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REGIONAL SYNERGY WORKSHOP FOR LATIN
AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON THE
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF AGRO-
ECOSYSTEMS WITHIN DRY AND SUB-HUMID
LANDS

Bolans Village, Antigua and Barbuda, 20-23 November 2006

ORGANIZATION OF WORK*Annotations to the provisional agenda***INTRODUCTION**

1. In paragraph 5 of decision VII/2, and paragraph 11 (e) of decision VIII/2, on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the secretariats of the Rio conventions and the other biodiversity-related conventions, to further develop mechanisms for facilitating the synergistic implementation of these conventions, especially at the national level, including through the organization and follow-up of national and regional synergy workshops. Synergistic activities include those activities that further the achievement of the goals of multiple conventions.
2. In response to this request, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in collaboration with the secretariats of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and in consultation with other biodiversity-related conventions, is convening a regional workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in Bolans Village, Antigua and Barbuda, from 20 to 23 November 2006. Financial support for this workshop has been made available by the Government of the Netherlands.
3. The programmes of work on dry and sub-humid lands and on agricultural biodiversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity will form the thematic framework of the workshop.
4. The objectives of the workshop are to:
 - (a) Exchange knowledge and experience relating to the implementation activities toward the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands,
 - (b) Identify obstacles to the implementation of mutually supportive activities amongst the three Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions within agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands and explore means to overcome them, and
 - (c) Build capacity for participants to develop relevant project proposals and activities which achieve the objectives of the multiple conventions, and explore options for the funding of such activities.
5. The Executive Secretary of the CBD has prepared a number of documents to facilitate the task of the workshop. A full list of documents for the meeting is attached as annex I.

6. The language of the meeting will be English. The workshop will take place in Bolans Village, Antigua and Barbuda. Registration of participants will commence at 8:30 am on Monday 20 November 2006.

ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

7. The meeting will be opened by representatives of the CBD, UNCCD and UNFCCC. Representatives of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Government of the Netherlands will welcome the participants. A representative of the Secretariat of the CBD will describe the purpose of the meeting and the expected outputs.

ITEM 2 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2.1. Election of officers

8. After a brief self-introduction by the participants, the Workshop will be invited to elect its Chair based on proposals from the floor.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

9. Participants will be invited to consider the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/WS-Syn.LAC/1/1) and adopt it following any amendments.

2.3. Organization of work

10. Participants will be invited to consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting as contained in annex II.

11. Participants may wish to break into smaller groups for discussions and the drafting of specific recommendations as required.

ITEM 3 REGIONAL EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE ACTIVITIES IN AGRO-ECOSYSTEMS WITHIN DRY AND SUB-HUMID LANDS: OVERVIEW OF REGIONAL EXPERIENCE TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE 2010 BIODIVERSITY TARGET IN AGRO-ECOSYSTEMS WITHIN DRY AND SUB-HUMID LANDS

12. A review of the convention texts, and relevant decisions under the Rio conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions, will be presented by the representatives of each convention.

13. Selected participants will present the information notes they prepared for the background document on the overview of regional experience and good practice examples towards the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands (UNEP/CBD/WS-Syn.LAC/1/2).

14. These presentations will include good practice examples from Latin America and the Caribbean of the following:

(a) The contribution of biodiversity in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands to climate-change-adaptation planning;

(b) The role of traditional knowledge in the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity in dry and sub-humid lands;

(c) Options for payments for eco-services in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands;

(d) The role of regional and sub-regional institutions in the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands;

(e) Balancing enhanced food security with the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands.

15. The presentations will be followed by views and discussions amongst participants on the implementation of other experiences towards the achievement of the 2010 target for agriculture and dry and sub-humid lands.

ITEM 4 OBSTACLES TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES IN AGRO-ECOSYSTEMS WITHIN DRY AND SUB-HUMID LANDS

4.1 Review of lessons learned from synergy initiatives

16. A representative of the CBD will present obstacles to the achievement of the 2010 target in dry and sub-humid lands and agro-ecosystems based on previous work and the outcomes of previous workshops (UNEP/CBD/WS-Syn.LAC/1/3).

17. The presentation will be followed by a discussion among participants on the relevance of the identified obstacles. New obstacles may be identified and previously identified obstacles may be prioritized.

4.2 Identification of areas for expanded synergistic activities

18. Based on the discussions and conclusions from agenda items 3.1 and 4.1, participants may wish to consider the following elements, with a focus on the thematic areas of dry and sub-humid lands and agricultural biodiversity:

(a) Identification of activities for realistically achieving synergies between the three Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions and for developing common regional priorities;

(b) Identification of major stakeholders and their roles;

(c) Identification of the main capacity constraints to the synergistic implementation of activities;

(d) Identification of solutions to the above constraints;

(e) Identification of priority activities (based on the work programmes on dry and sub-humid lands and agricultural biodiversity) to be undertaken by (i) Parties, (ii) the Secretariats of the conventions, and (iii) activities to be requested of other regional and / or international organizations.

(f) Proposals for harmonization of strategies and action plans for the three Rio Conventions and other multilateral environment agreements and their integration with other national development strategies.

19. It is anticipated that this work will be undertaken in a number of break-out groups that will present results for discussion by the whole group.

ITEM 5. CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

5.1 Training workshop on mainstreaming synergistic activities within projects and programmes

20. A representative from an Implementing Agency will provide information on ways and means to prepare national activities or project proposals for the implementation of synergistic activities in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands (UNEP/CBD/WS-Syn.LAC/1/4).

5.2 Discussions and regional planning

21. Following presentations, participants will discuss specific proposals for activities, projects and programmes including opportunities for regional collaboration.

ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS

22. Under this item, participants will be invited to raise other matters related to the subject matter of the meeting.

ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

23. The participants will consider and adopt the workshop report on the basis of the draft report of the meeting presented by the Chair.

24. The workshop report may contain information on: (i) lessons learned and good practices experience relating to the implementation of activities toward the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands; (ii) obstacles to the implementation of mutually supportive activities amongst the three Rio Conventions and other biodiversity-related conventions towards the achievement of the 2010 target in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands and means to overcome them; and (iii) opportunities to develop relevant project proposals and activities which achieve the objectives of the multiple conventions, and options for the funding of such activities.

ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

25. It is expected that the Workshop will be closed at 5p.m. on Thursday, 23 November 2006.

*Annex I***PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE REGIONAL SYNERGY WORKSHOP
FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF
ARGO-ECOSYSTEMS WITHIN DRY AND SUB-HUMID LANDS****A. Working documents**

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/WS-Syn.LAC/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-Syn.LAC/1/1/Add.1	Annotations to the provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/WS-Syn.LAC/1/2	Overview of regional experience and good practice examples towards the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands
UNEP/CBD/WS-Syn.LAC/1/3	Obstacles to the achievement of the 2010 target in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands
UNEP/CBD/WS-Syn.LAC/1/4	Ways and means to prepare national activities or project proposals for the implementation of synergistic activities in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands

B. Background documents

Convention on Biological Diversity

Documents related to dry and sub-humid lands

1. Decision V/23 on consideration of options for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in dryland, Mediterranean, arid, semi-arid, grassland and savannah ecosystems; <http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.aspx?m=COP-05&id=7165&lg=0>
2. The Joint Work Programme between the UNCCD and CBD.
<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/cop/cop-07/information/cop-07-inf-28-en.pdf>
3. Decision VIII/2 on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands;
<http://intranet.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/cop/cop-08/cop-08-decision-advance-en.pdf>

Documents related to agro-biodiversity

4. Decision V/5 on the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity
<http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.aspx?m=COP-05&id=7147&lg=0>
5. International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Pollinators
<http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.aspx?m=COP-06&id=7179&lg=0>
6. International Initiative for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Soil Biodiversity
<http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.aspx?m=COP-08&id=11037&lg=0>
7. International Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition
<http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.aspx?m=COP-08&id=11037&lg=0>

Documents related to wetlands and water use

8. The Joint Work Programme between Ramsar and the CBD.
<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-05/information/sbstta-05-inf-12-en.pdf>

Documents related to climate change

9. Decision VII/15 on biodiversity and climate change;
<http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.aspx?m=COP-07&id=7752&lg=0>
10. Biological diversity and climate change, including cooperation with the UNFCCC; (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/11); <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-06/official/sbstta-06-11-en.pdf>
11. Biological diversity and climate change, including cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
<http://www.unccd.int/workshop/docs/recommendationVI-7.pdf>
12. Report of Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biological Diversity and Climate Change. (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/11) – SBSTTA recommendation IX/11;
<http://www.biodiv.org/recommendations/default.aspx?m=SBSTTA-09&id=7467&lg=0>
13. UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/9/INF/12; <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-09/information/sbstta-09-inf-12-en.pdf>

Documents related to the promotion of synergies at the national level

14. Decision VII/26 on cooperation with other conventions and international organization and initiatives; <http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.aspx?m=COP-07&id=7763&lg=0>
15. Decision VII/32 on the programme of work of the convention and The Millennium Development Goals; <http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.aspx?m=COP-07&id=7769&lg=0>

Scientific and technical information on interlinkages

16. Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. CBD Technical series No 10. Interlinkages Between Biological Diversity and Climate Change: Advice on the

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- integration of biodiversity considerations into the implementation of the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol. (October 2003); <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-10.pdf>
17. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. IPCC Technical Paper V: Climate Change and Biodiversity. April 2002; <http://www.ipcc.ch/pub/tpbiodiv.pdf>
 18. Centre of Environmental Science, Leiden University. Synergy of CBD and CCD: An inventory and analysis of opportunities for collaboration between the two Rio conventions in West Africa. (2001).

Previous synergy workshops

19. Desertification, Climate Change, Biodiversity and Forest: Synergies for an Inter-Regional Agenda Between northern and Southern Mediterranean Countries. FAO, Rome, Italy. (2000). http://www.unccd.int/regional/northmed/meetings/interregional/2000workshopRome_CCD_FCC_BDC-eng.pdf
20. Workshop for Focal Points Consultation on Synergies between Rio Conventions. Marrakech, Morocco. Institut de l'Énergie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie.(2003); Link to synthesis report: http://www.iepf.org/docs_prog03/pol_envir03/0103_Synerg_marr/Sommaire.htm
21. UNFCCC Workshops on Synergies and Cooperation with Other Conventions. Espoo, Finland. UNFCCC. (2003); Link to IISD coverage: <http://www.iisd.ca/climate/cespo/>
22. Sub-Regional Workshop on Agro-biodiversity in West Africa. Bamako, Mali. Mali Environment Ministry, GTZ, FAO, CRDI, CTA. (2003); Link to rapport de travail: <http://www.gtz.de/agrobiodiv/download/bamako-rep.pdf>
23. Workshop on Forests and Forest Ecosystems: Promoting synergy in the implementation of the three Rio conventions. Viterbo, Italy. Organized by CBD and CCD, and UNFCCC. (2004); Link to Final Report: <http://www.unccd.int/workshop/docs/finalreport.pdf>; Link to IISD coverage: <http://www.iisd.ca/desert/cwfee/>
24. Workshop for Africa on Synergy Among the Rio Conventions and Other Biodiversity-Related Conventions in Implementing the Programmes of Work on Dry and Sub-humid Lands and Agricultural Biodiversity
<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=WSAGDL-01>

Annex II

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE REGIONAL SYNERGY
WORKSHOP FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON THE BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY OF AGRO-ECOSYSTEMS WITHIN DRY AND SUB-HUMID LANDS**

Monday, 20 November

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| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | 1. Opening of the meeting |
| | 2. Organizational matters |
| | 3.1 Overview of regional experience towards the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target in agro-ecosystems within dry and sub-humid lands |
| 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. | Lunch |
| 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. | 3.1 continued... |

Tuesday, 21 November

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| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | 4.1 Review of lessons learned from synergy initiatives |
| 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. | Lunch |
| 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. | 4.2 Identification of areas for expanded synergistic activities |

Wednesday, 22 November

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| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | 5.1 Training workshop on mainstreaming synergistic activities within projects and programmes |
| 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. | Lunch |
| 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. | 5.2 Discussions and regional planning |

Thursday, 23 November

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| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Drafting groups working on the report of the Workshop |
| 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. | Lunch |
| 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. | 6. Other matters |
| | 7. Adoption of the report |
| | 8. Closure of the meeting |