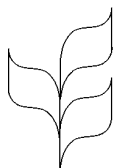




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AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

Note by the Secretariat

To assist the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in the consideration of agenda item 6, the Secretariat has prepared a draft provisional agenda of its third meeting, contained in the annex of this note. The proposed draft provisional agenda of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is based on the suggestions contained in the medium-term programme of work of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice adopted in recommendation I/2 (see document UNEP/CBD/COP/2/5). The SBSTTA may wish to amend the proposed provisional agenda in light of the priorities of the Conference of the Parties' programme of work determined at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties and specific requests to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice contained in the decisions of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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**ANNEX**

**Draft provisional agenda  
of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific,  
Technical and Technological Advice.**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1 Election of officers;
  - 2.2 Adoption of the agenda;
  - 2.3 Organization of work.
3. Matters on which advice from the SBSTTA is required by the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
  - 3.1 Assessment of biological diversity and methodologies for future assessments
    - 3.1.1 Review of assessment of biological diversity made in 1995, and provision of advice on methodologies for future assessments, as well as the minimum standard data required, as appropriate, to be applied in accordance with national priorities and programmes;
  - 3.2 Identification, monitoring and assessment of components of biological diversity and of processes which have adverse impacts
    - 3.2.1 Alternative ways and means in which the Conference of the Parties could start the process of identification, monitoring and assessment of components of biological diversity, as well as processes and categories of activities which have or are likely to have significant adverse impacts on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in accordance with Article 7.
  - 3.3 Ways and means for educating the public and raising awareness of the aims of the Convention
    - 3.3.1 What kind of scientific and technical information should be compiled and what ways and means should be used for public education and awareness to promote and encourage understanding of the importance of, and the measures required for, the conservation of biological diversity, and what topics should be included in educational programmes in accordance with Article 13?
  - 3.4 Environmental impact assessments
    - 3.4.1 What kind of scientific and technical information should be collected for

environmental impact assessment of projects and what ways and means should be used to share this information to promote minimization of adverse impacts in accordance with Article 14?

- 3.5 Identification and transfer of sound technologies, including biotechnology
  - 3.5.1 Identification of sound technologies including biotechnology, and description of ways and means to promote and facilitate access to, and transfer and development of these technologies, and the role of the clearing-house mechanism;
- 3.6 Knowledge, innovations and practises of indigenous and local communities
  - 3.6.1 Ways and means to identify and protect the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities embodying traditional lifestyles and to compensate through the equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the use of such knowledge, innovations and practices, in accordance with Article 8(j) of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
- 3.7 Capacity building for biosafety
  - 3.7.1 Provision of advice on capacity-building in relation to the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms resulting from biotechnology that may have adverse effect on the conservation of biological diversity and the sustainable use of its components. The Conference of the Parties should ensure that work of the SBSTTA on this item should be consistent with its decision on Article 19.3, in order to avoid duplication with any other work that the Conference of the Parties might set in train.
- 3.8 Promotion of international technical and scientific cooperation
  - 3.8.1 Provision of advice on the scientific, technical and technological aspects of international cooperation in the area of conservation of biological diversity and sustainable use of its components, in accordance with Article 18.
- 3.9 Alternative mechanisms for linking *in-situ* and *ex-situ* conservation techniques
  - 3.9.1 Identification of alternative models and mechanisms for linkages between *in-situ* and *ex-situ* conservation;
4. Overall assessment of the SBSTTA's work and of the effectiveness of its advice (1995-1997), in the light of possible future work of the SBSTTA.
5. Programme of work of the SBSTTA for 1997-1999.
6. Draft provisional agenda of the fourth meeting of the SBSTTA.
7. Date and venue of the fourth meeting of the SBSTTA.

8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting.