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SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR WEST AFRICA ON CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CBD PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS

Dakar, Senegal 22-26 May 2011

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

1. Both the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the international protected area community hailed the programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA) as the most implemented of the programmes of the Convention on Biological Diversity and a successful initiative. The initiation of regional capacity-building workshops, the designation of PoWPA focal points, the creation of a Global Environment Facility (GEF) early-action granting window for PoWPA implementation, programming a major chunk of GEF 5 biodiversity portfolio for PoWPA and the establishment of the LifeWeb Initiative are all important ingredients of the success of the PoWPA.

2. In decision X/2, the Conference of the Parties (COP) adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 in which twenty headline Aichi Biodiversity Targets for 2015 or 2020 are organized under the five strategic goals. In the same decision, the Conference of the Parties urged Parties to develop national and regional targets, using the strategic plan as a flexible framework. Under Target 11 the Parties have agreed that “at least 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water, 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas; especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services; are conserved through; effectively and equitably managed; ecologically representative; well connected systems of protected areas; other effective area-based conservation measures; integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes”. As the elements of Target 11 incorporate the tenets of the programme of work on protected areas, its further effective implementation holds the key for achieving Target 11. Implementation of the PoWPA also helps toward achieving other Targets 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, 14, 15 and 18.

3. In paragraph 12 of decision IX/18 on protected areas, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties, other Governments, relevant inter-governmental organizations, and indigenous and local communities, to enhance activities and resources, towards organizing and forming regional technical support networks to assist countries in implementing the PoWPA. In paragraph 3 of decision X/31 the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to foster the formation of regional initiatives and formulate regional action plans, through regional technical support networks, to coordinate funding, technical support, exchange of experiences and capacity-building for implementing the PoWPA. In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to continue to hold

regional and subregional capacity-building workshops, with special attention to element 2, and other identified priorities in collaboration with relevant partners.

4. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary, with the generous financial assistance of the European Union, and the Governments of the Netherlands and Belgium and in collaboration with the Government of Senegal, the Regional Programme for Conservation of the Coastal and Marine Zone of Africa (PRCM) and the PoWPA Friends Consortium, is organizing a workshop for West Africa from 22 to 26 May 2011 in Dakar, Senegal.

5 The objectives of the workshop is to (i) provide an overview and conduct needs assessment of capacity-building requirements, tools and approaches to implement the PoWPA, the decision on protected areas (X/31) adopted at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and to achieve Target 11 and other targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity;(ii) strengthen the skills and knowledge of protected area functionaries and others who implement the PoWPA through an exchange of experiences, sharing of tools, available resources and capacity-building in: (a) protected areas and climate change adaptation and mitigation, including integration of protected areas into wider land- and sea-scapes, (b) developing or revising national action plans for implementation of the PoWPA, (c) marine protected areas (d) governance, (e) valuing protected area costs and benefits including their ecosystem services; (iii) developing/updating action plans for implementing the PoWPA; and (iv) create awareness about funding opportunities available under the GEF 5 biodiversity portfolio including funding for enabling activities for revising the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs);.

6. A list of documents for the workshop is attached as annex I.

7. The Secretariat issued an information note for participants containing details of logistical arrangements, including information on travel, visa requirements, accommodation and other matters for the workshop. The languages of the workshop are both English and French with simultaneous translation.

8. Registration of participants will commence at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, 22 May 2011.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

9. The workshop will be held in parallel with the Regional Workshop for West Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), with some joint sessions to provide synergy and interaction among CBD and PoWPA focal points. The workshop will be opened jointly with the NBSAP workshop. A representative of the host Government will open the meeting at 9 a.m. on Monday, 23 May 2011 following a field trip on the 22 May. Representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will welcome the participants and make opening statements.

10. After a brief self-introduction by the participants, the workshop will elect its Chair based on proposals from the floor. Participants will then be invited to consider the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/WSPOWPA/WA/1/1), adopt it following any amendments, if needed, and consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting as contained in annex II below.

11. As a complement to the consideration of the organization of the work and to set the tone of the workshop, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will describe the purpose, expected outputs of the workshop and the outcome of decision X/31 and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties. The workshop will be organized around a hands-on learning programme designed to address key framing questions in technical sessions.

ITEM 2 OVERVIEW AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF CAPACITY-BUILDING REQUIREMENTS, TOOLS AND APPROACHES TO IMPLEMENT THE POWPA, COP 10 DECISION ON PROTECTED AREAS AND TO ACHIEVE TARGET 11 AND OTHER TARGETS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY

12. Under this item, a representative of the PRCM provides an overview of ongoing capacity-building activities in the region highlighting the gaps and opportunities for synergy. A representative of the Secretariat presents the PoWPA webpage, e-learning modules and other tools. In the country breakout groups, participants are required to engage in interactive sessions to exchange ideas and identify country-specific capacity-building needs to feed into a regional capacity-building action plan for achieving effective implementation of the PoWPA, Target 11 and other targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Prior to the workshop, participants are required to identify their capacity-building needs and ongoing capacity-building initiatives in their countries.

ITEM 3. STRENGTHENING CAPACITIES FOR (i) PROTECTED AREAS AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION INCLUDING INTEGRATING PROTECTED AREAS INTO WIDER LAND AND SEASCAPES; (ii) MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (iii) GOVERNANCE (IV) VALUATION OF THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF PROTECTED AREAS, INCLUDING ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (V) DEVELOPING NATIONAL ACTION PLANS FOR THE POWPA

13. Under this item, the workshop will provide practical hands-on tools and training on some of the themes that need greater attention as identified by the Conference of the Parties in decision X/31, which form the qualitative aspects of Target 11. The Secretariat has developed e-learning modules for each goal of the PoWPA in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic languages. These tutorial modules are aimed to cater to protected area policymakers and officials, including CBD PoWPA Focal Points. These modules will also be supplemented with a series of interactive exercises aimed at protected area practitioners who are responsible for implementing specific PoWPA actions within their countries. These supplementary modules can serve as the basis for in-person regional and subregional trainings and “training of trainers” courses. Participants are required to look at the modules and take some lessons prior to the workshop. Using the browser (Firefox works better) (i) go to <http://www.cbd.int/protected/e-learning/>; (ii) go to modules 2, 8, 17 and implementation; (iii) click TAKE THE COURSE on any of these modules; (iv) create a log in and go to PROTECTED AREAS at the Conservation Training site; (v) click enter Module; (vi) enter lesson 1 and complete the lessons one by one as instructed.

14. Each theme of the workshop is structured into (i) running at least one lesson of the available modules, and (ii) country breakout groups for interactive sessions to exchange country-specific case studies, ideas and prepare country-specific future work plans including regional strategies for addressing key issues. In the interactive sessions, the participants will be provided with key framing questions for each topic to describe the current status of PoWPA implementation and a future plan of action. A rapporteur from each country group will make a presentation on the outcome of the interactive sessions to the plenary.

(i) **Protected areas and climate change adaptation and mitigation including integrating protected areas into wider land and seascapes:** Protected areas can serve as important elements of climate change adaptation as unbroken blocks of intact habitat which can increase the resilience of ecosystems to climate change. Ecosystems with high biodiversity and intact structural components recover more easily from climatic disturbances. Shifting upward or pole-ward is predicted to be one of the most common responses of species to the impacts of climate change. Protected areas and their surrounding landscapes, particularly ecological corridors, will have an important role to play in providing habitat to facilitate such shifts so as to maximize the natural adaptive capacity of biodiversity. Better managed, better connected, better governed and well financed protected areas are recognized as key to both mitigation and adaptation responses to climate change. In paragraph 14(a) of decision X/31 the

Conference of the Parties invited Parties to achieve goal 1.2 of PoWPA to address climate change impacts and increase resilience to climate change. Goal 1.2 of the programme of work on protected areas specifically calls for integrating protected areas into broader land- and seascapes and sectors to maintain the structural and functional viability of ecosystems. The e-learning modules on goal 1.2 (<https://www.conservationtraining.org/course/view.php?id=47&page=96>) and climate change (<https://www.conservationtraining.org/course/view.php?id=118>) explain the step by step approach for undertaking the required activities.

(ii) **Marine protected areas:** Although the terrestrial protected areas coverage exceeds 12 per cent of the world's terrestrial surface, marine protected areas (MPAs) cover only 6.3 per cent of the world's territorial waters, growing in a mean annual growth rate 4.6 per cent per annum. Taking this into account, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 22 of decision X/31, emphasized the need to enhance efforts towards achieving the 2012 marine target. The e-learning module on marine protected areas provides a step by step approach for establishing, managing, good governance and other aspects of MPAs.

(iii) **Governance:** Programme element 2 of the programme of work on protected areas calls for a number of actions related to protected area governance issues, including ensuring participation of indigenous and local communities and other stakeholders, initiating measures for equity in benefit-sharing, respecting rights and recognizing responsibilities of indigenous and local communities and promoting a broad set of governance types. The Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 31 of decision X/31, invited Parties to give special attention to the implementation of programme element 2 of the PoWPA, to diversify and strengthen protected-area governance types and to recognize co-managed protected areas, private protected areas and indigenous and local community conserved areas within the national protected area system. In paragraph 23 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties to incorporate good governance principles in the management of marine protected areas. The capacity-building session on this topic will provide a framework for assessing implementation of these issues, provide opportunities to countries to showcase innovative ways, and come up with a broad roadmap for enhanced implementation.

(iv) **Valuation of the costs and benefits of protected areas including ecosystem services:** Protected areas, besides being cornerstones of biodiversity conservation, constitute an important stock of natural, cultural and social capital, yielding flows of economically valuable goods and services that benefit human populations. The positive contribution of protected areas to the livelihoods of the poorest and most vulnerable sectors of society is very high indeed. Protected areas also provide key support to the maintenance of cultural traditions and the building of social capital. Unfortunately, their value is poorly understood and greatly undervalued by markets, decision makers and the general public. Their value does not register in conventional markets and they are therefore not considered to be real economic assets by policy makers. As a result, protected areas do not receive crucial national budget prioritization. There is a need to improve understanding of the significance and importance of the benefits and values of protected areas, particularly of the ecosystem services that they provide; showcase best practices in assessing and promoting protected area values and integration into national economies and in creating innovative finance mechanisms. In paragraph 29 (a) of decision X/31, Parties are invited to increase the understanding of and communicate the role, importance and costs and benefits of protected areas at all levels. Lesson 1 of the e-learning module on protected area policy environment provides details of the methodology and technical know how on valuing the costs and benefits of protected areas (<https://www.conservationtraining.org/mod/scorm/player.php?a=408&scoid=2962>).

(v) **Developing/updating national action plans for implementing the PoWPA with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020:** In paragraph 1 (b) Parties are invited to develop a long-term action plan or update existing plan for the implementation of PoWPA including detailing listing of activities, timelines, budgets and responsibilities with a view to contributing to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and requested the Executive Secretary on the status of such plans to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting. The e-learning module on implementation (<https://www.conservationtraining.org/course/view.php?id=66>) provides detailed step by step guidance on developing an action plan for the PoWPA. In addition, under

the UNDP/GEF early action grants project in West Africa, Benin, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Mali and Sierra Leone have already developed action plans or prioritized the activities for implementing PoWPA. The Secretariat provides these existing plans to the participants in the workshop. Participants are required to update these existing plans or develop plans incorporating the requirements emanating from decision X/31 and Target 11, suggesting timelines, indicative budget, responsibilities etc., through an interactive exercise and to submit within two months of the conclusion of the workshop as requested by the Conference of the Parties.

15. Participants will be provided with a CD-ROM of all the documents, including PDF version of e-learning module lessons for all the themes.

ITEM 4. OTHER MATTERS

16. Any other matters will be considered under this agenda item.

ITEM 5. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

17. The workshop will be invited to consider and adopt its report on the basis of a draft report to be prepared and presented by the Chair.

18. The workshop is expected to be closed at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 26 May 2011. It will be followed by the next day by a Roundtable on Financing Protected Areas in West Africa for PRCM countries.

Annex I

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR WEST AFRICA ON
CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CBD PROGRAMME OF WORK
ON PROTECTED AREAS**

Official documents

| <i>Symbol</i> | <i>Title</i> |
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| UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/WAFR/1/1 | Provisional agenda |
| UNEP/CBD/WS-PA/WAFR/1/1/Add.1 | Annotations to the provisional agenda |

Tools and resources and information documents

Decision X/31 on Protected Areas

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-10/cop-10-dec-31-en.doc>

Decision X/29 on Marine and coastal biodiversity

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-10/cop-10-dec-29-en.doc>

Decision IX/18 on Protected Areas

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-18-en.doc>

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-18-fr.doc>

Decision IX/20 on Marine and coastal biodiversity

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-20-en.doc>

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-20-fr.doc>

CBD Technical Series No. 44: Making Protected Areas Relevant: A guide to integrating protected areas within wider landscapes, seascapes and sectoral plans and strategies

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-ts-44-en.pdf>

CBD Technical Series No. 18: *Towards Effective Protected Area Systems. An Action Guide to Implement the Convention on Biological Diversity Programme of Work on Protected Areas*

<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-18.pdf>

CBD Technical Series No. 15: *Biodiversity Issues for Consideration in the Planning, Establishment and Management of Protected Area Sites and Networks.*

<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/publications/cbd-ts-15.pdf>

Governance briefing note

http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/governance_of_protected_areas_for_cbd_pow_briefing_note_08_1.pdf

Indigenous and community conserved areas briefing note

http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/ceesp_briefing_note_9_iccas.pdf

IUCN categories and governance guidelines (within which chapter on Governance, pp. 25-32)

<http://data.iucn.org/dbtw-wpd/edocs/PAPS-016.pdf>

CBD-UNEP Issue Paper on Protected Areas and Climate Change

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/unep-cbd-issue-papers/unep-cbd-issue-papers-06-en.pdf>

*Annex II***PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

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| | SUNDAY 22 MAY |
| 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Visit to the Réserve Naturelle Intégrée Communautaire de la Somone and to the MPA of Cayar |
| | MONDAY 23 MAY |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Joint opening of the workshop with the NBSAP workshop Welcome by the representative of the Executive Secretary of the CBD, the representative of the Government of Senegal |
| 09:45 a.m.-10:15 am | Agenda item 1: Opening of the meeting and organizational matters Overview of relevant COP 10 decisions |
| 10:15 am-.12:30 p.m | Agenda item 2: Overview and needs assessment of capacity-building requirements, tools and approaches to implement the PoWPA, COP 10 decision on protected areas and to achieve Target 11 and other targets of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 |
| 10:15 a.m.-.10:45 a.m. | Overview of on going capacity-building activities (gaps and opportunities) SCBD capacity-building tools |
| 10:45 a.m. – 12 noon | Break-out groups to exchange ideas and prepare country-specific capacity building needs and next steps in-country and envisioning regional steps |
| 12 noon - 12:30 p.m. | Presentations of summaries by rapporteur of each country group to the plenary |
| 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. | Lunch |
| | Agenda item 3. Strengthening capacities for (i) protected areas and climate change adaptation and mitigation, including integrating protected areas into wider land- and seascapes; (ii) marine protected areas; (iii) governance; (iv) valuation of the costs and benefits of protected areas, including ecosystem services; (v) developing national action plans for the PoWPA |
| 2 p.m.-5 p.m. There will be a joint session with NBSAP participants | Target 11 - setting national targets and developing national action plans Presentation and running the module Break-out groups to exchange ideas, prepare country action plans and next steps for finalising the plans Presentation to the Plenary on the outcome |
| | TUESDAY 24 MAY |
| | Agenda item 3. Strengthening capacities for (i) protected areas and climate change adaptation and mitigation including integrating protected areas into wider land and seascapes; (ii) marine protected areas; (iii) governance; (iv) valuation of the costs and benefits of protected areas, including ecosystem services; (v) developing national action plans for the PoWPA |
| 9 a.m.-.12:30 p.m. There will be a joint session with NBSAP | Protected areas and climate change adaptation and mitigation including integrating protected areas into wider land and seascapes Running the module and the lessons in groups |

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| participants | |
| 2 p.m.-5 p.m. | Break-out groups to exchange ideas and prepare country-specific future work plans regarding climate change and integrating protected areas (next steps in-country and envisioning regional steps) Presentations of summaries by rapporteur of each country group to the plenary |
| | WEDNESDAY 25 MAY |
| | Agenda item 3. Strengthening capacities for (i) protected areas and climate change adaptation and mitigation including integrating protected areas into wider land and seascapes; (ii) marine protected areas; (iii) governance; (iv) valuation of the costs and benefits of protected areas, including ecosystem services; (v) developing national action plans for the PoWPA |
| 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Marine protected areas Presentation Break-out groups to exchange ideas and prepare country-specific future work plans regarding marine protected areas (next steps in-country and envisioning regional steps) Presentations of summaries by rapporteur of each country group to the plenary |
| 2 p.m.-5 p.m. There will be a joint session with NBSAP participants | Valuation of the costs and benefits of protected areas, including ecosystem services and funding opportunities under GEF 5 Running the module on valuation GEF resources including funding under enabling activities Break-out groups to exchange ideas and prepare country-specific future work plans regarding accessing GEF funds (next steps in-country and envisioning regional steps) Presentations of summaries by rapporteur of each country group to the plenary |
| | THURSDAY 26 MAY |
| 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. | Agenda item 3. Strengthening capacities for (i) protected areas and climate change adaptation and mitigation including integrating protected areas into wider land and seascapes; (ii) marine protected areas; (iii) governance; (iv) valuation of the costs and benefits of protected areas, including ecosystem services; (v) developing national action plans for the PoWPA Governance Introduction, review of tools and critical steps Country specific examples Break-out groups to exchange ideas and prepare country-specific future work plans regarding governance (next steps in-country and envisioning regional steps) Presentations of summaries by rapporteur of each country group to the plenary |
| 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Agenda item 4. Other matters Recommendations and wrap-up of the workshop Agenda item 5. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting |