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First meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on ABS

Montreal, Canada



Kazuaki Hoshino, on behalf of COP 10 President

The first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization

(ICNP) was held from 6-10 June 2011 in Montreal, Canada. Delegates discussed the way forward on key issues regarding the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol and identified work to be carried-out in the inter-sessional period before the second meeting of the ICNP. The main issues addressed at the meeting were:

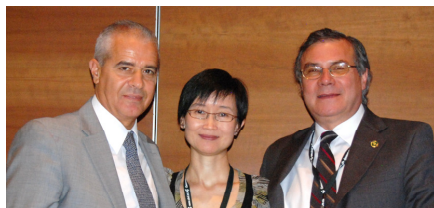
- the modalities of operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House;
- measures to assist in capacity-building and capacity development;
- measures to raise awareness of the importance of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge; and
- cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Protocol and address cases of non-compliance.

Bureau meetings in June

Montreal, Canada

On 4 June, the COP 10 Bureau convened a meeting to discuss preparations of the ICNP 1 meeting. Other items on the agenda included: work programme for the implementation of COP 10 decisions, preparations for the COP 11 and COP MOP6 meetings, and celebration of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity, among other issues. A working lunch between the COP 10 Bureau members

The ICNP also elected a new Co-Chair, Ms. Janet Lowe from New Zealand, as well as ten Bureau members for the ICNP. The report of the meeting is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ICNP-01>.



Ahmed Djoghlaif, ES-CBD, with ICNP Co-Chairs Janet Lowe and Fernando Casas.

Capacity-building Workshop on Access and Benefit-sharing, jointly organized by CBD and ITPGRFA Secretariats

Montreal, Canada

The meeting of the ICNP was preceded by a capacity-building workshop jointly organized by the Secretariats of the CBD and the International Treaty on Plant Ge-

netic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) on 4-5 June 2011. The workshop follows the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretariats of the CBD and the ITPGRFA to further enhance collaboration in areas of mutual interest within their mandates. The workshop was attended by over 200 representatives from governments and indigenous and local communities. Over the course of two days, the participants discussed the priorities and needs for capacity-building in relation to the implementation of their obligations under the Nagoya Protocol. The workshop was possible thanks to the financial support provided by the Global Environment Facility and was the first workshop in a series to be organized by the Secretariat over the next biennium under the GEF Medium-sized project to support the ratification and early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol. The outcomes of the workshop are available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WCBABS-01>.



ABS Capacity Building workshop. From left: S. Bhatti, ITPGRFA, M. Farooqui, India, A. Djoghlaif, ES-CBD and V. Normand, CBD.

and the CEO of the GEF was held on 5 June. Also on the same day, a joint meeting of the COP and ICNP Bureaux was held. On 5-6 June, a SBSTTA Bureau

meeting was held. The Bureaux of COP, ICNP and SBSTTA had a working lunch on 6 June. At the meeting, a presentation by the Secretary of ITPGRFA was made.



COP Bureau meeting.

Regional Workshop on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

► Brazzaville, Congo

A regional workshop on updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans for Central African region was held in Congo, Brazzaville on 19-23 June 2011. This workshop was organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in collaboration with the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Forest Economy and the Environment (MSDFEE) of the Republic of the Congo. Mr Sébastien M'poussa, MSDFEE Director of the Cabinet and Mr. Kazuhiko Fujita, chargé d'affaires of the Japanese Embassy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo were present during the opening session. Participants from Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Republic of the Congo, Sao Tome and Principe, COMIFAC, IUCN, UN-REDD programme and Indigenous Local Community worked towards implementing Nagoya Biodiversity Compact and they delivered a communiqué at the end of the workshop. For

more information on this workshop, please go to: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops2/cafr/>.

► Kigali, Rwanda

The second regional capacity-building workshop for East Africa on revising and updating National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) was convened by the CBD Secretariat in Kigali, Rwanda, on 27-30 June 2011. In parallel with the workshop, a seminar on business and biodiversity was held on the morning of 30 June, with participants from the business community and NGOs. The workshop was co-hosted and co-organized by the Rwanda Environment Management Authority and the Secretariat of the East African Community, with the financial support of the Government of Japan. The workshop was attended by participants from Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, Rwanda, Sudan, Uganda, and the Union of the Comoros, with representatives from indigenous and local communities and different institutions, including



Above: Opening session of the meeting.
Below: Participants at the Kigali meeting.

ICLEI, FAO, World Agroforestry Centre - ICRAF, UNEP and IUCN.

The workshop provided an opportunity for countries to exchange experiences and discuss the main issues in biodiversity management in the region and how these could be addressed through the review and updating of NBSAPs. A significant portion of the workshop was dedicated to discussing the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing and the modalities for early ratification. Practical examples of the integration of biodiversity into district-level planning were included in a one day field trip organized by Rwanda and provided valuable insights into mainstreaming environment and biodiversity. By the end of the workshop, participants gained experience with a number of new techniques that are essential to the NBSAP revision process and elaborated on their tentative roadmaps for NBSAP revision. For additional information, please see: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops2.shtml>.



Participants at the Brazzaville meeting

Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 High Wycombe, UK

Pursuant to COP decision X/7, the Executive Secretary organized a meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The meeting took place on 20-24 June 2011 in High Wycombe, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and was convened with the generous financial support from the European Union. The group provided advice on the further development of indicators agreed through decisions VII/30 and VIII/15, suggested additional indicators that have been, or

could be, developed, provided further guidance and proposed options for the establishment of mechanisms to support Parties in their efforts to develop national indicators and associated biodiversity monitoring and reporting systems and provide advice on the strengthening of linkages between global and national indicator development and reporting. The



Participants at the Indicators meeting (Photo credits: James Williams)

need for technical expertise in all areas covered by the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, and the desire to enable engagement of a large number of interested stakeholders led to the organizing of an International Expert Workshop in support of the AHTEG on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Contributions from Canada, the European Environment Agency, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom enabled this workshop to be held at the same venue from 20 to 22 June 2011. It was designed to serve as a resource for the AHTEG meeting with a view to enabling the AHTEG to fulfil all aspects of the tasks assigned to it through decision X/7.

First regional workshop on the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety Ljubljana, Slovenia

The Secretariat organised the first regional workshop on the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety” for Central and Eastern Europe in Ljubljana, Slovenia from 16 to 17 June 2011. The main purpose of the workshop was to promote awareness of the Supplementary Protocol and to identify needs and requirements by Parties with a view to ex-



Participants at the Slovenia meeting

International meeting on Article 10 (Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity) with a focus on Article 10(c) (Customary Use of Biological Diversity) Montreal, Canada



Joji Cariño, Tebtebba Foundation, and Pernilla Malmer, Sweden, elected co-chairs of the meeting

Pursuant to COP decision X/43, the Secretariat convened a meeting on Article 10 (sustainable use of biological diversity) with a focus on Article 10(c) (customary use of

biological diversity), with the participation of Parties, Governments and international organizations, and representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities, on 31 May to 2 June 2011, in Montreal, Canada.

The meeting provided advice on the content and implementation of the new major component of work for consideration at the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j), to assist the Working Group in taking this component forward.

Furthermore, building on the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines, the meeting provided advice: on the development of further guidance on sustainable use and related incentive measures for indigenous and local communities; measures to in-

pediting its early entry into force and implementation. The workshop also provided an opportunity for participants to consider issues related to the implementation of other decisions of the fifth meeting of Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP), in particular, decision BS-V/14 on preparation of second national reports, decision BS-V/15 on assessment and review and decision BS-V/16 on the strategic plan.

AHTEG on Risk Assessment and Risk Management Mexico City, Mexico

The third meeting of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Risk Assessment and Risk Management took place from 30 May - 3 June 2011 in Mexico City, Mexico. During the meeting, the AHTEG made a number of revisions to the “Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms” and agreed to a mechanism for future updates of the background materials for the Guidance. In addition, the Group agreed to develop addi-

crease the engagement of indigenous and local communities and governments at national and local level in the implementation of Article 10 and the ecosystem approach; and a strategy to integrate Article 10, with a focus on 10(c), as a cross cutting issue into the Convention’s various programmes of work and thematic areas, beginning with the programme of work on protected areas.

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tional guidance on: (i) Post-release monitoring and long-term effects of LMOs released into the environment; and (ii) Risk assessment of living modified trees. The report of the meeting is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/bsrarm-03/official/bsrarm-03-04-en.pdf>.

Joint side event with Aarhus Convention Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

In June, the Secretariat organized a side event co-organised, together with the Aarhus Convention Secretariat, on 30 June 2011 in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, during the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention. More than 40 participants attended. The participants discussed practical ways to maximize synergies in the implementation of Article 23 of the Protocol (including its programme of work on public awareness, education and participation), and the Aarhus Convention’s provisions on genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

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Participants at the Montreal meeting.

**Eleventh meeting of the GTI Coordination Mechanism
Montreal, Canada**



Christoph Haeuser, Germany, outgoing Chair of the GTI Coordination Mechanism

The eleventh meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) was held at Secretariat of the CBD, Montreal, Canada from 3 to 4 June 2011.

The meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the GTI discussed the elements to be included in a draft comprehensive capacity building strategy for the GTI (decision X/38 paragraph 16) which will be considered by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its fifteenth meeting.

The meeting of the Coordination Mechanism also elected Dr. Mark Graham, Canada as a new Chair between 2011 and 2012, and thanked Dr. Christoph Haeuser, Germany for serving as the Chair of the Coordination Mechanism from 2004 to 2010 and Dr. Robert Hanner, International Barcode of Life, Canada as acting Chair at this meeting. The meeting was held under the auspice of Government of Japan.

**Joint Meeting of the CBD Liaison Group on Bushmeat and the CITES Central Africa Bushmeat Working Group
Nairobi, Kenya**

An experts meeting, co-organized by the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), on the bushmeat trade, was convened on 7-10 June 2011 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The experts representing 43 governments and United Nations agencies, international and national organizations and indigenous and local community organizations recognized with alarm that classic approaches and international efforts are not reversing this growing trend, and adopted the following set of recommendations:

- Implement community wildlife management and other improved wildlife management approaches, such as game ranching and hunting tourism;



Participants at the Bushmeat meeting.

- Increase the raising of 'mini-livestock' (wild animals, such as cane rats raised in small farms);
- Support the sustainable harvesting of non-timber forest products, such as bee-keeping.

The meeting also recognized the need to clarify and define land tenure and access rights, improve monitoring of bushmeat harvesting and trade, and enhance bushmeat-related law enforcement.

The full report of the meeting is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=LGBUSHMEAT-02>.

**A multi-disciplinary approach to human, wildlife and ecosystem health
Beijing, China**

Epidemics and pandemics affecting domestic livestock, migratory animals and people are occurring with increasing frequency. To achieve human, wildlife and ecosystem health requires diseases to be considered in an integrated context of development, food security, biodiversity and ecosystem services.

In support of paragraph 17 of decision X/20, the CBD Secretariat participated as a core affiliate in the June 2011 launch of the Scientific Task Force on Wildlife and Ecosystem Health in Beijing, along with 15 other core affiliates, partners, observers, national, and student associates from more than 10 countries. FAO-Animal Health Service and United Nations Environment Programme-Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of

Wild Animals (UNEP-CMS) co-convened the workshop. The Task Force's 'One Health' approach will serve as a science-based information and networking resource among government sectors, wildlife and natural resource managers, NGOs and relevant United Nations agencies. The launching workshop refined the most important wildlife and ecosystem health issues to be addressed by the Task Force, including development of a draft work plan and communication strategy. Outputs of the workshop will be reported at the upcoming CMS Conference of the Parties in November 2011 in Bergen, Norway and at other relevant meetings.

The CBD Secretariat was also pleased to attend the UN China One Health Event, which was convened by the UN Theme Group on Health: sub-working group on diseases at the human-animal interface and coordinated by FAO-ECTAD in late June 2011 in Beijing. The discussions amongst more than 65 attendees focused on three themes and Kathryn Campbell presented an overview of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020, as part of the theme on the "Integrated Approach to Agricultural Health: linking natural resource management, wildlife, livestock production and food security". The event attracted the attention of the international and national scientific communities, as well as policy-makers, and a roadmap for 'One Health' in China is now being developed further.



Participants at the launch of the Scientific Task Force on Wildlife and Ecosystem Health in Beijing (Photo credits: FAO Animal Production and Health Division website)

ICNP 1 PHOTO GALLERY



PRESENTATION OF DONATION TO THE CBD MUSEUM DURING ICNP 1



Inauguration of the donation from the President of Algeria by the Ambassador of Algeria to Canada and the Consul General of Algeria in Montreal at the CBD Secretariat office.

Protocol signatories in June

➤ Nagoya Protocol on ABS

Austria	European Union	Italy	UK
Bulgaria	Finland	Luxembourg	
Czech Republic	Germany	Netherlands	
Denmark	Hungary	Sweden	

As of 30 June, the total number of signatories is: 37

➤ Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol

Italy

As of 30 June, the total number of signatories is: 24

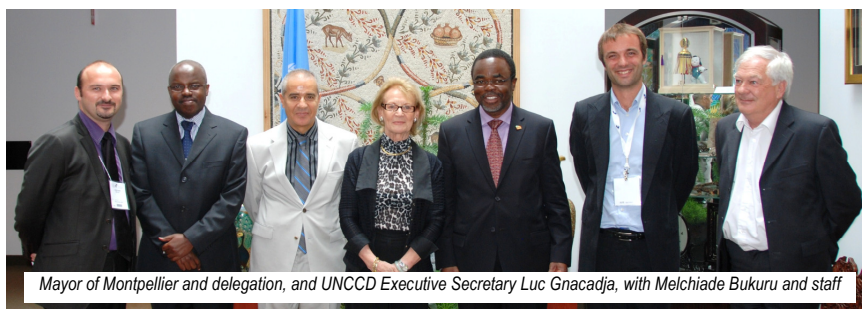
Newest member of the CSP



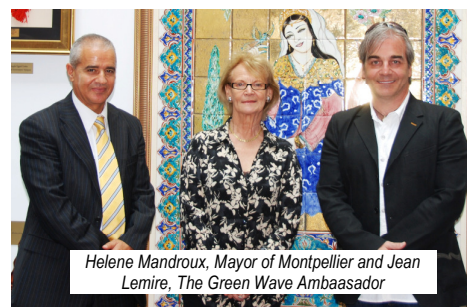
Christoph Haeuser, Museum für Naturkunde, and Ahmed Djoghlaif, ES-CBD, at the MOU signing.

The first meeting of the ICNP provided an opportunity for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Museum für Naturkunde-Leibniz Institute for Research on Evolution and Biodiversity in Berlin, becoming the 17th member of the group.

Visitors this month



Mayor of Montpellier and delegation, and UNCCD Executive Secretary Luc Gnacadja, with Melchiade Bukuru and staff



Helene Mandroux, Mayor of Montpellier and Jean Lemire, The Green Wave Ambassador



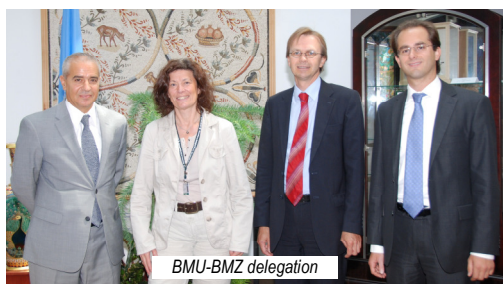
Kazuhiko Takeuchi, UNU



Wendy Watson-Wright, UNESCO



Philippine delegation



BMU-BMZ delegation



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