**Additional Guiding Note for Participants to the Forum on Invasive Alien Species for Productive Discussion**

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* The objective of the online forum is to provide a **Synthesis** report to the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Invasive Alien Species to be held in Montreal, Canada in November 2019 and to collect examples of tools, methods or peer-reviewed articles. Case studies and appropriate expert opinions can be informed to the AHTEG within the mandate of the AHTEG ([terms of reference](https://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-14/cop-14-dec-11-en.pdf)).
* For the synthesis report, the online forum should consider what Parties and other Governments need as **decision support tools or methods** across all stages of alien and potential invasive species transit, surveillance, entry, establishment, eradication, containment and other management. Context specific postings are also welcome (see table 1, below)
* The **desired** **contributions** from forum participants are the context specific identification of useful tools, methods and approaches. Examples include: Cost-benefit Analysis, Cost effectiveness Analysis, Risk Analysis (risk assessment, risk management and risk communication). We are looking for the context specific applications of these to contribute to the all stages of decision making concerning biodiversity threats (beyond those taxa traditionally considered as agricultural pests and pathogenic agents) including in both terrestrial and aquatic/marine environments.
* **Cross-cutting data** applicablefor all analysis/tools above should also be identified, which includepublicly available data providing import regulations; invasive alien species occurrences (surveillance); species identification (diagnostic) methods, risk assessments etc. Identifying publicly available datasets/databases is important, so that collation can be made for the successful delivery of the synthesis.
* **Specific considerations** may also assist the synthesis process relevant for the AHTEG:
  + **Regional capacity gaps** (countries where advanced biosecurity is in place and where limited capacity or unsatisfactory regulation and enforcement exist) need to be addressed by the work of the AHTEG.
  + **Sector-based priorities** (Environment, Agriculture, Trade, Transport, Regulation) for how biodiversity concerns can be managed in post-2020 (post Aichi Target period), and this issue will be further considered by the AHTEG, SBSTTA and then COP. The online forum starts to identify the issues surrounding sector-based priorities and advise how best this challenge can be addressed.
* **Terminology** was questioned in several postings. Although clarification of terminology is not under the mandate of the Forum and the AHTEG, considering the cross-sectoral participation in the Forum from environment, agriculture, transport, academics, among others, the Secretariat created a new thread “Clarification of terminology under the CBD article 8(h) and related COP decisions”. Under this thread, all participants are encouraged to develop a shared view on the terms used under different international processes (*e.g.* Application of sanitary and phytosanitary measures, maritime transport, border management etc.) in relation to Article 8h of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Table 1. on the next page describes the process prior to the CBD statutory meetings (SBSTTA 24 and COP15 in 2020). By reviewing the whole process, including the work of AHTEG should help the participants to make interventions in a meaningful and structured way.

Taking into account the items to be discussed by the AHTEG and the work of the Forum to be able to meet the purpose of the synesis report, kindly be guided with the form in the next page for the Participants to post comments on the Online Discussion Forum website (http://www.cbd.int/invasive/forum2/ ). Participants are invited to attach the form when he/she posts an example of tool/method.

Thank you for your cooperation.**Table 1. Elements of expected discussion considering decision support tools to be considered by AHTEG**

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| Stage of introduction of alien species | Responsible session(s) in ODF | work to synthesize a report to AHTEG | Work of the AHTEG |
| Pre-border (import/introduction incl. transport) decisions (incl. crossing bio-geographic boundaries)  Post-border areas decision to manage **established IAS and their spread**  Border areas decision on entries of alien species:  Intentional /unintentional  Post-border areas decision to minimize impact on **socio-economic and cultural value** (SEC) | CBA on prevention  Consideration on impact of climate change etc.  Identification and minimizing risk of E-commerce  CBA on post border IAS population cntrl  RA considering SEC | * Collect examples of tools/method of IAS management and related decision making to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 by 2020 and beyond 2020. * Examine if tools /methods (e.g. Risk analysis standards, impact assessment, models) are useful enough for conservation of biodiversity * If not enough what needs to be developed under the CBD or others * Identify risk of E-commerce in the context of biodiversity conservation * how to minimize the risk of biological invasions with existing regulatory framework or beyond. * To achieve Aichi Target 9 what is missing in the Governments/stakeholders’ decision making | Based on the synthesis report AHTEG will consider:   * To select or compile best decision-making tools for each stage of introduction of alien species * If any gap of tools to cover biodiversity conservation exists, advise draft tools/guidance or advise how to develop them * Advise on IAS management at the national, regional and global levels to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9, considering that IAS continue to threaten biodiversity in post-2020 period |

**Submission form** (please attach to your posting per a tool or a method you suggest the Forum to discuss)

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| Date of posting |  |
| Registered Email Address |  |
| Relevant topic/session | A method for cost benefit/effectiveness analysis  A method or a tool for identification/minimizing risk of e-commerce  A method, a tool or a strategy considering climate change and others  A risk analysis on potential consequence of socio-economic and cultural values  Use of existing databases (if relevant to the sessions above, click above, too) |
| Stage of introduction | Pre-border (incl. maritime/international water channel)  At the border  Established IAS in post border areas  Spread of IAS  Socio-economic cultural impact |
| what decision has the use of this method been used to support? |  |
| URL to download/review the information |  |
| If a file attached | Yes  No |
| If the file not attached | Contact author (email address) |

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| Explanation on the tool/method or information shared | Highlight its usefulness and applicability | Lessons learned from applying the tool/method |
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