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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONSORTIUM OF SCIENTIFIC PARTNERS

20 May 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Songdo Convensia, Incheon City, Korea

REPORT OF THE MEETING

1. The special meeting of Members of the Consortium of Scientific Partners of the Convention on Biological Diversity took place in Room 201 of the Songdo Convensia in Incheon City, Korea on May 20, 2011 at 9:00am and for the discussion of the following items:
 1. Activities and strategies to be undertaken in the 2011-2012 biennium, including the contribution of the Consortium in support of Article 18 of the Convention and in context with the new Strategic Plan.
 2. Areas for potential contribution of the Consortium to the launching of the UN Decade on Biodiversity
 3. Areas for potential contribution to Knowledge and Information Gaps Related to Biodiversity – Climate Change Links
 4. Activities to be undertaken in the 15th meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) November 14-18th, 2011.
 5. Other business
2. The meeting was hosted by the Korean National Institute of Biological Resources (NIBR) and Co-chaired by Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the CBD, and Professor Chong-chun Kim, President of NIBR.
3. The meeting was opened by Mr Djoghlaif, who welcomed the participants to the meeting and stressed the importance of the Consortium to the overall success of the Convention and the Nagoya Compact. Prof. Kim also welcomed participants to Korea and gave a brief overview of the work and future plans of the NIBR.
4. Mr Djoghlaif highlighted the presence of SANBI as the newest member of the Consortium and Ms Carmel Mbizvo gave a presentation of the structure and function of SANBI before signing the Memorandum of Understanding to join the Consortium as the 16th member.
5. The Secretariat provided an overview of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing as the basis for discussion of the agenda items. Following the discussion, the action points listed below were agreed amongst the participants as the outcome of the meeting to be shared with the rest of the Consortium:
 - The Secretariat will design and circulate a matrix to allow each member of the Consortium to identify those Aichi targets and CBD Programmes of Work in which they

have the most interest, existing activities and an interest in further collaboration. This will form the basis of the agreement of a “workplan” for the Consortium covering the period 2011-2013.

- Participants proposed that the Consortium should meet at least once a year on the margins of a major international environmental meeting.
 - The annual meeting should have a substantive agenda including reporting on activities contributing to the goals of the Convention and at least one thematic issue to be considered in detail*. The meeting could include as observers, relevant organisations that may wish to become future partners of the Consortium.
 - In addition to the annual meeting, Consortium members will try to meet in smaller informal groups at other international meetings in order to further build collaborations.
 - The Consortium will, by the end of 2011, agree at least one shared activity that will contribute to the goals of the convention beyond the existing capacity building undertaken on the margins of the CBD meetings.
 - The Secretariat will compile a summary of the requests made by the COP to the Executive Secretary to which Consortium members may make a contribution either individually or collectively. As an example, simplified procedures for access and benefit sharing for non-commercial use was highlighted as one possible option.
6. Following the Consortium meeting, an informal meeting was held with some of the participants of the CBD meeting on South-South cooperation where it was agreed that there is good potential for future collaboration which would begin through exchange of the reports produced by the respective meetings.
 7. Due to time constraints a presentation on the UN Decade for Biodiversity and a discussion of the potential contribution of the Consortium to knowledge and information gaps related to biodiversity and climate change did not take place. It was agreed that the presentation will be circulated by e-mail and an exchange of information on biodiversity and climate change knowledge gaps would be undertaken in the same way.
 8. The meeting was adjourned at 2.30pm.

* In addition to the existing capacity building activities undertaken on the margins of the CBD CoP and SBSTTA meetings.

Annex I
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Mr. Leonard **Hirsch**, from the Smithsonian Institute, who had confirmed assistance, had to cancel his attendance at short notice; other members of the consortium sent their apologies.
