&TK)	Mr. J. Scott
13.	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (MCO/C&P)	Mr. N. Pratt
14.	P3	PO Knowledge Management Officer (IMS/CHM)	Ms. K. Koppel
15.	P3	Meetings Services Officer (AFC/CS)	Mr. Paulo Tagliari
16.	P4	Information Officer (MCO/C&A)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
17.	P4	Internet & Elect. Communications (IMS/IT)	Mr. F. Vogel
18.	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (SPS/CSU)	Ms. J. Lee
19.	P3	PO, Website Officer (IMS/CHM)	Mr. A. Rafalovitch
20.	P4	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by UNEP)
21.	P3	Administrative Officer (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. Jacinta Mukui (Post funded by UNEP)
22.	P5	Environmental Affairs Officer (IMS/C&D)	Mr. E. Tamale
23.	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (SPS/B&B)	Mr. P. Deupmann
24.	P3	Computer Systems Officer (IMS/IT)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
25.	P3	PO, Inland Waters (SPS/CSU)	Vacant
26.	P5	PO, Scientific/Tech. Assessments (OES/MR&R)	Mr. R. Hoft
27.	P5	SPO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SPS/AB&TK)	Ms. V. Normand
28.	P5	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (SPS/B&B)	Ms. M. Pessoa de Miranda

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
29.	P2	Assoc. Information Technology Officer (IMS/IT)	Mr. Randy Houlahan
30.	P4	Editor (AFC/CS)	Mr. Orestes Plasencia
31.	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (AFC/FIN)	Post vacant (Post funded by UNEP)
32.	P4	Taxonomy, PO (SPS/B&B)	Ms. J. Shimura
33.	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (SPS/CSU)	Ms. S. Koketso
34.	P3	PO, Reports (OES/MR&R)	Mr. L. Cai
35.	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (MCO/C&P)	Mr. O. Hillel
36.	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (SPS/B&B)	Ms. K. Garforth
37.	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (SPS/B&B)	Post Vacant (recruitment in progress)
38.	P3	Special Assistant to the ES (OES/SS)	Ms. A. Rego
39.	D1	Principal Officer (MCO)	Ms. A. Fraenkel
40.	P2	Associate Information Officer (MCO/C&A)	Mr. J. Hedlund
41.	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (IMS/IT)	Mr. P. LeBlond
42.	P5	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (SPS/CSU)	Mr. V. Gidda
43.	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (SPS/B&B)	Ms. U. Nilsson
44.	P2	Assoc. Systems Information Officer (IMS/IT)	Mr. S. Bilodeau
45.	P2	Assoc. Systems Information Officer (IMS/IT)	Mr. B. Fonseca
46.	P3	Legal officer (L&I)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
47.	P2	Assoc. Programme Officer - Indigenous Knowledge (SPS/ABS&TK)	Ms. V. Figueroa
48.	P3	Programme Officer – Capacity building – (SPS/ABS&TK)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
49.	P3	Programme Officer – Monitoring – (SPS/ABS&TK)	Ms. B. Gomez Castro
50.	P3	Programme Officer – ABS- CH (SPS/ABS&TK)	Mr. M. Dias
51.	P2	Associate Programme Officer – Marine- (SPS/CSU)	Mr. J. Appiott
52.	P2	Programme Officer –Gender- (MCO/C&P)	Ms. T. McGregor*
53.	P2	PA– Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (MCO/C&P)	Ms. C. Robichaud (in progress)
54.	P2	Programme Assistant Risk Assess. (SPS/B&B)	Ms. D. Abdelhakim (in progress)
55.	G7	Senior Finance Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Ms. R. Alum (Post funded by UNEP)
56.	G6	Senior Staff Assistant to the Executive Secretary (OES/SS)	Ms. F. Blot
57.	G5	Staff Assistant (MCO)	Mrs. D. Ibragimova

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
58.	G6	Programme Assistant - (SPS/CSU)	Ms. A. Cung
59.	G6	Programme Assistant - (SPS/CSU)	Ms. J. Grekin
60.	G7	Programme Assistant - (IMS/CHM)	Ms. S. Meehan
61.	G5	Staff Assistant - (SPS/B&B)	Ms. M. Willey
62.	G7	Programme Assistant - (OES/MR&R)	Ms. M. Chiasson
63.	G7	Programme Assistant - (IMS/C&D)	Mr. D. Monnier
64.	G6	Administrative Assistant - (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. P. Azevedo (Post funded by UNEP)
65.	G7	Meeting Services Assistant (AFC/CS)	Mr. N. Ibrahim
66.	G6	Programme Assistant (SPS/CSU)	Ms. L. Janishevski
67.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. G. Alexandre (Post funded by UNEP)
68..	G5	Staff Assistant - (SPS)	Ms. V. Allain
69.	G5	Staff Assistant - (IMS)	Ms. L. Zemke
70.	G6	Information Assistant (OES/SS)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
71.	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (IMS/IT)	Mr. V. Gopez
72.	G6	Programme Assistant (MCO/C&A)	Mr. M. Banski
73.	G6	Programme Assistant, (SPS/ABS&TK)	Ms. J. Huppé
74.	G6	Programme Assistant (SPS/B&B)	Ms. P. Scarone
75.	G7	Programme Assistant, (IMS/IT)	Ms. X. Liang
76.	G6	Programme Assistant (MCO/EPRM)	Ms. G. Dosen
77.	G4	Information Assistant - (IMS/CHM)	Ms. L. Allain
78.	G5	Finance Assistant - (AFC/FIN)	Mr. N. Diallo (Post funded by UNEP)
79.	G4	Administrative Clerk (AFC/A&HR)	Mr. L. Rekik (Post funded by UNEP)
80.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. L. Piscopo (Post funded by UNEP)
81.	G4	Finance Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Vacant (Post funded by UNEP)
82.	G5	Finance Assistant (AFC/FIN)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by UNEP)
83.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. G. Del Carpio (post Funded by UNEP)
84.	G6	Conference Assistant – (AFC/CS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
85.	G6	Programme Assistant – (IMS/C&D)	Ms. C. Paguaga (post Funded by UNEP)
86.	G6	Travel Assistant – (AFC/FIN)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Post funded by UNEP)
87.	G6	Travel Assistant – (AFC/FIN)	Ms. G. Sabatini (Post funded by UNEP)
88.	G6	Programme Assistant – (SPS/CSU)	Ms. J. Martinez
89.	G6	Programme Assistant – (OES/SS)	Ms. M. Crespo
90.	G6	Programme Assistant – (MCO/C&A)	Ms. F. D’Amico
91.	G6	Programme Assistant – (SPS/ABS&TK)	Post Vacant

No.	Level	Title	Staff member
92.	G6	Programme Assistant – (SPS/B&B)	Mr. A. Bowers
93.	G7	Editorial Assistant (AFC/CS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
94.	G7	Programme Assistant (OES/MR&R)	Mr. K. Noonan-Mooney
95.	G6	Meeting Services Assistant (AFC/CS)	Ms. L. Pedicelli
96.	G6	Administrative Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)
97.	G6	Programme Assistant – (MCO/C&P)	Ms. C. Estrada
98.	G3	Team Assistant (AFC/A&HR)	Ms. J. Machado (Post funded by UNEP)
99.	G6	Programme Assistant (SPS/ABS&TK)	Vacant

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3.	P4	Programme Officer - (IMS/C&D)	Ms. N. Saad
4.	G6	Programme Assistant - (IMS/C&D)	Ms. G. Talamas
5.	G6	Programme Assistant - (IMS/C&D)	Mr. M. Abi Chahine

### Temporary/Seconded/Project Staff members/ JPOs

No.	Name	Nationality	Seconded/Funded from
1.	Ms. K Neuman-Bowers (MCO-P-2)	Germany	Government of Germany
2.	Ms. M. Yanagiya (IMS/JBF-P2)	Japan	Government of Japan
3.	Ms. S. Onishi (MCO/C&P)	Japan	Government of Japan
4.	BBI (IMS/CD-P4)	Vacant	Government of Republic of Korea
5.	Communications Officer (MCO/C&D-P3)	Vacant	European Commission
6.	PO Business (MCO/EPRM-P3)	Vacant	European Commission
7.	Protected Areas (SPS/CSU- P3)	Vacant	European Commission
8.	Protected Areas (SPS/CSU-G7)	Vacant	European Commission
9.	BBI (IMS/CD-G6)	Vacant	Government of Republic of Korea

**Interns working at SCBD during the period January to June 2017**

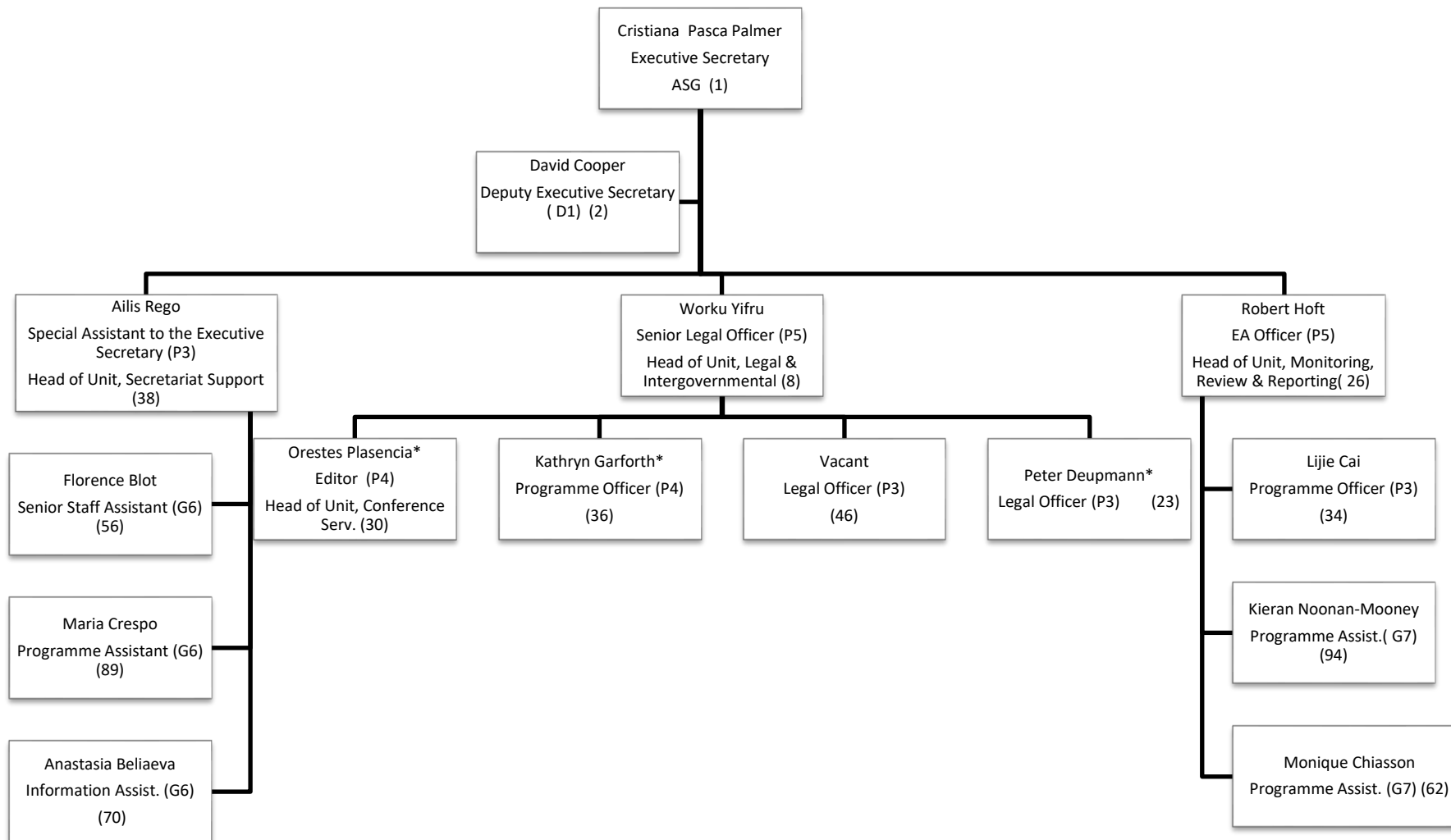
<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Programme Area Worked on</b>	<b>Entry Date</b>	<b>Departure Date</b>
Ke Bai	People's Republic of China	University of London	Protected Areas	19-Sep-16	10-Feb-17
Philippe Tremblay	Canada	Université Laval	Media and Communications	26-Sep-16	3-Feb-17
Marie-Philippe Lemoine	Canada	University of Ottawa	Media and Communications	11-Oct-16	10-Jan-17
Areeb Butt	Pakistan	McGill University	Capacity-Building and Public Education Initiatives for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	7-Nov-16	12-May-17
Paula Cortes	Canada / Colombia	Concordia University	Mainstreaming of Capacity Building Initiatives	9-Nov-16	9-May-17
Tatyana Abou-Chaker	Canada	McGill University	Economics and Finance	9-Jan-17	7-Apr-17
Qiu Yu	People's Republic of China	University College Dublin	Capacity-Building and Public Education Initiatives for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	16-Jan-17	13-Apr-17
Ai Zhitan	People's Republic of China	Northwestern University	Review of the Fifth National Reports and Updated NBSAPs	16-Jan-17	13-Apr-17
Antoine Congost	French	Université de Montreal	Mainstreaming of Capacity Building Initiatives	6-Feb-17	5-May-17
Cristina Del Rio Cubilledo	Spain	Heriot-Watt University	Scientific Assessment	13-Feb-17	12-May-17
Lucy Makdessian	Canada	Concordia University	Media and Communications	6-Mar-17	5-Jun-17
Evelyn Nyabuto	Kenya	Kenyatta University	Capacity-Building and Public Education Initiatives for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	13-Mar-17	31-Aug-17
Alexandre Poulin	Canada	Oxford University	Scientific Assessment	3-Apr-17	30-Jun-17
Louis Donelle	Canada	Concordia University	Scientific Assessment	18-Apr-17	13-Jul-17
Bo Ya H	PR of China / Canada	University of British Columbia	Mainstreaming and Partnerships	24-Apr-17	21-Jul-17
Madeleine Cazes	France	McGill University	Scientific Assessment	24-Apr-17	21-Jul-17
Yui Matsuo	Japan	Wageningen University	Scientific Assessment	24-Apr-17	18-Aug-17
Fatima Shire	Canada	University of Alberta	Review of the Fifth National Reports and Updated NBSAPs	1-May-17	2-Aug-17
Jan Sievernich	Germany	Université de Montreal	Scientific Assessment	1-May-17	28-Jul-17
Megan Schmidt	Canada	Concordia University	Protected Areas	1-May-17	4-Aug-17
David Barrington Marquis	Canada	Imperial College London	Scientific Assessment	15-May-17	11-Aug-17
Katharina Mehrhardt	German	Hanover University of Music, Drama and Media	Media and Communications	25-May-17	18-Aug-17
Marleen Van Der Straten	Belgium	Universiteit Gent	Economics and Finance Programme Support	29-May-17	28-Aug-17
Sarah Stephen	Canada	University of Göttingen	Peace and Biodiversity	29-May-17	25-Aug-17



Kristina Gandl	Germany	Technical University of Munich	Forest and Wildlife - Conservation and Sustainable Use	2-Jun-17	1-Sep-17
Catherine Johnston	Canada	University of Leuven	Media and Communications	12-Jun-17	8-Sep-17
Gabriel Ouellette	Canada	Université de Sherbrooke	Scientific Assessment	12-Jun-17	5-Sep-17
Audrey Au Yong Lin	Singapore	McGill University	Gender Mainstreaming	12-Jun-17	8-Sep-17
Cecile Tang	France	Lund University	Media and Communications	19-Jun-17	15-Sep-17
Serveh Nangshbandi	Islamic Republic of Iran	University of British Columbia	Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use	19-Jun-17	15-Sep-17

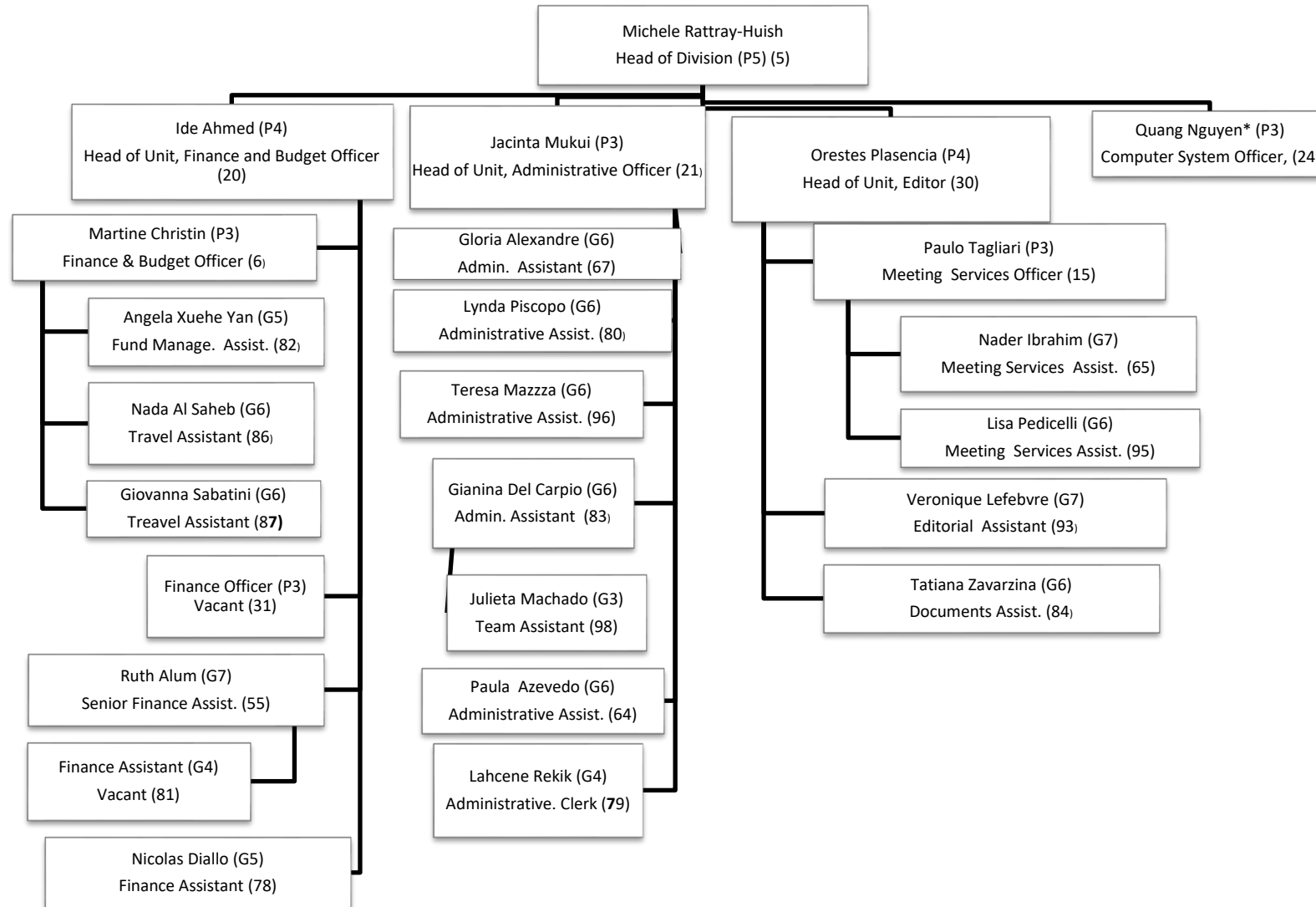
**ANNEX II**  
**Organization Chart of the CBD Secretariat**

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**



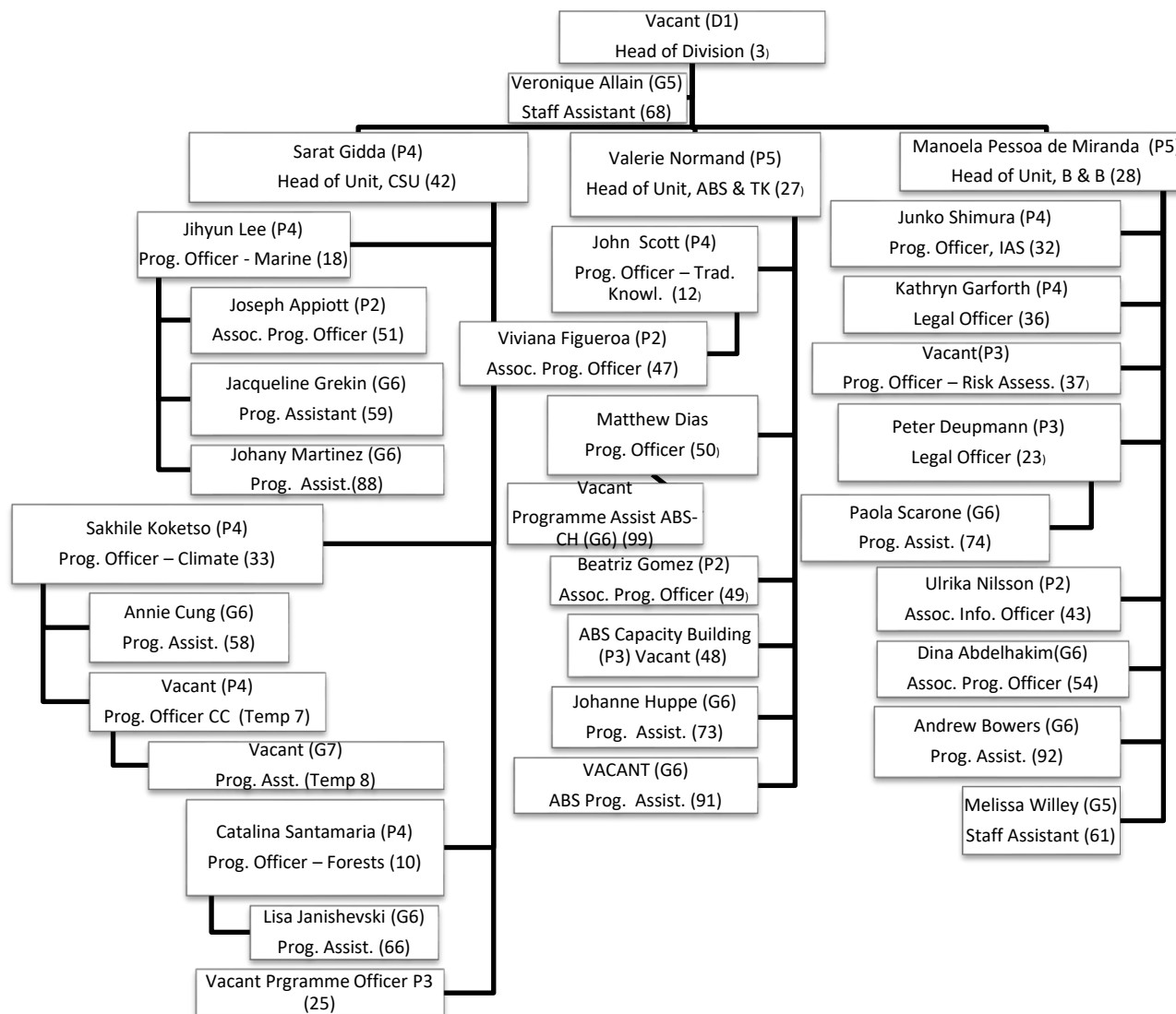
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**ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND CONFERENCE SERVICES DIVISION (AFC)**

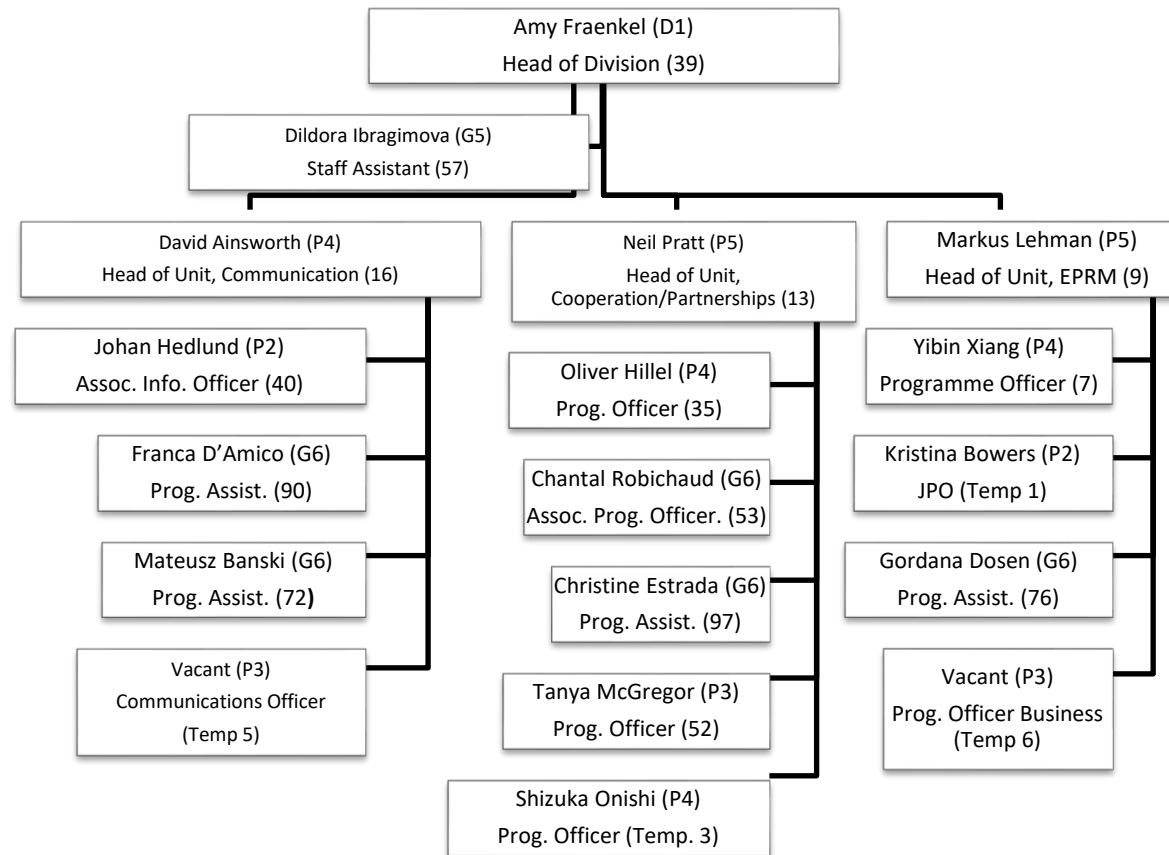


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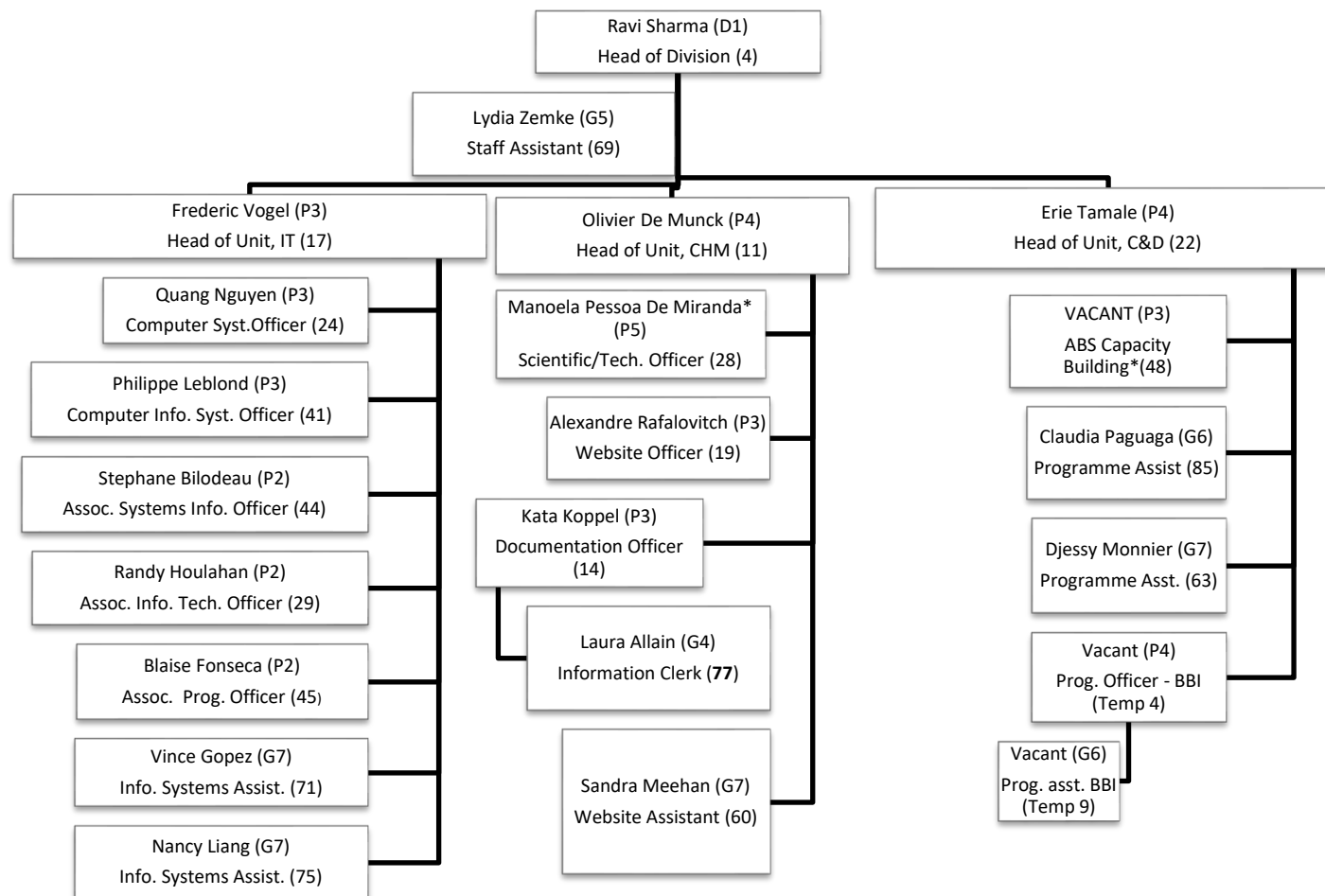
### SCIENTIFIC AND POLICY SUPPORT (SPS)



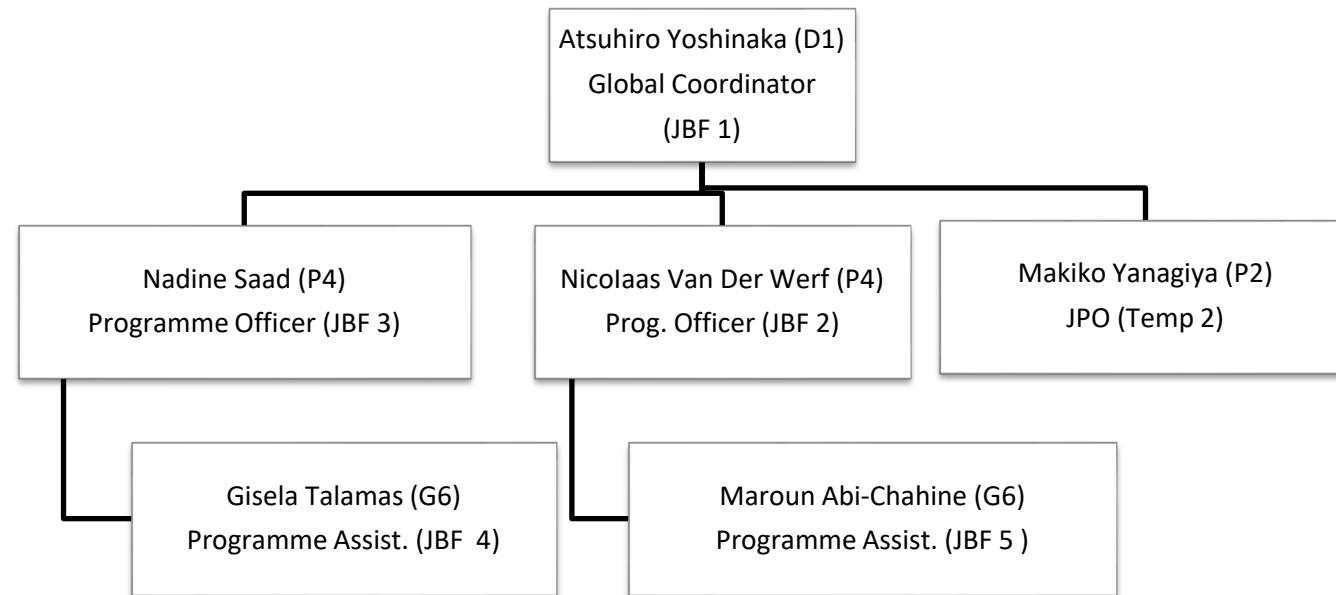
## MAINSTREAMING, COOPERATION AND OUTREACH SUPPORT (MCO)



### IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT (IMS)



## 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 2017 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016		Pledges for 2017	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017 & future years	Adjustment (Exchange difference)	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Canada	327,081	1/	-	58,781	-	-	268,300
EU	95,000	2/	-	-	-	-	95,000
EU	-	3/	188,680	-	-	-	188,680
EU	-	4/	2,239,642	-	-	-	2,239,642
France	63,525	5/	-	63,525	-	-	-
Italy	-	6/	65,503	-	-	-	65,503
Korea Forest Service	-	7/	450,171	-	450,171	-	-
Korea Republic	-	8/	357,974	-	350,263	7,711	-
Sweden	-	9/	56,370	-	57,307	- 937	-
COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016		Pledges for 2017	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017 & future years	Adjustment (Exchange difference)	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years



Sweden	-	10/	28,634	-	-	-	28,634
Sweden	-	11/	458,138	-	481,235	(23,097)	-
Switzerland	9,960	12/	-	-	-	-	9,960
Switzerland	-	13/	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Switzerland	-	14/	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>495,566</b>		<b>3,885,111</b>	<b>122,306</b>	<b>1,338,976</b>	<b>(16,323)</b>	<b>2,935,718</b>

1/Canada pledge CAD 500,000 for the period 2016-2020 allocated CAD 100,000 annually for Advancing Canada's priorities in CBD. Biodiversity - Wildlife and Habitat. (CAD 437,634.17 to BE Trust Fund & CAD 62,365.83 to BZ Trust Fund)

2/EU pledge US\$1,900,000 - GPGC 2015-2016

3/EU pledge EUR 165,850 - GPGC 2017-2018 - for activities in support of the outcomes of COP-MOP 2

4/EU pledge EUR 2,000,000 - GPGC 2017-2018 - for supporting enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and outcomes of COP13 and COP-MOP 9

5/France pledge EUR 200,000 - Memorandum of Understanding (2014-2017) on Sustainable Oceans Initiative. 2014 - EUR 60,000; 2015 EUR 40,000; 2016 EUR 40,000; 2017 EUR 60,000

6/Italy pledge EUR 57,576.94 for technical expert meeting on Aichi target 11

7/Korea Forest Service pledge USD 450,171.44 for implementing the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (FERI)

8/Korea Republic pledge KRW 400,000,000 for the implementation of the Action Plan for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (2015-2020).

9/Sweden pledge SEK 500,000 for the Gender Plan of Action

10/Sweden pledge SEK 250,000 for Climate Change project

11/Sweden pledge SEK 4,000,000 for EBSA - SOI

12/ Switzerland pledge CHF 10,000 for COP & SBSTTA Bureaux meetings

13/Switzerland pledge USD 20,000 for Digital Sequencing Information - AHTEG

14/Switzerland pledge USD 20,000 for Digital Sequencing Information - Study

**ANNEX IV**  
**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)**  
as at 30 June 2017

<b>Countries</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016</b>	<b>Pledges for 2017</b>	<b>Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016</b>	<b>Collections in 2017 for 2016 &amp; Prior Years</b>	<b>Collections in 2017 for 2017</b>	<b>Collections During 2017 for Future Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2016 &amp; Prior Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2017</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2017 &amp; Prior Years</b>	<b>Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017</b>
	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>	<b>US \$</b>
Afghanistan	784	927	-	-	-	-	784	927	1,711	-
Albania	-	1,236	-	-	-	-	-	1,236	1,236	-
Algeria	21,744	24,881	-	-	-	-	21,744	24,881	46,625	-
Andorra	-	927	-	-	-	-	-	927	927	-
Angola	-	1,236	-	-	-	-	-	1,236	1,236	-
Antigua & Barbuda	1,224	309	-	-	-	-	1,224	309	1,533	-
Argentina	-	137,852	-	-	-	-	-	137,852	137,852	-
Armenia	-	927	-	-	927	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	-	361,166	330,000	-	31,166	-	-	-	-	-
Austria	-	111,271	-	-	111,271	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	-	9,273	-	-	-	-	-	9,273	9,273	-
Bahamas	-	2,164	-	-	-	-	-	2,164	2,164	-
Bahrain	6,190	6,800	-	6,190	-	-	-	6,800	6,800	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Bangladesh	-	1,236	-	-	-	-	-	1,236	1,236	-
Barbados	-	1,082	1,226	-	-	-	-	-	-	144
Belarus	-	8,654	-	-	-	-	-	8,654	8,654	-
Belgium	-	136,770	-	-	-	-	-	136,770	136,770	-
Belize	556	155	-	-	-	-	556	155	711	-
Benin	2,289	464	-	-	-	-	2,289	464	2,753	-
Bhutan	-	155	-	-	155	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia	5,879	1,855	-	-	-	-	5,879	1,855	7,734	-
Bosnia & Herzegovina	-	2,009	-	-	-	-	-	2,009	2,009	-
Botswana	-	2,164	-	-	-	-	-	2,164	2,164	-
Brazil	465,867	590,816	-	465,671	-	-	196	590,816	591,012	-
Brunei Darussalam	8,110	4,482	-	-	-	-	8,110	4,482	12,592	-
Bulgaria	-	6,954	-	-	6,954	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	2,247	618	-	-	-	-	2,247	618	2,865	-
Burundi	900	155	-	-	-	-	900	155	1,055	-
Cambodia	2,518	618	-	-	-	-	2,518	618	3,136	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Cameroon	5,436	1,545	-	-	-	-	5,436	1,545	6,981	-
Canada	-	451,419	-	-	451,419	-	-	-	-	-
Cape Verde	466	155	-	-	-	-	466	155	621	-
Central African Rep.	1,391	155	-	-	-	-	1,391	155	1,546	-
Chad	1,796	773	-	-	-	-	1,796	773	2,569	-
Chile	-	61,662	-	-	53,011	-	-	8,651	8,651	-
China	-	1,224,131	-	-	-	-	-	1,224,131	1,224,131	-
Colombia	-	49,763	-	-	-	-	-	49,763	49,763	-
Comoros	4,284	155	-	-	-	-	4,284	155	4,439	-
Congo	3,823	927	-	-	-	-	3,823	927	4,750	-
Congo Dem.Rep	9,645	1,236	-	-	-	-	9,645	1,236	10,881	-
Cook Islands	-	155	-	-	155	25	-	-	-	25
Costa Rica	-	7,263	7,931	-	-	5,918	-	-	-	6,586
Cote d'Ivoire	-	1,391	8,908	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,517
Croatia	-	15,300	-	-	15,300	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba	103,088	10,045	-	-	-	-	103,088	10,045	113,133	-
Cyprus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,645	6,645	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
		6,645								
Czech Republic	-	53,163	59,682	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,519
Denmark	-	90,253	-	-	-	-	-	90,253	90,253	-
Djibouti	593	155	-	-	-	-	593	155	748	-
Dominica	312	155	-	-	-	-	312	155	467	-
Dominican Rep.	26,549	7,109	-	-	-	-	26,549	7,109	33,658	-
Ecuador	6,883	10,354	-	-	-	-	6,883	10,354	17,237	-
EEC	-	309,053	-	-	309,053	-	-	-	-	-
Egypt	-	23,490	-	-	-	-	-	23,490	23,490	-
El Salvador	4,990	2,164	-	-	-	-	4,990	2,164	7,154	-
Equatorial Guinea	8,349	1,236	-	-	-	-	8,349	1,236	9,585	-
Eritrea	-	155	-	-	-	-	-	155	155	-
Estonia	-	5,873	-	-	-	-	-	5,873	5,873	-
Ethiopia	2,494	1,236	-	-	-	-	2,494	1,236	3,730	-
Fiji	590	464	-	-	-	-	590	464	1,054	-
Finland	-	70,471	-	-	70,471	-	-	-	-	-
France	-		-	-	750,922	-	-	-	-	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
		750,922								
Gabon	-	2,627	4,775	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,148
Gambia	312	155	-	-	-	-	312	155	467	-
Georgia	-	1,236	-	-	1,236	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	-	987,372	-	-	-	-	-	987,372	987,372	-
Ghana	-	2,473	-	-	-	-	-	2,473	2,473	-
Greece	305,288	72,790	-	204,028	-	-	101,260	72,790	174,050	-
Grenada	312	155	-	-	-	-	312	155	467	-
Guatemala	8,422	4,327	-	-	-	-	8,422	4,327	12,749	-
Guinea	623	309	-	-	-	-	623	309	932	-
Guinea-Bissau	3,805	155	-	-	-	-	3,805	155	3,960	-
Guyana	-	309	-	-	-	-	-	309	309	-
Haiti	-	464	-	-	-	-	-	464	464	-
Honduras	1,147	1,236	-	-	-	-	1,147	1,236	2,383	-
Hungary	-	24,881	-	-	24,881	-	-	-	-	-
Iceland	-	3,554	-	-	-	-	-	3,554	3,554	-
India	-	113,898	-	-	-	-	-	113,898	113,898	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Indonesia	-	77,889	-	-	-	-	-	77,889	77,889	-
Iran	236,277	72,790	-	76,236	-	-	160,041	72,790	232,831	-
Iraq	-	19,936	-	-	-	-	-	19,936	19,936	-
Ireland*	-	51,772	-	-	51,772	-	-	-	-	-
Israel	-	66,453	-	-	-	-	-	66,453	66,453	-
Italy	-	579,225	-	-	-	-	-	579,225	579,225	-
Jamaica	-	1,391	-	-	-	-	-	1,391	1,391	-
Japan	-	1,495,972	-	-	1,495,972	-	-	-	-	-
Jordan	-	3,091	-	-	-	-	-	3,091	3,091	-
Kazakhstan	-	29,518	-	-	-	-	-	29,518	29,518	-
Kenya	7,662	2,782	-	-	-	-	7,662	2,782	10,444	-
Kiribati	-	155	-	-	-	-	-	155	155	-
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	3,169	773	-	-	-	-	3,169	773	3,942	-
Korea, Rep. of	-	315,112	-	-	-	-	-	315,112	315,112	-
Kuwait	-	44,045	-	-	44,045	-	-	-	-	-
Kyrgyzstan	-	309	-	-	309	-	-	-	-	-

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Lao PDR	-	464	15	-	464	-	-	-	-	15
Latvia	-	7,727	-	-	-	-	-	7,727	7,727	-
Lebanon	32,116	7,109	-	11,836	-	-	20,280	7,109	27,389	-
Lesotho	-	155	-	-	-	-	-	155	155	-
Liberia	1,170	155	-	-	-	-	1,170	155	1,325	-
Libya	131,849	19,318	-	-	-	-	131,849	19,318	151,167	-
Liechtenstein	104	1,082	-	-	1,082	-	104	-	104	-
Lithuania	-	11,127	-	-	11,127	-	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	-	9,891	987	-	8,904	3,952	-	-	-	3,952
Macedonia, TFYR of	7,308	1,082	-	-	-	-	7,308	1,082	8,390	-
Madagascar	-	464	33	-	-	-	-	431	431	-
Malawi	1,481	309	-	1,481	-	-	-	309	309	-
Malaysia	-	49,763	-	-	-	-	-	49,763	49,763	-
Maldives	-	309	-	-	-	-	-	309	309	-
Mali	2,650	464	-	-	-	-	2,650	464	3,114	-
Malta	-	2,473	-	-	-	-	-	2,473	2,473	-
Marshall Islands	1,283	-	-	-	-	-	1,283	155	1,438	-



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
		155								
Mauritania	3,426	309	-	-	-	-	3,426	309	3,735	-
Mauritius	-	1,855	-	-	1,855	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	-	221,769	-	-	221,769	-	-	-	-	-
Micronesia, Fed. States	1,385	155	-	1,000	-	-	385	155	540	-
Moldova, Rep. of	-	618	936	-	-	-	-	-	-	318
Monaco	-	1,545	-	-	1,545	-	-	-	-	-
Mongolia	-	773	470	-	-	-	-	303	303	-
Montenegro	-	618	-	-	618	218	-	-	-	218
Morocco	-	8,345	-	-	-	-	-	8,345	8,345	-
Mozambique	-	618	-	-	-	-	-	618	618	-
Myanmar	4,341	1,236	-	4,321	-	-	20	1,236	1,256	-
Namibia	-	1,545	-	-	-	-	-	1,545	1,545	-
Nauru	231	155	-	-	-	-	231	155	386	-
Nepal	1,871	927	-	-	-	-	1,871	927	2,798	-
Netherlands	-	229,032	-	-	-	-	-	229,032	229,032	-
New Zealand	40,155		-	-	-	-	40,155	41,417	81,572	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
		41,417								
Nicaragua	-	618	-	-	-	-	-	618	618	-
Niger	5,036	309	-	-	-	-	5,036	309	5,345	-
Nigeria	28,073	32,299	-	-	-	-	28,073	32,299	60,372	-
Niue	-	155	-	-	-	-	-	155	155	-
Norway	-	131,207	-	-	131,207	-	-	-	-	-
Oman	16,189	17,463	-	-	-	-	16,189	17,463	33,652	-
Pakistan	40,558	14,372	-	-	-	-	40,558	14,372	54,930	-
Palau	1,178	155	-	-	-	-	1,178	155	1,333	-
Panama	-	5,254	-	-	5,254	7,332	-	-	-	7,332
Papua New Guinea	-	618	271	-	-	-	-	347	347	
Paraguay	-	2,164	136	-	-	-	-	2,028	2,028	
Peru	-	21,018	11,749	-	9,269	7,097	-	-	-	7,097
Philippines	-	25,500	1,109	-	24,391	-	-	-	-	
Poland	-	129,970	129,970	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Portugal	-	60,581	-	-	-	-	-	60,581	60,581	-
Qatar	-	41,572	-	-	-	-	-	41,572	41,572	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Romania	-	28,436	-	-	-	-	-	28,436	28,436	-
Russian Federation	-	477,227	-	-	477,227	-	-	-	-	-
Rwanda	648	309	-	-	-	-	648	309	957	-
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	3,455	155	-	-	-	-	3,455	155	3,610	-
Samoa	159	155	-	-	-	-	159	155	314	-
San Marino	-	464	-	-	-	-	-	464	464	-
Sao Tome Principe	1,957	155	-	-	-	-	1,957	155	2,112	-
Saudi Arabia	-	177,106	-	-	-	-	-	177,106	177,106	-
Senegal	-	773	-	-	-	-	-	773	773	-
Serbia	-	4,945	-	-	-	-	-	4,945	4,945	-
Seychelles	-	155	-	-	-	-	-	155	155	-
Sierra Leone	312	155	-	-	-	-	312	155	467	-
Singapore	-	69,081	-	-	69,081	-	-	-	-	-
Slovak	-	24,727	-	-	24,727	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	-	12,982	-	-	12,982	-	-	-	-	-
Solomon Islands	312	155	-	-	-	-	312	155	467	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Somalia	1,049	155	-	-	-	-	1,049	155	1,204	-
South Africa	-	56,253	-	-	56,253	-	-	-	-	-
South Sudan	1,248	464	-	-	-	-	1,248	464	1,712	-
Spain	-	377,547	-	-	-	-	-	377,547	377,547	-
Sri Lanka	3,968	4,791	-	-	-	-	3,968	4,791	8,759	-
St. Lucia	19	155	-	-	-	-	19	155	174	-
St.Kitts &Nevis	-	155	-	-	-	-	-	155	155	-
State of Palestine	-	1,082	-	-	-	-	-	1,082	1,082	-
Sudan	10,235	1,236	-	-	-	-	10,235	1,236	11,471	-
Suriname	1,792	927	-	-	-	-	1,792	927	2,719	-
Swaziland	-	309	-	-	-	-	-	309	309	-
Sweden	-	147,743	-	-	-	-	-	147,743	147,743	-
Switzerland	-	176,178	-	-	176,178	-	-	-	-	-
Syria	23,580	3,709	-	-	-	-	23,580	3,709	27,289	-
Tajikistan	-	618	-	-	618	1,324	-	-	-	1,324
Thailand	-	44,972	-	-	44,972	-	-	-	-	-
Timor - Leste	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	464	464	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
		464								
Togo	-	155	-	-	-	-	-	155	155	-
Tonga	466	155	-	-	-	-	466	155	621	-
Trinidad & Tobago	13,724	5,254	-	-	-	-	13,724	5,254	18,978	-
Tunisia	5,714	4,327	-	5,714	-	-	-	4,327	4,327	-
Turkey	-	157,324	-	-	-	-	-	157,324	157,324	-
Turkmenistan	13,741	4,018	-	-	-	-	13,741	4,018	17,759	-
Tuvalu	466	155	-	-	-	-	466	155	621	-
U. K.	-	689,723	-	-	689,723	-	-	-	-	-
Uganda	1,896	1,236	-	-	-	-	1,896	1,236	3,132	-
Ukraine	13,381	15,918	-	-	-	-	13,381	15,918	29,299	-
Un.Rep. of Tanzania	-	1,236	8,020	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,784
United Arab Emirates	-	93,344	-	-	-	-	-	93,344	93,344	-
Uruguay	4,334	12,209	-	4,334	-	-	-	12,209	12,209	-
Uzbekistan	12,971	3,554	-	-	2,381	-	12,971	1,173	14,144	-
Vanuatu	1,170	155	-	-	-	-	1,170	155	1,325	-
Venezuela	337,242		-	-	-	-	337,242	88,244	425,486	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
		88,244								
Viet Nam	13,101	8,963	-	-	-	-	13,101	8,963	22,064	-
Yemen	11,180	1,236	-	-	-	-	11,180	1,236	12,416	-
Zambia	-	1,082	-	-	-	-	-	1,082	1,082	-
Zimbabwe	1,524	618	-	-	-	-	1,524	618	2,142	-
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,066,062</b>	<b>12,362,146</b>	<b>566,218</b>	<b>780,811</b>	<b>5,390,646</b>	<b>25,867</b>	<b>1,285,251</b>	<b>6,429,395</b>	<b>7,714,645</b>	<b>49,979</b>

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
<b>Additional Contributions</b>										
Canada	-	698,757	-	-	-	-	-	698,757	-	-
Quebec	300,518	232,919	-	300,518	-	-	-	232,919	-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,366,580</b>	<b>13,293,822</b>	<b>566,218</b>	<b>1,081,329</b>	<b>5,390,646</b>	<b>25,867</b>	<b>1,285,251</b>	<b>7,361,071</b>	<b>7,714,645</b>	<b>49,979</b>

## ANNEX V

**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 2017 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016		Pledges for 2017	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017 & future years	Adjustment (Exchange difference)	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Canada	46,611	1/	-	15,958	-	-	30,654
EU		2/	395,000				395,000
Sweden		3/	56,370		56,969	(600)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,611</b>		<b>451,370</b>	<b>15,958</b>	<b>56,969</b>	<b>(600)</b>	<b>425,654</b>

1/Canada pledge CAD 500,000 for the period 2016-2020 allocated CAD 100,000 annually for Advancing Canada's priorities in CBD. Biodiversity - Wildlife and Habitat. (CAD 437,634.17 to BE Trust Fund & CAD 62,365.83 to BZ Trust Fund).

2/EU pledge USD 395,000 - GPGC 2017-2018 - for participation of developing country delegates in processes of the Convention on Biological Diversity

3/Sweden pledge SEK 500,000 for participation of delegates to SBSTTA-21 and Art8J-10

**ANNEX VI**  
**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE BUDGET OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY (BG)**  
as at 30 June 2017

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Afghanistan	-	227	187	-	-	-	-	40	40	-
Albania	-	303	-	-	-	-	-	303	303	-
Algeria	-	6,093	5,097	-	-	-	-	996	996	-
Angola	795	260	-	-	-	-	795	260	1,055	-
Antigua and Barbuda	153	76	-	-	-	-	153	76	229	-
Armenia	-	227	-	-	227	-	-	-	-	-
Austria	-	27,247	-	-	27,247	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	-	2,271	-	-	-	-	-	2,271	2,271	-
Bahamas	-	530	-	-	-	-	-	530	530	-
Bahrain	2,987	1,665	-	-	-	-	2,987	1,665	4,652	-
Bangladesh	-	260	-	-	-	-	-	260	260	-
Barbados	-	265	-	-	265	-	-	-	-	-
Belarus	-	2,119	-	-	2,119	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-	33,491	-	-	-	-	-	33,491	33,491	-



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Belize	112	38	-	-	-	-	112	38	150	-
Benin	552	114	-	-	-	-	552	114	666	-
Bhutan	-	38	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia	352	454	-	-	-	-	352	454	806	-
Bosnia Herzegovina	-	492	-	-	492	-	-	-	-	-
Botswana	-	530	-	-	-	-	-	530	530	-
Brazil	315,285	144,674	-	315,285	-	-	-	144,674	144,674	-
Bulgaria	-	1,703	-	-	1,703	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	404	151	-	-	-	-	404	151	555	-
Burundi	246	38	-	-	-	-	246	38	284	-
Cambodia	713	151	-	-	-	-	713	151	864	-
Cameroon	1,318	378	-	-	-	-	1,318	378	1,696	-
Cape Verde	91	38	-	-	-	-	91	38	129	-
Central African Republic	270	38	-	-	-	-	270	38	308	-
Chad	-	189	-	-	-	-	-	189	189	-
China	-	299,755	-	-	-	-	-	299,755	299,755	-
Colombia	-	12,185	-	-	-	-	-	12,185	12,185	-
Comoros	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
	245	38	-	-	-	-	245	38	283	-
Congo, P.R.	936	227	-	-	-	-	936	227	1,163	-
Costa Rica	36	1,779	-	-	1,779	-	36	-	36	-
Cote d'Ivoire	662	341	-	-	-	-	662	341	1,003	-
Croatia	-	3,746	-	-	3,746	-	-	-	-	-
Cuba	23,584	2,460	-	-	-	-	23,584	2,460	26,044	-
Cyprus	-	1,627	-	-	1,627	-	-	-	-	-
Czech Republic	-	13,018	15,326	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,308
Democratic Republic Of Congo	756	260	-	-	-	-	756	260	1,016	-
Denmark	-	22,100	-	-	-	-	-	22,100	22,100	-
Djibouti	212	38	-	-	-	-	212	38	250	-
Dominica	398	38	-	-	-	-	398	38	436	-
Dominican Republic	-	1,741	1,753	-	-	1,411	-	-	-	1,423
Ecuador	1,623	2,535	-	-	-	-	1,623	2,535	4,158	-
Egypt	-	5,752	-	-	-	-	-	5,752	5,752	-
El Salvador	1,304	530	-	-	-	-	1,304	530	1,834	-
Eritrea	-	38	112	-	-	-	-	-	-	74
Estonia	-	1,438	-	-	-	-	-	1,438	1,438	-
Ethiopia	-	260	654	-	-	-	-	-	-	394

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
European Union	-	65,064	-	-	65,064	-	-	-	-	-
Fiji	35	114	-	-	-	-	35	114	149	-
Finland	-	17,256	-	-	17,256	-	-	-	-	-
France	-	183,880	-	-	183,880	-	-	-	-	-
Gabon	2,019	643	-	-	-	-	2,019	643	2,662	-
Gambia	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	38	38	-
Georgia	-	303	-	-	303	-	-	-	-	-
Germany	-	241,780	-	-	241,780	-	-	-	-	-
Ghana	1,883	605	-	-	-	-	1,883	605	2,488	-
Greece	73,887	17,824	-	48,911	-	-	24,976	17,824	42,800	-
Grenada	76	38	-	-	-	-	76	38	114	-
Guatemala	2,067	1,060	-	-	-	-	2,067	1,060	3,127	-
Guinea	148	76	-	-	-	-	148	76	224	-
Guinea Bissau	225	38	-	-	-	-	225	38	263	-
Guyana	-	76	-	-	-	-	-	76	76	-
Honduras	741	303	-	-	-	-	741	303	1,044	-
Hungary	-	6,093	-	-	6,093	-	-	-	-	-
India	26,073	27,890	-	-	-	-	26,073	27,890	53,963	-



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
	-	38	124	-	-	-	-	-	-	86
Liberia	168	38	-	-	-	-	168	38	206	-
Libya	38,678	4,730	-	-	-	-	38,678	4,730	43,408	-
Lithuania	-	2,725	-	-	2,725	-	-	-	-	-
Luxembourg	-	2,422	-	-	2,422	-	-	-	-	-
Macedonia, TFYR of	1,865	265	-	-	-	-	1,865	265	2,130	-
Madagascar	-	114	357	-	-	-	-	-	-	243
Malawi	340	76	-	-	-	-	340	76	416	-
Malaysia	-	12,185	-	-	-	-	-	12,185	12,185	-
Maldives	37	76	-	37	76	367	-	-	-	367
Mali	416	114	-	-	-	-	416	114	530	-
Malta	-	605	-	-	-	-	-	605	605	-
Marshall Islands	398	38	-	-	-	-	398	38	436	-
Mauritania	446	76	-	-	-	-	446	76	522	-
Mauritius	-	454	-	-	454	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	-	54,305	-	-	54,305	55,816	-	-	-	55,816
Mongolia	-	189	-	-	189	-	-	-	-	-
Montenegro	-	151	-	-	-	-	-	151	151	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Morocco	15	2,044	-	-	-	-	15	2,044	2,059	-
Mozambique	-	151	-	-	-	-	-	151	151	-
Myanmar	980	260	-	980	10	-	-	250	250	-
Namibia	-	378	-	-	-	-	-	378	378	-
Nauru	398	38	-	-	-	-	398	38	436	-
Netherlands	-	56,083	-	-	-	-	-	56,083	56,083	-
New Zealand	-	10,142	-	-	10,142	-	-	-	-	-
Nicaragua	-	151	-	-	-	-	-	151	151	-
Niger	609	76	-	-	-	-	609	76	685	-
Nigeria	9,717	7,909	-	-	-	-	9,717	7,909	17,626	-
Niue	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	38	38	-
Norway	-	32,129	-	-	32,129	-	-	-	-	-
Oman	3,993	4,276	-	-	-	-	3,993	4,276	8,269	-
Pakistan	19,121	3,519	-	-	-	-	19,121	3,519	22,640	-
Palau	398	38	-	-	-	-	398	38	436	-
Panama	-	1,287	-	-	1,287	-	-	-	-	-
Papua New Guinea	374	151	-	-	-	-	374	151	525	-
Paraguay	1,436	530	-	-	-	-	1,436	530	1,966	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Peru	-	5,147	2,287	-	2,860	146	-	-	-	146
Philippines	-	6,244	2,502	-	3,742	-	-	-	-	-
Poland	-	31,826	26,826	-	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal	-	14,835	-	-	-	-	-	14,835	14,835	-
Qatar	8,182	10,180	-	-	-	-	8,182	10,180	18,362	-
Republic of Moldova	-	151	-	-	-	-	-	151	151	-
Romania	-	6,963	-	-	-	-	-	6,963	6,963	-
Rwanda	214	76	-	-	-	-	214	76	290	-
Saint Kitts and Nevis	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	38	38	-
Saint Lucia	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	38	38	-
Saint Vincent & Gren.	398	38	-	-	-	-	398	38	436	-
Samoa	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	38	38	-
Saudi Arabia	-	43,368	-	-	-	-	-	43,368	43,368	-
Senegal	1,314	189	-	-	-	-	1,314	189	1,503	-
Serbia	-	1,211	-	-	-	-	-	1,211	1,211	-
Seychelles	-	38	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	-
Slovakia	-	6,055	-	-	6,055	-	-	-	-	-
Slovenia	-	3,179	-	-	3,179	375	-	-	-	375

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Solomon Islands	184	38	-	-	-	-	184	38	222	-
Somalia	218	38	-	-	-	-	218	38	256	-
South Africa	-	13,775	-	-	13,775	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	-	92,451	-	-	-	-	-	92,451	92,451	-
Sri Lanka	979	1,173	-	-	-	-	979	1,173	2,152	-
State of Palestine	-	265	-	-	-	-	-	265	265	-
Sudan	1,022	260	-	-	-	-	1,022	260	1,282	-
Suriname	626	227	-	-	-	-	626	227	853	-
Swaziland	-	76	-	-	-	-	-	76	76	-
Sweden	-	36,178	-	-	-	-	-	36,178	36,178	-
Switzerland	-	43,141	-	-	43,141	-	-	-	-	-
Syria	6,661	908	-	-	-	-	6,661	908	7,569	-
Tajikistan	521	151	-	-	-	-	521	151	672	-
Thailand	-	11,012	-	-	11,012	-	-	-	-	-
Togo	148	38	-	-	-	-	148	38	186	-
Tonga	-	38	2,611	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,573
Trinidad and Tobago	1,776	1,287	-	-	-	-	1,776	1,287	3,063	-
Tunisia	1,415	1,060	-	1,415	-	-	-	1,060	1,060	-



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Turkey	-	38,524	-	-	38,524	-	-	-	-	-
Turkmenistan	3,507	984	-	-	-	-	3,507	984	4,491	-
Uganda	-	260	2,497	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,237
Ukraine	-	3,898	-	-	-	-	-	3,898	3,898	-
Uruguay	2,036	2,990	-	2,036	-	-	-	2,990	2,990	-
United Arab Emirates	-	22,857	-	-	-	-	-	22,857	22,857	-
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	-	168,894	-	-	168,894	-	-	-	-	-
United Republic of Tanzania	1,464	260	-	-	-	-	1,464	260	1,724	-
Venezuela	96,021	21,608	-	-	-	-	96,021	21,608	117,629	-
Viet Nam	3,216	2,195	-	-	-	-	3,216	2,195	5,411	-
Yemen	1,742	260	-	-	-	-	1,742	260	2,002	-
Zambia	-	265	-	-	-	-	-	265	265	-
Zimbabwe	-	151	-	-	-	-	-	151	151	-
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>710,661</b>	<b>2,606,205</b>	<b>60,333</b>	<b>382,366</b>	<b>1,347,378</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>328,295</b>	<b>1,206,421</b>	<b>1,534,716</b>	<b>66,043</b>
<b>Additional Contributions</b>										
Canada	-	147,107	-	-	-	-	-	147,107	-	-

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advanced Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for 2016 & Prior Years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections During 2017 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges For 2016 & Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2017	Unpaid Pledges for 2017 & Prior Years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Quebec	-	49,036	-	-	-	-	-	49,036	-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>710,661</b>	<b>2,802,347</b>	<b>60,333</b>	<b>382,366</b>	<b>1,347,378</b>	<b>58,115</b>	<b>328,295</b>	<b>1,402,563</b>	<b>1,534,716</b>	<b>66,043</b>

## ANNEX VII

**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 2017 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016		Pledges for 2017	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017 & futures years	Adjustment (Exchange difference)	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Australia		1/	22,371		22,779	(408)	-
Sweden		2/	56,370		56,969	(600)	-
<b>Total</b>			<b>78,741</b>		<b>79,748</b>	<b>(1,007)</b>	-

1/Australia pledge AUD 30,000 to support participation of ILCs from Australia to CBD key meetings

2/Sweden pledge SEK 500,000 for participation of delegates to SBSTTA-21 and Art8J-10

## ANNEX VIII

**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 2017 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016</b>		<b>Pledges for 2017</b>	<b>Collections in 2017 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2017 for 2017 &amp; future years</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2017 &amp; prior years</b>
	<b>US\$</b>		<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Finland		1/	8,686			8,686
France		2/	5,599			5,599
<b>Total</b>			<b>14,285</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>14,285</b>

1/Finland pledge EUR 8,000 for AHTEG Socio-Economic considerations

2/France pledge EUR 5,000 for AHTEG Socio-Economic considerations

**ANNEX IX**  
**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL (BB)**  
 Status of Contributions as at 31 December 2016 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections in 2017 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2016 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2017	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	-	266	-	-	-	-	-	266	266	-
Angola	-	85	-	-	-	-	-	85	85	-
Antigua and Barbuda	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	53	53	-
Argentina	-	23,562	-	-	-	-	-	23,562	23,562	-
Belarus	-	1,859	-	-	1,859	-	-	-	-	-
Belgium	-	29,373	-	-	-	-	-	29,373	29,373	-
Benin	128	100	-	-	-	-	128	100	228	-
Bhutan	-	33	-	-	33	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia	-	395	-	-	-	-	-	395	395	-
Botswana	-	465	-	-	-	-	-	465	465	-
Bulgaria	-	1,494	-	-	1,494	-	-	-	-	-
Burkina Faso	128	133	-	-	-	-	128	133	261	-
Burundi	127	33	-	-	-	-	127	33	160	-
Cambodia	119	133	-	119	-	-	-	133	133	-
Cameroon	-	278	-	-	-	-	-	278	278	-



COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections in 2017 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2016 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2017	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
	-	212,052	-	-			-	212,052	212,052	-
Guatemala	-	929	-	-	-	-	-	929	929	-
Guinea	97	66	-	-	-	-	97	66	163	-
Guinea-Bissau	127	33	-	-	-	-	127	33	160	-
Guyana	-	66	-	-	-	-	-	66	66	-
Honduras	1,015	266	-	-	-	-	1,015	266	1,281	-
Hungary	-	5,344	-	-	5,344	-	-	-	-	-
India	84,488	24,461	-	-	-	-	84,488	24,461	108,949	-
Indonesia	-	16,728	-	-	-	-	-	16,728	16,728	-
Japan	-	89,482	-	-	89,482	-	-	-	-	-
Jordan	-	664	-	-	-	-	-	664	664	-
Kazakhstan	12,731	6,339	-	-	-	-	12,731	6,339	19,070	-
Kenya	1,649	597	-	1,649	-	-	-	597	597	-
Korea, Republic of	-	23,374	-	-	-	-	-	23,374	23,374	-
Kuwait	-	2,808	-	-	-	-	-	2,808	2,808	-
Kyrgyzstan	-	66	-	-	-	-	-	66	66	-
Lao People's Democratic Republic	-	100	-	-	100	-	-	-	-	-
Lesotho	124	33	-	-	-	-	124	33	157	-
Liberia	101	33	-	-	-	-	101	33	134	-

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections in 2017 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2016 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2017	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Luxembourg		1,992	-	-	-	-	-	1,992	1,992	-
Madagascar	128	100	-	128	6	-	-	94	94	-
Malawi	128	66	-	-	-	-	128	66	194	-
Mali	9	100	-	-	-	-	9	100	109	-
Malta	-	444	-	-	-	-	-	444	444	-
Marshall Islands	126	33	-	-	-	-	126	33	159	-
Mauritius	-	398	-	-	398	-	-	-	-	-
Mauritania	106	66	-	-	-	-	106	66	172	-
Mexico	-	47,628	-	-	-	-	-	47,628	47,628	-
Micronesia	127	33	-	-	-	-	127	33	160	-
Moldova	17	133	-	-	-	-	17	133	150	-
Mongolia	-	166	-	-	166	-	-	-	-	-
Mozambique	-	133	-	-	-	-	-	133	133	-
Myanmar	128	130	-	128	-	-	0	130	130	-
Namibia	-	332	-	-	-	-	-	332	332	-
Netherlands	8,717	49,188	-	-	-	-	8,717	49,188	57,905	-
Niger	128	66	-	-	-	-	128	66	194	-
Norway	49,119	28,179	-	49,119	28,179	-	-	-	-	-
Pakistan	6,872	3,087	-	6,872	-	-	-	3,087	3,087	-
Panama					-	-				



COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections in 2017 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2016 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2017	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
	3,299	1,128	-	-			3,299	1,128	4,427	-
Peru	11,333	4,514	-	-	-	-	11,333	4,514	15,847	-
Philippines	14,301	5,476	-	-	-	-	14,301	5,476	19,777	-
Portugal	-	6,014	-	-	-	-	-	6,014	6,014	-
Qatar	-	5,968	-	-	-	-	-	5,968	5,968	-
Rwanda	128	66	-	-	-	-	128	66	194	-
Samoa	-	33	20	-	33	131	-	-	-	151
Sao Tome & Principe	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	23	23	-
Senegal	58	130	-	-	-	-	58	130	188	-
Seychelles	97	33	-	-	-	-	97	33	130	-
Sierra Leone	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	30	30	-
Slovakia	12,002	5,310	-	12,002	5,310	-	-	-	-	-
South Africa	-	12,081	-	-	12,081	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	-	81,084	-	-	-	-	-	81,084	81,084	-
Sudan	128	130	-	-	-	-	128	130	258	-
Swaziland	3	66	-	-	-	-	3	66	69	-
Sweden	-	31,730	-	-	-	-	-	31,730	31,730	-
Switzerland	-	37,837	-	-	37,837	-	-	-	-	-
Syrian Arab Republic	4,567	797	-	-	-	-	4,567	797	5,364	-

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016	Pledges for 2017	Advance Payments as at 31.12.2016	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017	Collections in 2017 for Futures years	Unpaid pledges for 2016 & prior year	Unpaid pledges for 2017	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years	Advanced Payments for Future Years as at 30 June 2017
Tajikistan	381	133	-	-	-	-	381	133	514	-
Togo	60	33	-	-	-	-	60	33	93	-
Uganda	128	130	-	-	-	-	128	130	258	-
United Arab Emirates	57,636	20,047	-	57,636	-	-	-	20,047	20,047	-
United Kingdom	-	148,128	-	-	148,128	-	-	-	-	-
Uruguay	5,037	2,622	-	-	-	-	5,037	2,622	7,659	-
Vanuatu	127	33	-	-	-	-	127	33	160	-
Viet Nam	5,328	1,925	-	-	-	-	5,328	1,925	7,253	-
Zambia	37	130	-	-	-	-	37	130	167	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>375,605</b>	<b>1,455,782</b>	<b>9,505</b>	<b>127,653</b>	<b>562,057</b>	<b>46,133</b>	<b>247,952</b>	<b>884,240</b>	<b>1,132,192</b>	<b>46,153</b>

<b>Additional Contributions</b>										
Canada	-	73,553	-	-	-	-	-	73,553	-	-
Quebec	-	24,518	-	-	-	-	-	24,518	-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>375,605</b>	<b>1,553,853</b>	<b>9,505</b>	<b>127,653</b>	<b>562,057</b>	<b>46,133</b>	<b>247,952</b>	<b>982,311</b>	<b>1,132,192</b>	<b>46,153</b>

ANNEX X

**SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES OF THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING OF GENETIC RESOURCES (BX)**

Status as at 30 June 2017 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.2016		Pledges for 2017	Collections in 2017 for prior years	Collections in 2017 for 2017 & futures years	Adjustment (Exchange difference)	Unpaid pledges for 2017 & prior years
	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
EU	20,001	1/					20,001
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,001</b>						<b>20,001</b>

1/EU pledge EUR 340,100 - for ABS CH P3 Programme Officer, 1/2 P2 ABS CH, 1/2 P-2 ABS PO monitoring + upgrade

## ANNEX XI

### List of meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (January to June 2017)

#### January 2017

16 - 20 January 2017 Kingston, Jamaica	Capacity-building Workshop for the small island developing States of the Caribbean region towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 on invasive alien species
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#### February 2017

20 - 24 February 2017 San José, Costa Rica	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop for the Wider Caribbean and Central America
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#### March 2017

27 - 29 March 2017 Suva, Fiji	Workshop on developing capacity for national border controls on living modified organisms in Pacific small island developing States
20 - 24 March 2017 Agadir, Morocco	Capacity-building workshop for the Mediterranean on the restoration of forests and other ecosystems to support the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
20 - 24 March 2017 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Asia-Pacific Workshop on the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms

#### April 2017

24 - 29 April 2017 Baku, Azerbaijan	Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea and Training Session on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas
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#### May 2017

16 - 18 May 2017 Montreal, Canada	Biosafety Fourteenth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on
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#### June 2017

28 - 29 June 2017 Seoul, Republic of Korea <i>Confirmed</i>	First Meeting of the Informal Working Group for the Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue
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