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Organized at the margins of WG8j-7 & SBSTTA-15

5 November 2011, from 9:30am to 5:30 p.m.

Biodiversity Centre in the Botanic Gardens of Montreal, Montreal, Canada

REPORT OF THE SEMINAR

1. At the margins of Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, WG8j-7 and the Fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, SBSTTA-15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Consortium of Scientific Partners (CSP) organized and carried out the training seminar: Strengthening the Role of Science in NBSAP revision, the Strategic Plan, and Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The seminar, hosted by the CSP member Espace pour la vie (formerly known as Museums nature de Montreal), took place in the Biodiversity Centre in the Botanic Gardens of Montreal and was attended by 47 delegates from all CBD regional groupings.
2. The training seminar was opened by Mr. David Duthie on behalf of Mr. Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity; he welcomed the participants and introduced the members of the CSP that would facilitate the day's event. He then proceeded to introduce the presentation of representatives of Espace pour la vie.
3. Presentations were made by the representatives of Espace pour la vie:
 - Ms. Anne Bruneau, Director of the Biodiversity Centre : « Centre sur la biodiversité, Institut de recherche »
 - Mr. Charles-Mathieu Brunelle, Director of Espace pour la vie: « Espace pour la vie Montréal »
 - Mr. Gilles Vincent, Director of the Botanic Gardens of Montreal: “Strengthening the Role of Science in the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets at the Montreal Botanical Garden”
 - Ms. Anne Charpentier, Director of the Insectarium of Montreal: “Insectarium of Montreal”
4. Their presentations were followed by a quick 15 minute coffee break for all the participants.
5. Following the break, presentations were made by representatives of several institutions members of the Consortium of Scientific Partnership:

- Mr. Jean Patrick Le Duc from Natural History Museum of France: “Role and Functioning of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice”
- Mr. Vin Fleming from the Joint Nature Conservation Committee: “Revising NBSAPs & the role of science: the UK experience”
- Mr. Juan Carlos Bello from the Humboldt Institute of Colombia: “National Biodiversity Information Facilities to support the Science-Policy Interface: a case study from Colombia”

Each presentation included a brief Questions & Answers segment for the participants.

6. Upon the last presentation, the participants were invited to lunch at the Botanic Gardens of Montreal, which was followed by a guided tour to the Insectarium and the Biodiversity Centre.
7. The afternoon segment was opened by David Duthie, who allowed some time for questions and answers from the participants and presented “The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and National Implementation”.
8. The CSP members then proceeded to organize the participants into three working groups, which were allowed to deliberate and discuss for approximately an hour and a half.
9. Finally, a representative from each of the working groups made a brief presentation on their discussions and conclusions. Jean Patrick Le Duc distributed prizes to all the presenters.
10. The day was adjourned by David Duthie and other CSP members.

Copies of the presentations can be found at:

http://dl.dropbox.com/u/6771266/CSP_workshop_5nov2011.zip

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