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BUREAU OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON
SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE AND THE JOINT MEETING
OF THE COP 11 AND SBSTTA BUREAUX**

INTRODUCTION

1. The meeting of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) took place in Montreal, Canada, at the office of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), on 22 June 2014. Item 2, Preparations for the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, was considered by the Bureau and in addition in a joint session held together with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. The meeting was attended by the Chair, nine members of the Bureau, eleven members of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, and nine members of the Secretariat. The list of participants is available in the Annex.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

2. The meeting was opened at 11 a.m. on 22 June 2014. The Chair of the Subsidiary Body, Mr. Gemedo Dalle Tussie, welcomed participants to the meeting. The Executive Secretary of the CBD, Mr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, welcomed the Bureau members and thanked them for their support in the preparation for the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. Mr. Dias gave introductory remarks on the outcomes of the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 5), in particular the item on improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention, and highlighted the relationship between the outcomes of WGRI 5 and SBSTTA 18, and the agenda and expected outcomes of COP 12.

3. The Bureau adopted the proposed agenda for the meeting.

ITEM 2. PREPARATIONS FOR THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

4. The Secretariat introduced the documents for consideration under this agenda item, in particular the annotations to the provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/1/ADD1) and a table which proposed roles for all Bureau members to support the Chair in the conduct of SBSTTA 18.

5. The Bureau considered the proposed organization of work and discussed which agenda items would most likely require work in contact groups or Friends of the Chair groups in addition to their consideration in Plenary. The Bureau also noted the final list of speakers to introduce in Plenary agenda item 3.1, Review of the draft of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, item 4, Marine and coastal biodiversity, and item 5, Invasive Alien Species. A note introducing the speakers and the topics of their presentations had been made available on the SBSTTA 18 website.

6. The Bureau also addressed the three main items on the agenda of SBSTTA 18 with a view to identifying potentially contentious issues and expected outcomes. Mr. David Cooper, SBSTTA Secretary, provided an overview of the preparation process and key messages of the draft fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. Ms. Jihyun Lee, Programme Officer, provided an introduction to item 4, Marine and coastal biodiversity, and Ms. Junko Shimura introduced the main issues under item 5, Invasive Alien Species.

7. Members of the Bureau acknowledged the key messages of the draft fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook and noted that new ways have to be explored, including with support from the social sciences and economics, to avoid the business-as-usual scenario. It was clarified that SBSTTA was expected to provide guidance on the finalization of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook as well as potential further actions. A member of the Bureau also acknowledged the need for translating the Global Biodiversity Outlook into more targeted messages for different audiences. The Executive Secretary confirmed the intentions of the Secretariat to promote wider use of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook, including through its translation into as many languages as possible. The Bureau also asked for their best wishes to be conveyed to Secretariat member Robert Höft, who oversaw the preparation of the Global Biodiversity Outlook at the Secretariat, for a speedy recovery.

8. With regard to marine and coastal biodiversity, members of the Bureau noted the importance of addressing Aichi Biodiversity Target 10. The Bureau also highlighted the need to mainstream the role of marine biodiversity into the sustainable development goals. With regard to invasive alien species members of the Bureau stressed the importance of the issue and the need for Parties to realize the magnitude of potential impacts from invasive alien species on biodiversity.

9. A joint session, held together with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, discussed the draft fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook. In this context, and in light of the anticipated outcomes of the Conference of the Parties, the Bureaux addressed expected outcomes of SBSTTA 18. In the joint session both Bureaux reiterated the need to translate the Global Biodiversity Outlook into more targeted messages for different audiences.

ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS

10. Under this agenda item, the Bureau addressed the election of officers at SBSTTA 18. As described in the annotated agenda of SBSTTA 18, the Subsidiary Body was to elect five new members to serve on the Bureau for a term commencing at the end of the eighteenth meeting and ending at the end of the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body, to replace the members from Colombia, Ethiopia, France, Russian Federation, and Saudi Arabia. Therefore, the Chair urged the Bureau members to consult with

their regions with a view to selecting new nominees as soon as possible and facilitate the election of new members.

11. The Bureau met daily throughout the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body to oversee progress and the organization of work of the meeting. New Bureau members were introduced over a working lunch on Saturday, 28 June 2014.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

12. The meeting of the Bureau closed at 5 p.m. on 22 June 2014.

ANNEX

List of Participants

<i>SBSTTA Bureau</i>	
Mr. Gemedo Dalle Tussie Ethiopia (Chair)	Mr. Youself Al-Hafedh Saudi Arabia
Ms. Brigitte Baptiste Colombia	Mr. Andrew Bignell New Zealand
Ms. Lourdes Coya de la Fuente Cuba	Mr. Mustafa Fouda Egypt
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Mr. Alexander Shestakov Russian Federation	Mr. Youngbae Suh Republic of Korea

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Mr. Francis Ogwal Uganda	Ms. Tone Solhaug Norway
Mr. Spencer Thomas Grenada	Ms. Eleni Marama Tokaduadua Fiji

<i>Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity</i>	
Mr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias Executive Secretary	Ms. Sakhile Koketso Programme Officer
Mr. David Cooper Principal Officer	Ms. Junko Shimura Programme Officer
Mr. Sarat Babu Gidda Senior Programme Officer	Mr. David Coates Environmental Affairs Officer
Ms. Simone Schiele Junior Professional Officer	Ms. Lisa Janishevski Programme Assistant
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