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**MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON
SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

Fourth meeting

Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre
Kuala Lumpur, 21 February 2016

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON
SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

INTRODUCTION

1. A meeting of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) was held on Sunday, 21 February 2016, from 2.00. to 5:00 p.m., on the margins of the fourth meeting of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The meeting was preceded by a meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and a joint meeting of the two Bureaux.
2. The meeting was attended in person by the following members of the Bureau: Mr. Andrew Bignell (New Zealand), Chair; Mr. Horst Korn (Germany); Ms Prudence Galega (Cameroun); Ms. Lourdes Coya de la Fuente (Cuba); Mr. Niualuga Evaimalo Tavita (Samoa); Ms. Shirin Karryeva (Turkmenistan); and Mr. Aleksandar Mijović (Montenegro). Ms. Malta (Nopasika) Qwathekana (South Africa) participated by video. Apologies were received from Mr. Endang Sukara (Indonesia); Ms. Eugenia Arguedas Montezuma (Costa Rica) and Mr. Norbert Bärlocher (Switzerland)
3. Mr Jae Choi, COP President, attended as an observer (for item 1). The meeting was supported by Mr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, and Mr. David Cooper, Deputy Executive Secretary. UNEP was represented by Jiri Hlavacek.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

4. The meeting was opened by Mr Andrew Bignell, Chair of the Subsidiary Body. He recalled the previous day's joint meeting of the COP and SBSTTA Bureaux¹, noting that it provided important context for the afternoon's meeting.
5. Mr Jae Choi, COP President, provided a brief report on the meeting of the COP Bureau that took place earlier in the day.²

¹ See UNEP/CBD/COP-Bur/2016/1/1/2

² See UNEP/CBD/COP-Bur/2016/1/1/2

ITEM 2. THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

6. The Secretariat provided an overview of progress on the preparations for the meeting, item by item, including the preparation of documents and related expert meetings. The Members of the Bureau discussed the preparations, noting that preparations were well advanced. They identified areas that may require contact groups, such as: further action related to EBSAs (item 4.1); synthetic biology (item 6); biodiversity and climate change (item 8); ecosystem restoration (item 10); and mainstreaming (item 13).

7. The Chair and Bureau agreed that members of the Bureau would share the task of presiding over the various agenda items. The Chair and Secretariat would further consult with Bureau members in this regard to identify slots.

ITEM 3. IMPLICATIONS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF IPBES 4 FOR WORK UNDER THE CONVENTION

8. The Bureau noted that there were a number of the items on the agenda of IPBES 4 of relevance to SBSTTA. In particular, SBSTTA-20 would consider the implications of the IPBES assessment on pollinators would be considered by SBSTTA-20 which would prepare recommendations for the Conference of the Parties. This would be an important “test case” of the relationship between IPBES and the Convention.

9. With regard to the preparations of GBO-5, the Chair highlighted the importance of the timing of the preparation of the planned IPBES Global Assessment and indicated that he would emphasise this point in his capacity as an observer on the Multidisciplinary Expert panel of IPBES. The Executive Secretary would also make this point in his opening remarks to the Plenary.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

10. As described in the annotated agenda of SBSTTA-20, the Subsidiary Body will elect five new members to serve on the Bureau for a term commencing at the end of the twentieth meeting and ending at the end of the twenty-first meeting of the Subsidiary Body, to replace the members from Costa Rica, Germany, Indonesia, South Africa, and Turkmenistan.

11. Members of the Bureau were invited to expedite discussions in their respective regions to identify suitable candidates and facilitate the timely election of officers.

ITEM 5. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

12. The meeting of the Bureau closed at 5 p.m. on 21 February 2016.
