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## INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a quarterly report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has prepared this report, which contains a summary of key activities in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 January to 30 June 2013.

### I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

3. In January, the Executive Secretary was in New York to meet with a number of senior officials of the United Nations. He had a meeting with the United Nations Secretary General, wherein he made a briefing on the work of the Convention, including the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and the Nagoya Protocol on ABS and status of its ratification, among other issues. The Executive Secretary also briefed him on the preparations of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which will take place in October 2014 in PyeongChang, Republic of Korea, and also reiterated the invitation for his presence at the meeting. While in New York, he also met with UNDESA and UNDOALAS staff; the Associate Administrator of UNDP; Executive Director of UN Women; the Secretary General's Special Adviser for the post-2015 development planning, among others. Meetings were also held with the Permanent Representatives of India and Brazil, as well as EU, Kazakhstan and Fiji.
4. In January, the Executive Secretary was in Bonn, Germany to attend the opening of the first meeting of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES-1), which was held on 21-25 January. Speaking on behalf of the biodiversity-related conventions, the Executive Secretary encouraged partnership with IPBES to further build momentum for the implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and to facilitate the mainstreaming of biodiversity and ecosystem services in the sustainable development agenda, in particular the different processes taking place at the United Nations in New York as a follow-up to the outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference.
5. Taking advantage of his presence in Bonn, a joint liaison group (JLG) meeting of the Rio Conventions was convened on 22 January, and was chaired by the UNFCCC Executive Secretary. The meeting discussed a number of issues including: cooperation on the Rio Conventions Pavilion (RCP), input to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) process, ecosystem restoration and the GEF pilot project on joint reporting for the Rio Conventions. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place in early 2014, with CBD to chair the meeting. The JLG meeting was followed by an informal meeting of the biodiversity-related liaison group (BLG) on 23 January. The meeting discussed matters related to the on-going IPBES-1 meeting and initiated discussions on strategic issues which may contribute to a potential work programme for the BLG for the biennium 2013-2014, which included opportunities for programmatic cooperation, the facilitation of access to resources for conventions other than the CBD, and cooperation among national focal points and support for NBSAPs and among the respective scientific bodies, among other issues.
6. A meeting of the Friends of the Convention on Biological Diversity was held on 11-12 February 2013, at the Chateau de Bossey, in Bogis-Bossey, Switzerland. The meeting, held with the generous

financial support from the Government of Switzerland, gathered over 40 government officials and representatives of international organizations and stakeholders. The participants reflected on the accomplishments achieved within the framework of the Convention and discussed ways on how best to adapt its work to further meet the needs of the Parties and strengthen and build capacity for the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. While in Switzerland, meetings were held with senior officials from WHO and GEO-BON.

7. The Executive Secretary was in Brazil in February to take part in a number of meetings. He attended the 100 Reunião CGEN (Brazil's Genetic Heritage Management Council), and joined the Secretary of ITPGRFA as a panellist at the event on "Access and Benefit-sharing – An overview of international Developments". A meeting was held with relevant officials from the Government Ministries of Brazil and IUCN-Brazil on the implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. While in Brasilia, meetings were also held with the Federação das Indústrias do Estado de São Paulo (FIESP) and the Agroecology Farmers Association, smallholder farmers and organic farmers association to discuss the objectives and work of the Convention, including the Nagoya Protocol and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

8. The Executive Secretary was in New York on 11- 13 March 2013 to meet with senior officials of the United Nations and Permanent Representatives. A meeting was held with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs to discuss preparations for the special briefing event, mandated by the General Assembly, which is planned to be held during in the second committee of the 68th session of the UNGA. Meetings were also held with Permanent Representatives to discuss various issues including co-facilitating the Sustainable Development Goals, the post-2015 development agenda, and co-facilitating the consultations on the High-level political forum and the special event to review the Millennium Development Goals, among other issues. The Executive Secretary also briefed them on the major outcomes of the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Conference of Parties, and solicited their support for the mainstreaming of biodiversity in the sustainable development agenda of the UN, through system wide implementation of the Biodiversity Strategic Plan and the Aichi targets. While in New York, a meeting was also held with the UNEP Executive Director. The Executive Secretary travelled again to New York on 28 March to attend the informal consultations of the OWG on SDGs. In the margins of both missions to New York, he had an opportunity to meet with and brief the G-77, SIDs, GRULAC and African Groups.

9. In March, the Executive Secretary participated in the Americana 2013, held at the Palais des congrès in Montreal and organized by Réseau Environnement. The CBD moderated the session on "International Context of Business and Biodiversity" during the panel on Companies and Biodiversity. In the margins of the Conference, the Executive Secretary had an opportunity to hold a bilateral meeting with the Environment Minister of Canada. A number of issues were discussed including: Canada's role as host to the Convention, its accession to the Nagoya Protocol, further engagement by becoming a "Biodiversity Champions", and possible support for the program on business and biodiversity, among other issues. These issues were also taken up in June when the Executive Secretary paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, followed by a meeting with other senior officials of DFATD-Canada.

10. Also in March, the Executive Secretary was invited as special guest at the Multi-stakeholder Dialogue on Water and World Water Day (High-Level Forum and celebration), held on 21 and 22 March, respectively, in The Hague, Netherlands. The meeting allowed the Executive Secretary to exchange views with key speakers during the panel sessions and also discuss with relevant partners at the meeting the work of the Convention and its relevance to water cooperation and development.

11. In April, the Executive Secretary delivered a statement at the opening of the fourth regular session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture in Rome, Italy, in which he

underscored the long history of cooperation between FAO including with the CGRFA, in particular the 2011-2020 joint work programme with FAO and its Commission and the need to further strengthen collaboration to achieve relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets, i.e. on food security and the Nagoya Protocol on access and benefit-sharing. He also informed the Commission about the several areas for advanced cooperation that have been agreed upon with FAO to promote biodiversity for food security and sustainable production, based on proposals from the CBD and from FAO's Interdepartmental Working Group on Biodiversity. He further reiterated the commitment of the Convention to continuing and strengthening its collaboration with the Commission with a view to ensuring complementarities and mutual supportiveness. Prior to the CGRFA session, the Executive Secretary was invited to attend the special information seminar on "Biodiversity for food and agriculture: taking stock for the future", which provided an opportunity for an exchange of views on the status and contributions of biodiversity to food and nutrition security, human well-being and sustainability, and on the challenges to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use in relation to the preparation of the report on "The State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture". Prior to his trip to Rome, the Executive Secretary attended the high-level dialogue with heads of the CPF member organizations, which took place in the margins of the Ministerial Segment of the UNFF 10. The meeting provided the CPF members to share their views on forests and economic development and forest financing; integration of forests with other sectors; and forests and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development follow-up and the post-2015 development agenda.

12. In May, the Executive Secretary was invited to attend the Summit of Caribbean Political and Business Leaders, which launched the second phase of the Caribbean Challenge Initiative. The event, hosted by the Prime Minister of Grenada, Premier of the British Virgin Islands and Founder of the Virgin Group, gathered the participation of heads of the Caribbean countries and territories and business leaders of companies with operations in the region, as well as other key partners to discuss and agree on a shared vision for the region's marine and coastal environment and develop a roadmap on how to achieve this. With the strong support and commitment towards the CCI through the signing of the Leadership Declaration by governments and the Corporate Compact by companies at the meeting, the CCI has been recognized and acknowledged as one of the Biodiversity Champions ([www.cbd.int/champions/list](http://www.cbd.int/champions/list)).

13. The Executive Secretary was invited keynote speaker at the high-level opening of the International Conference on Forests for Food Security and Nutrition, held on 13-15 May 2013 at the FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy. The meeting enhanced understanding of the role forests and trees can play in improving the food security and nutrition of rural people, and explore ways to integrate this knowledge in their decision-making at national and international level.

14. On 22 May, in celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity, under the theme "Water and Biodiversity", the Secretariat held a press conference at the United Nations headquarters in New York to commemorate the special day. The event provided an opportunity for the Executive Secretary to highlight the work of the CBD in promoting the idea of biodiversity as a key element of many of the discussions taking place in the United Nations today about sustainable development, especially those of the Open Working Group on the sustainable development goals, which was dealing with such issues as food security, water and land degradation, among others. He added that the CBD is enhancing collaboration with a number of other United Nations agencies in looking into how enhancing collaboration could provide better ways to implement the agenda on water.

15. On 27-31 May, the Executive Secretary was in Trondheim to attend the seventh Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, which was hosted by the Government of Norway in cooperation with UNEP, CBD, FAO, UNDP and the World Bank. He delivered a keynote address at the high-level opening session on "Advancing Strategic Goal A of the Aichi Targets", and also underscored the important contribution of

Trondheim conferences in shaping the CBD agenda. Taking place after the Rio +20 Summit, the conference also discussed and considered its contribution to the implementation of the Rio declaration "The Future We Want" and the post-2015 development agenda. The proceedings of the meeting, which include the key messages from a diverse range of presentations and panel discussions and sessions as well as roundtable sessions, is reflected in the Co-Chairs' report, which will be forwarded to the CBD Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) for consideration.

16. Taking advantage of the presence of the COP Bureau members attending the Trondheim conference, and with the financial support from the Government of Norway, a COP Bureau meeting was convened on 1 June. The meeting discussed a number of issues, including: update on the Nagoya Protocol ratification and related activities; work programme for the implementation of COP 11 decisions and calendar of meetings for 2013-2014; recent developments on strategy for resource mobilization; and mainstreaming biodiversity in the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals processes, among other issues. The Bureau of COP-MOP also convened meeting in Trondheim on 31 May which discussed: the Biosafety programme of work including the proposed calendar of Biosafety meetings 2013-2014; preparations for the tenth anniversary of the coming into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the proposed agenda for the COP-MOP 7, among other issues.

17. A CBD-GEF webinar on the Financial Mechanism and 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets was held on 5 June, and was hosted by the École de technologie supérieure in Montreal. The event was opened by the Executive Secretary and CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility, followed by a presentation on resource mobilization of private capital for biodiversity conservation, after which the floor was open for questions. The webinar provided an opportunity to engage CBD Focal Points and relevant organizations on how to ensure a robust GEF-6 replenishment and leverage additional resources to enable Parties to achieve the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Prior to the webinar, a CBD-GEF retreat was held to discuss enhanced cooperation, in particular the GEF Biodiversity Strategy for the replenishment period 2014-2018 and how to effectively work together to fulfill their mandates.

18. On 12 December, the Executive Secretary was invited to deliver opening remarks at the Workshop 2012–Economy, Society and Biodiversity, organized by the Quebec Centre for Biodiversity Science, in collaboration with the Réseau Environnement. Through presentations by keynote speakers and other presenters, the meeting examined the issues and needs regarding the integration of biodiversity and ecosystem services by companies, municipalities and organizations or citizens of Quebec.

19. During the first half of 2013, the Secretariat welcomed the visit of: the CEC Executive Director, the Deputy Secretary General of Ramsar, senior representatives of American Birds Conservancy, delegations from OISCA and IUCN/WPA, as well as senior officials from the JIU with regard to the "Post-Rio+20 review and environmental governance within the UN System". The Secretariat also welcomed a visit of senior officials from the Government of Quebec. A meeting was held with the Executive Secretary, followed by an all staff meeting, which addressed, amongst other topics, Quebec's policies related to biodiversity as well as lessons learned and opportunities for cooperation in this field at the international level. Senior staff from the City of Montreal also visited the Secretariat. Meetings were held with relevant staff which allowed discussion on Montreal's active role in the Global Partnership on Subnational and Local Action on Biodiversity as well as in the Steering Committee on Cities and Biodiversity, and its local strategy on biodiversity, among other issues.

20. During the reporting period, the Executive Secretary also attended the SDG meeting in Geneva, and the meeting of the Global Partnership on Local and sub-national action for Biodiversity: Building resilient and dynamic cities with biodiversity in Montreal. He was also a panelist during the final plenary

session of the Birdlife International Congress in Ottawa. He also attended the 44<sup>th</sup> GEF Council meeting, and seized the opportunity while in Washington to meet with staff from Conservation International.

## **MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING**

Global Strategic Events Pte Ltd.

21. The objective of the agreement is to enhance cooperation between the SCBD and Global Initiatives on issues of common interest relating to the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in particular, as joint partners on the B4E Global Summits that take place in different venues around the world.

World Organisation for Animal Health

22. The agreement aims to facilitate and strengthen cooperation and collaboration in fields of mutual interest, according to the respective mandates granted to the parties by their Members. Such fields include but not limited to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, improvement of animal health and welfare and the promotion of the “One Health” approach to manage the risks presented by animal diseases and zoonoses at the animal-human-ecosystem interface.

German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

23. The agreement aims to enhance mutual cooperation between the Parties on issues of common interest relating to the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and in particular to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Nagoya Protocol, integrating biodiversity for poverty alleviation and development.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

### **A. Personnel Arrangements**

24. During the period January – June 2013, there were 27.5 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved under the Convention. There were 5 vacant posts. Additionally, 5 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

25. Under the Convention there were 23 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget. There were 4 vacant posts. Additionally, 14 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

26. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol there were 6.5 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. There was 1 vacant post at the Professional category. There were 4 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget and 1 vacant post.

27. In addition to posts funded under the core budgets of the Convention and the Biosafety Protocol, there were a total of 14 professionals and 3 general services staff that were seconded or appointed through voluntary funds during the period under review.



28. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex I Appendix 1, and Annex II respectively).

## **B. Financial Arrangements**

29. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 June 2013, of the total pledged contributions of US\$11,734,996 for 2013 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$9,161,649 of which US\$641,460 were 2013 and future years pledges paid in 2012, and US\$8,520,189 were pledges paid in 2013 for 2013 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

30. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 June 2013, the total pledged for 2013 amounts to US\$1,588,737 of which US\$1,376,780 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2013 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$1,791,633. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

31. As at 30 June 2013, US\$369,343 has been pledged in 2013 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date, US\$153,472 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2013 and prior years, to the BZ Trust Fund, amount to US\$505,693. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

32. As at 30 June 2013, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,532,562 for 2013 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,607,807, of which US\$390,565 were 2013 and future years pledges paid in 2012 and US\$1,217,242 has been received in 2013 for 2013 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

33. As at 30 June 2013, one Party has pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**). Total unpaid pledges for: 2013 and prior years, to the BH Trust Fund, amounts to US\$189,198. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

34. As at 30 June 2013, no pledges have been received for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BI Trust Fund**). Total unpaid pledges for prior years, to the BI Trust Fund, amounts to US\$31,620. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

35. As at 30 June 2013, two Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**) in 2013. Germany pledged EUR 51,100 and Norway pledged NOK 250,000. Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

## II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

### SCIENTIFIC, ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

#### Decisions X/4 and XI/3: The Global Biodiversity Outlook

36. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:
- (a) Held discussions with a consortium composed of DIVERSITAS, UNEP-WCMC, PBL-Netherlands and the University of British Columbia Fisheries Centre on undertaking a scenarios assessment related to the preparation of GBO-4;
  - (b) Prepared funding proposals on components of GBO-4 and secured additional financial contributions from Switzerland, Canada and Germany;
  - (c) Held discussions with potential contributors to GBO-4, including by using a series of regional workshops on national reporting to demonstrate the opportunity for countries to contribute case studies to GBO-4 (see activities under decision X/10)
  - (d) Contracted the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) to provide the services of a professional science writer to assist with the preparation of the GBO-4;
  - (e) Continued development of a web page on GBO-4; and
  - (f) Recruited and supervised a team of twelve interns to prepare reviews of recent scientific literature on the status of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

*The process of preparing GBO-4 is well underway and various stakeholders are being involved in its preparation. The result of this is that a high quality report will be available for consideration by COP-12. Further information on GBO-4 can be accessed from <http://www.cbd.int/gbo4>.*

*GBO-4 will address all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

#### Decisions X/7 and XI/3: Indicators and monitoring progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan

37. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:
- (a) Organized the Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP) – Steering Committee Teleconference held 8 February 2013 and led the discussions;
  - (b) Provided guidance to BIP partners on the types of indicator inputs required for GBO-4 and on the schedule of submissions;
  - (c) Prepared, in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC, a document reviewing the suitability of the global indicators agreed through decision XI/3 with regard to their application at national level;
  - (d) Organized, in collaboration with UNEP-WCMC, two regional capacity building workshop on indicators (Western Balkans (Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 19-22 March 2013 and West Africa (Douala, Cameroon, June 2013)). In the workshop for the Western Balkans 16 participants from 7 countries were provided training on indicators while in the workshop for West Africa 36 participants from 8 countries were trained.

- (e) Trained 22 regional Biodiversity Indicator Facilitators and informed NBSAP coordinators of their availability to support the identification of measurable national biodiversity targets. For further information see <http://www.bipnational.net/GetInvolved/FindaFacilitator>
- (f) Reviewed, in collaboration with the BIP, the adequacy of indicators to review progress on each of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets; and
- (g) Prepared documentation for SBSTTA-17 on the identification of scientific and technical needs for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and on synthetic biology and made these available for peer review.

*Processes have been put in place to better allow Parties and the Secretariat to monitor progress towards the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The information generated through these processes will facilitate the discussions on the mid-term assessment of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.*

*This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

**Decision XI/13: Ways and means to improve the effectiveness of SBSTTA and collaboration with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services**

38. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized and facilitated meetings, on 31 May and 1 June 2013, in Trondheim, Norway, and teleconferences on 15 January, 25 February, and 30 April 2013, of the SBSTTA Bureau;
- (b) Prepared and posted notifications advising of the dates and venue of SBSTTA 17 and requesting nominations of delegates;
- (c) Prepared and posted documents for SBSTTA 17, issued notification 2013-053 requesting comments on seven pre-session documents within a peer review period of the documents with a deadline of 15 and 22 July 2013, and received comments from Canada, the European Commission, Guatemala, Mexico, Nepal, Conservation International, The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), GIASIPartnership, International Union for Conservation of Nature, and Corporación Red Nacional de Mujeres Comunitarias, Indígenas y Campesinas De la República de Colombia REDCOMUINCACOL;
- (d) Supported the preparation of the seventh Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity held 27-31 May 2013 in Trondheim, Norway, including the preparation of two documents, on “The role of social sciences in achieving the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets” and “The importance of biodiversity for the development and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals”, and presented the latter document to the conference;
- (e) Undertook preparations for the Expert Workshop on enhancing biodiversity data and observing systems in support of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to be held in Montreal, Canada on 12 October 2013; and
- (f) Participated in the first session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and engaged the SBSTTA Bureau to provide input, through the SBSTTA Chair, to the first meeting of the Bureau and Multidisciplinary Expert Panel (MEP).

*As result of these actions, the preparations for SBSTTA-17 are underway and the SBSTTA meeting will, for the first time, be held in a different format, which is expected to be more conducive to scientific and technical deliberations. In addition, the awareness of the biodiversity community on the role of social sciences in achieving the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets was increased.*

*The Secretariat also took a leading role in raising awareness on the role of biodiversity for the Sustainable Development Goals beyond the biodiversity community, and showed to the international community different ways for incorporating biodiversity into future goals, targets and indicators. The ongoing engagement with IPBES lead to a realignment of the CBD and IPBES processes and facilitates that IPBES is attending to the inputs and requests from the CBD.*

*This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

### **Decision X/10: National Reports**

39. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized and serviced the Regional Workshop for South, East and Southeast Asia on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report and Global Biodiversity Outlook and regional policy scenarios held on 20 - 24 May 2013 in Incheon City, Republic of Korea. Representatives from 21 (41 participants in total) participated in the workshop. Approximately 70% of countries indicated that they would submit their 5NRs by 31 March 2014 deadline or soon thereafter;
- (b) Organized and serviced the Deuxième atelier régional pour les pays moins avancés d'Afrique sur la préparation des cinquièmes rapports nationaux et de la quatrième édition des Perspectives mondiales de la diversité biologique (GBO-4), et les scénarios pour la politique régionale held 15 - 19 April 2013 in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Representatives from 20 countries (39 Participants in total) participated in the workshop. 65% of participating countries indicated that they would submit their 5NRs by the 31 March 2014 deadline or soon thereafter);
- (c) Organized and serviced the First Regional Workshop for African Least Developed Countries on the preparation of the Fifth National Report and Global Biodiversity Outlook and regional policy scenarios held 28 January - 1 February 2013 in Nairobi, Kenya. Representatives from 16 countries participated (35 participants in total). 70% of participating countries indicated that they would submit their 5NRs by the 31 March 2014 deadline or soon thereafter);
- (d) Planned workshops for the Pacific countries (22-26 July, 2013, Nadi, Fiji) and for the Caribbean countries (16-20 September, 2013, Gros Islet, Saint Lucia);
- (e) Is exploring with relevant countries and partners about the possibility of organizing workshops for Latin America, Middle East and North Africa, and Central Asia and Eastern Europe before the end of 2013 or early 2014;
- (f) Updated a resource manual for the fifth national report and a training module on national reporting with a focus on the fifth national report;
- (g) Sent a reminder in January 2013 to all Parties requesting for early initiation of the national process to prepare the fifth national report;
- (h) Is developing an on-line reporting system to allow countries to report more regularly on progress towards the Aichi Targets and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans; and
- (i) Is updating country biodiversity profiles based on information provided in the fourth national reports and other relevant documents.

*The capacity building activities have provided training to country representatives who will be directly involved in the preparation of their countries fifth National Report. The support provided by the Secretariat will facilitate the submission of a significant number of fifth national reports by the submission deadline. The timely submission of the fifth national reports will be crucial to the success of a number of Convention*

*processes, including COP12 and GBO-4. In the 3 workshops held to date, 115 participants from 57 countries have participated. 68% of participating countries indicated that they would submit their 5NRs by the 31 March 2014 deadline or soon thereafter. Further information on the national report preparation processes can be accessed from <http://www.cbd.int/reports/>.*

*This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

#### **Decisions X/17 and XI/26: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation**

40. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:
- (a) Liaised with Botanic Gardens Conservation International on the detailed workplan to implement decision XI/26;
  - (b) Organized and serviced the Regional Workshop on Reflecting the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (4 - 8 March 2013 in Singapore, Singapore). Representatives from 11 countries participated in the workshop (22 participants in total) and were provided training related to the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. Participants indicated that their understanding of how to reflect plant conservation in NBSAPs had been enhanced; and
  - (c) Liaised with Instituto Humboldt on preparations for a workshop on approaches towards rapid assessments of plant conservation status in Colombia.

*As a result of the actions taken, Parties have been provided with information and resources to better mainstream the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation into their national planning processes.*

*This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

#### **Decisions X/20 and XI/16: Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives**

41. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:
- (a) Organized with WHO a Regional Workshop on the Inter-Linkages between Human Health and Biodiversity in Africa held 2 - 5 April 2013 in Maputo, Mozambique. In total 25 countries participated as well as experts in biodiversity-health linkages in the workshop. Participants exchanged information on national actions to integrate biodiversity and health issues into national health strategies and NBSAPs.
  - (b) Organized, in collaboration with the Secretariats of CITES, CMS and the Ramsar Convention a side event on interagency collaboration towards implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (11 March 2013, Bangkok, Thailand);
  - (c) Provided inputs to the stocktaking exercise of the Global Agenda Council on Biodiversity and Natural Capital as part of the World Economic Forum including on high value conservation areas, value chains and players, high potential degraded land and development of a multistakeholder toolkit; and
  - (d) Participated in the meeting of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests on the margins of the 10th session of the UNFF, April 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey.

*As a result of these actions opportunities to mainstream biodiversity into other sectors have been developed and links between the Convention on Biological Diversity and other international organisations and*

*initiatives have been strengthened. For example, a regional programme for biodiversity and health is now being developed by WHO for consideration by ministers of health and environment.*

*This is relevant to several Aichi Biodiversity Targets, especially Target 14 (Health, Water) and Targets 5, 7, 11 and 15.*

#### **Decision IX/11: New and emerging issues**

42. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Posted submissions in response to the notification 2013-018 inviting proposals for new and emerging issues as well as additional information on synthetic biology. By 16 July 2013 comments had been received by three Parties and three organisations. For further information see <https://www.cbd.int/emerging/>; and
- (b) Prepared documents on possible positive and negative impacts of synthetic biology and on gaps in coverage of this issue under the Convention and its Protocols and made them available for peer review. By 16 July 2013 comments had been received by six Parties and five organisations. For further information see <https://www.cbd.int/sbstta/preparation/>.

*As a result of these actions, the views of Parties on new and emerging issues will be more easily accessible which in turn will facilitate discussion on this matter at the meetings of SBSTTA 17 and 18 as well as at COP12.*

#### **Decisions IX/22, X/39 and XI/29: Global Taxonomy Initiative**

43. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat organized and serviced the Global Taxonomy Initiative Capacity-building Workshop towards Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets 9 and 19 for Western and Central Africa held 4 - 7 March 2013 in Dakar, Senegal. Participants from 14 countries (31 participants in total) participated in the workshop and were provided with.

*The result of these actions has been to strengthen collaboration between the CBD national implementing sector and academic institutions to facilitate identification and prioritization of alien species to be managed at the national and regional levels, as well as to share and use information on species of regional interest for conservation and sustainable development.*

*This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

#### **Decisions X/28 and XI/23: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters**

44. In response to these decisions and recommendations, the Secretariat continued to coordinate the expert group on the role of biodiversity in sustaining the water cycle (decision X/28, para. 39). Additional chapters on integrated water resources management and institutional constraints were developed by the group and further enhancements made to chapters on forests, wetlands, cities and agricultural systems.

*The result of these actions has been to develop information resources for the use of Parties to improve water resource management.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Target 14.*

#### **Decisions X/29, XI/17, and XI/18: Marine and coastal biodiversity**

45. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Transmitted, via the United Nations Secretary General, the summary reports on the description of areas that meet the criteria for ecologically or biologically significant marine areas to the United Nations General Assembly, and the UNGA Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to Study Issues Relating to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction, and the UNGA Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socio economic Aspects. The submitted document is now available on the Official Document System of the United Nations in all languages of the United Nations. It can be accessed from: ([http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=A/67/838](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/67/838)). The document submitted contains information on EBSAs in the Western South Pacific region, and the Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic region.
- (b) Organised and serviced the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop for West Africa held 4 - 8 February 2013 in Dakar, Senegal. In total 22 Parties (73 participants in total) participated in the workshop. The workshop contributed to strengthening linkages between the fishery and marine conservation communities in these countries toward achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets, enhancing awareness of marine issues among CBD national focal points, and building capacity in the use of various scientific and technical tools for effective policy implementation. It also helped to prepare Parties in the region for the subsequent workshop in Namibia to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) in South-eastern Atlantic region.
- (c) Organised and serviced the North Pacific Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) held on 25 February - 1 March 2013 in Moscow, Russian Federation. In total 7 Parties (36 participants in total) participated in the workshop. The workshop described 20 areas meeting the EBSA criteria.
- (d) Organised and serviced the South-Eastern Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) held on 8 - 12 April 2013 in Swakopmund, Namibia. In total 17 Parties (43 participants in total) participated in the workshop. The workshop described 45 areas meeting the EBSA criteria.
- (e) Participated in two intersessional workshops of UNGA Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to Study Issues Relating to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity Beyond Areas of National Jurisdiction, on "Marine Genetic Resource" (New York, 2-3 May 2013) and on "Conservation and Management Tools" (New York, 6-7 May 2013), serving as a Panel member in the latter, on the invitation of UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.
- (f) Prepared a draft systematic review document on the impacts of ocean acidification on biodiversity and ecosystem functions, including information on the less-reported paleo oceanographic research.
- (g) Participated in the 14th meeting of the UN Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on the Oceans and the Law of the Sea, (New York, 17 - 20 June 2013), and organized a side event on the impacts of ocean acidification on marine biodiversity and presented the preliminary results of a draft systematic review document mentioned in above.
- (h) Contributed to the preparation of World Congress on Marine Protected Areas (IMPAC-3), including preparation of various workshops and provision of necessary technical advice; and
- (i) Attended the 4th edition of the Monaco Blue Initiative, 23-24 June, 2013, to provide technical inputs on targets 6 and 11 and liaise with various partners on IMPAC 3 preparation.

*The result of these actions has been:*

- *Results of process to describe EBSAs in two regions brought to the attention of the UNGA and its relevant processes;*
- *Description of EBSAs in two more regions involving 75 experts from 24 Parties, bring marine areas around the world, both within and beyond national jurisdictions, covered to date to approximately 75%;*
- *UNGA and its member States aware of CBD technical work on ocean acidification, marinedebris, marine spatial planning, impact assessments, etc; and*
- *Capacity building mechanism developed through the Sustainable Ocean Initiative partnerships and capacity building provided to 71 participants from 22 countries.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 6, 10, 11.*

#### **Decisions X/31 and XI/24: Protected areas**

46. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:
- Undertook preparatory work for a series of capacity building workshops to support Parties to achieve the area-based Aichi Targets (Target 5, 11 and 15); see also related items featured under Restoration;
  - Participated in regular conference calls toward completing the series of online e-learning modules on each goal of the PoWPA and in 5 languages.
  - Hosted a visit of a delegation from IUCN-WCPA and the IUCN Global Programme on Protected Areas and held discussions on the roadmap for target 11 and other related targets;
  - Planned participation in the WPC streams on Governance and stream 1 on Target 11;
  - Contributed toward the finalization of an IUCN manual on Governance;
  - Conducted outreach to PoWPA focal points for information on progress in implementation; and
  - Prepared and participated in a retreat with the GEF Secretariat.

*The result of these actions has been to strengthen ties with focal points and with key partners for continued collaboration and improved implementation and monitoring.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Target 11.*

**Decision X/31: protected areas (para 11, 12); Decision XI/24: protected areas; Decision X/32: sustainable use (para 3); Decision X/6: integration of biodiversity into poverty eradication and development (para 12); and Decision X/33 biodiversity and climate change (para 4)**

47. In response to these decisions and under the aegis of the CBD LifeWeb Initiative, the Secretariat:
- Undertook a comprehensive consultation with Parties and partners to determine options for more closely aligning the LifeWeb Initiative with the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity;
  - Developed new LifeWeb methodology incorporating all area-based targets (5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15) from the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and included this in new LifeWeb Clearinghouse;
  - Guided RedParques, the regional coordination institution for protected areas in south America, in the development of a comprehensive capacity building proposal for protected areas for 9 countries in the Amazon region;



- (d) Met with the Austrian government to discuss their potential contributions to biodiversity financing through the LifeWeb Initiative;
- (e) Met with Mike Parr from the Alliance for Zero Extinction and Olivier Langrande, from Island Conservation in Montreal to discuss a “LifeWeb Campaign” that will focus attention on Aichi Target 12. The Alliance for Zero Extinction promised to assist with the development of materials for CBD Parties;
- (f) Worked with Ian Martin, an intern to conduct an GIS spatial analysis of protected areas and Alliance for Zero Extinction Sites, the results of which can be used to guide CBD Parties in the selection of sites for the LifeWeb campaign;
- (g) Met with NGO partners including the Wildlife Conservation Society, Conservation International (CEPF), to discuss their technical contributions to Parties in the development of LifeWeb Expressions of Interest;
- (h) Submitted proposals for a series of donor roundtables and other events for 2013 where LifeWeb Expressions of Interest will be profiled; and
- (i) Submitted a notification to CBD Parties and POWPA Focal Points calling on the development of new Expressions of Interest for LifeWeb consistent with the new methodology.

*The result of these actions has been:*

- *The development of a new LifeWeb Clearinghouse available online at <http://lifeweb.cbd.int>*
- *Published the “Amazon Vision” LifeWeb Expression of Interest on the LifeWeb Clearinghouse: <http://lifeweb.cbd.int/project?id=23236>*
- *Austrian government funded 4 LifeWeb projects worth 2 million Euros in Lao, Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of Congo (pending) and Ethiopia*
- *Developed factsheets for the “Zero Extinction Campaign” of LifeWeb to be included in LifeWeb folder to guide CBD Parties*
- *LifeWeb events (donor roundtables or capacity building activities) have been accepted at the 4th ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHP) in Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines in September, the International Marine Protected Areas Congress in Marseille, France in October, the Asia Parks Congress in Sendai City, Japan in November and the Pacific Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas at the University of the South Pacific, Laucala Campus, Suva, Fiji in December.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Target 11, 12 and 20*

**Decision X/33, XI/19, XI/20 and XI/21: Biodiversity and Climate Change and related issues**

48. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:
- (a) Attended and contributed to UNFCCC expert workshop on loss and damage, London, 1 March 2013, London, UK, in order to highlight the experiences of the CBD with issues relating to loss and damage;
  - (b) Attended UNFCCC Adaptation Committee meeting, held from 5-8 March 2013, Bonn, Germany, in order to highlight the CBD’s potential contributions to the work of the Adaptation Committee;
  - (c) The SCBD organized and hosted a Sub-regional Workshop for Anglophone Africa on the Integration of Climate Change and Ecosystem-based Adaptation in National Biodiversity Planning Processes from 24 – 27 March 2013, back-to-back with the UNFCCC NWP technical workshop on ecosystem-based approaches to adaptation (21 – 23 March 2013). The workshop was attended by representatives from 16 Anglophone countries with 2 participants from each country, one responsible for the NBSAP and the other responsible for climate change adaptation planning. In addition 5 UNFCCC focal points who

had attended the NWP workshop attended the workshop. The workshop covered topics ranging from impacts and vulnerability, EBA in the CBD, the Strategic Plan and climate change, tools and resources for EBA, and key technical and policy issues such as managing trade-offs and mainstreaming gender. The workshop managed to mainstream marine and coastal issues throughout the workshop. Participants shared information about the work going on at national level for the restoration of ecosystems, strengthening of livelihoods and adaptation to climate change and on the process of revising and updating NBSAPs;

- (d) The UNFCCC Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) organized a regional training workshop on adaptation for Francophone Least Developed Countries (LDCs) held 18 - 22 March 2013 in Lomé, Togo. As part of its overall collaboration with the LEG, the SCBD supported the participation of 10 CBD NFPs from Francophone Africa in the LEG training workshop. The SCBD also participated in the LEG Training Workshop and made a presentation on the role of biodiversity and ecosystem services in adaptation and on the implementation of synergies between NAPAs and NBSAPs. One of the CBD NFPs' (Gabon) made a presentation on his country's experiences with implementing synergies at national level. The other CBD NFPs made key interventions at the training workshop, and highlighted the role of biodiversity in adaptation to climate change and on their experiences in implementation of synergies;
- (e) Participated in the 10th session of the UNFF on 10 April 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey;
- (f) Participated in retreat of the Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration, held from 3-4 June in Rome, Italy; and
- (g) Participated in the 38th session of UNFCCC SBI and SBSTA 39 and ADP 2, held from 3-24 June in Bonn, Germany.

*Through these actions, there is a better understanding within the climate change community of the role and contribution of the CBD, and work taken under it, to the work of the Adaptation Committee and to address loss and damage. Parties have a better understanding of the impacts of climate change on biodiversity, how to integrate climate change and ecosystem-based adaptation into NBSAPs. Furthermore, CBD NFPs exchanged experiences with their UNFCCC counterparts on how to enhance synergies at the national level and developed ideas for follow up at national level. The actions also resulted in the strengthening of links with international partners working on landscape restoration and the development of collaboration with some of these partners on capacity building for Parties. The role of biodiversity and ecosystem services in adapting to and mitigating to climate change, the importance of reducing the impacts of climate change and climate change responses on biodiversity and biodiversity based livelihoods has been highlighted at international climate change policy making platforms.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 10, 14 and 15*

### **Decision X/35: Biodiversity of Dry and Sub-humid Lands**

49. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:
- (a) Co-organized and hosted the CBD-UNCCD Joint Workshop on the role of biodiversity in national drought management policies held 10 March 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. Five participants attended the workshop;
  - (b) Attended the High-Level Meeting on National Drought Policies (HMNDP), Geneva, 11 -15 March 2013;
  - (c) Attended the UNCCD 2nd Scientific Conference, CST S-3 and CRIC 11;

- (d) Co-organized and hosted a 1 day workshop, with UNCCD, to support developing countries to integrate conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and sustainable land management into national planning instruments specifically the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and National Action Programmes (NAPs), and to integrate these into national development planning (including poverty reduction processes). The workshop was held on 14 April 2013 on the margins of the UNCCD CRIC 11; and
- (e) Produced a first draft of a technical document on the economic valuation of dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity.

*These actions have resulted in drought practitioners at national level being provided with information on the role of biodiversity in national drought management policies. Furthermore, the understanding of UNCCD focal points on the implementation of synergies between the UNCCD and CBD obligations, particularly the Strategic Plans and national action plans was augmented. Understanding of the economic value of dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity has been increased.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 14 and 15.*

#### **Decision IX/4, X/38 and XI/28: Invasive Alien Species**

50. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized and serviced the Subregional Capacity-building Workshop to Address Invasive Alien Species and to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 in the Arab region held 11-14 February 2013 in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates; In total 16 Parties (62 participants in total) participated in the workshop. Workshop participants were provided with information on the existing international standards relevant to addressing invasive alien species and references to some best practices taken by Parties to apply the international standards and guidance. Participants elaborated possible elements of invasive species strategies and action plans to consider incorporating into their National Strategies and Action Plans to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9; and
- (b) Participated the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership Technical Workshop held in London, United Kingdom, 14-16 May 2013.

*The results of these actions have been posted at:*

- <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/ais/wscbias-ar-01/official/wscbias-ar-01-02-en.doc>;
- <http://giasipartnership.myspecies.info/content/partnership-workshop-2013>

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Target 9.*

#### **Decision XI/16: Ecosystem restoration**

51. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Attended meetings of the Global Partnership for Forest Landscape Restoration held 10 April in Istanbul, Turkey and 3-4 June in Rome, Italy;
- (b) Participated in a consultative meeting on a sustainable development goal on land- degradation neutral world and on the associated target of zero net land degradation held 26-27 June 2013 in Seoul, Republic of Korea;
- (c) Prepared proposals seeking funding for organizing capacity building workshops from Canada, Germany, Republic of Korea, Japan and the European Union;

- (d) Undertook preparatory work for a series of capacity building workshops to support Parties to achieve the area-based Aichi Targets (Target 5, 11 and 15) through a landscape approach including developing a concept note and holding discussions with FAO and other members of the Global Partnership for Forest Landscape Restoration;
- (e) Held discussions with FAO for developing a partnership to support implementation of area based Aichi targets and possible partnership with the proposed facility for forest landscape restoration; and
- (f) Initiated a global study on the potential scope, scale, outcomes and benefits of ecosystem restoration in the context of an integrated approach to the achievement of Aichi Targets 5, 11 and 15.

*The results of these actions have been to prepare for extending coordinated capacity building efforts to Parties for defining and achieving restoration goals.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 5, 11 and 15, contributing in turn to targets 7, 12, 13, 14.*

#### **Decision XI/15: Island Biodiversity**

52. In response to this decision, the Secretariat Issued a press release recognizing the Caribbean governments, NGOs and business leaders as Aichi Biodiversity Champions for their launching of the Second phase of the Caribbean Challenge Initiative at a Summit of Caribbean Political and Business Leaders held in May 2013 in the British Virgin Islands.

#### **Decision XI/25: Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management**

53. In response to this decision, the Secretariat convened, in collaboration with FAO, the first meeting of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW) on 10 March 2013, in Bangkok, Thailand, on the margins of the CITES COP16. The 12 members of the CPW discussed a draft TOR, elements of the work program, and potential topics and activities. The CPW also nominated the CBD Executive Secretary as Chair of the Partnership.

*The results of these actions has been to further the work of the CPW and its mission to promote conservation through sustainable management and to increase cooperation and coordination on sustainable wildlife management issues.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 7, 12, and 14.*

<b>NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING</b>
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#### **Decision X/1: Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and Decision XI/I on Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization and related developments**

54. In response to requests contained in the above decisions, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

##### *Ratification*

- Seven countries – South Africa, Albania, Botswana, Federated States of Micronesia, Comoros, Mongolia and Syrian Arab Republic have ratified the Nagoya Protocol.

- The Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr Ban Ki-Moon sent a letter to all Heads of States in April 2013 highlighting the valuable contribution that the Protocol can make to sustainable development and urging them to take steps to ensure the ratification or accession to the Nagoya Protocol at the earliest opportunity so that the international community can move to the implementation phase.
- At the Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity which took place from 27 to 31 May, 2013 the Ministers of Environment of Norway and India as well as the Executive Secretary to the Convention on Biological Diversity encouraged Parties to the Convention to expedite their national processes towards ratification of the Nagoya Protocol recalling that ratification would enable countries to participate as Parties in the first meeting of the Parties to the Protocol and to play an important role in the decision-making process to support its implementation.
- Pursued with the CBD and ABS NFPs seeking information on the status of ratification and encouraging the countries to conclude the national processes.
- Liaised with the Government of India, the COP 11 President, to encourage countries using the diplomatic channels.

*Workshops, expert meetings and other inter-sessional activities:*

- Organized the Informal meeting for the implementation of Articles 19 & 20 of the Nagoya Protocol in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan and the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies in March 2013 in Tokyo, Japan.
- Organized the Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for Middle East region and Djibouti, Libya, Mauritania on 9 - 10 April 2013 in Amman, Jordan.
- Organized an expert meeting to develop a draft Strategic Framework for Capacity-building and Development in Support of the Effective Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, from 3 - 5 June 2013 in Montreal. The experts developed a draft strategic framework for consideration by the Committee at its third meeting.
- Conducted broad consultations on Article 10, through online discussions held through the ABS Clearing-House from 8 April to 19 May 2013. Over 135 participants were registered for the online discussions and a large number of messages were posted. Preparations are underway for convening an expert meeting from 17-19 September in Montreal to prepare a synthesis of the views provided.
- Continued with the implementation of the pilot phase of the ABS Clearing-House including development of common formats, preparations for meeting of the informal advisory committee (IAC) established by the COP to assist the Executive Secretary with the implementation of the ABS Clearing-House pilot phase and to provide technical guidance with respect to the resolution of technical issues arising from the on-going development of the pilot phase of the ABS Clearing-House until the first meeting of the Parties to the Protocol, scheduled for 2-4 October 2013 in Montreal.
- In pursuance of paragraph 22 of the General Assembly resolution 67/212, initiated preparations and making arrangements for the special event on the implementation of the objectives of the Convention, including actions undertaken to promote access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization and associated traditional knowledge, of the Second Committee during the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly.
- Initiated preparations for the third meeting of Inter-governmental Committee slated to be held in the Republic of Korea in February 2014.

*Outreach materials:*

- Published two policy briefs - Bioscience at a crossroads: Access and Benefit Sharing in a Time of Scientific, Technological and Industry Change: The Agricultural Sector and Bioscience at a crossroads: Access and Benefit Sharing in a Time of Scientific, Technological and Industry

Change: The Pharmaceutical Industry. These are available at: <http://www.cbd.int/abs/policy-brief/default.shtml/>.

- Invited by notification 2013-041 of 23 May 2013, Parties, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and indigenous and local community organizations to translate CBD materials into national and local languages, including indigenous languages and to make them available through the Secretariat. The following courtesy translations of the Nagoya Protocol text are available at the Secretariat website:
  - Mapuche, Qom and Wichi, by courtesy of the Government of Argentina;
  - Tajik, by courtesy of the Government of Tajikistan;
  - Bulgarian, by courtesy of the Government of Bulgaria
  - Portuguese version of the ABS information kit provided by the Government of Brazil is also made available on the website.

*Participation in meetings and workshops:*

- Workshop on “The International Treaty and the Nagoya Protocol: Supporting mutual supportiveness in the implementation of both instruments at the national level” hosted by Biodiversity International, January, 2013, Rome, Italy.
- The 14<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, April 2013 at the Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome, Italy.
- The Inter-sessional Workshop on Marine Genetic Resources, May 2013 in New York, USA.
- Workshop on negotiation of MAT for access to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge - GEF LAC project on strengthening the implementation of ABS regimes in Latin America and the Caribbean, March 2013, Havana, Cuba.
- Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on the Development Dimensions of Intellectual Property: Biological Diversity and Access and Benefit Sharing organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), April 2013, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Participated and provided technical support as a resource person in the UNEP inception workshop for the project to support the ratification and entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol in 30 countries, May 2013, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Participated and provided technical support via teleconference call in the workshop on the Nagoya Protocol organized by the Algerian Government in collaboration with the ABS Capacity Development Initiative for the Maghreb countries, Lebanon and Djibouti, April 2013, Alger, Algeria.
- Participated and provided technical support via teleconference call in the workshop on the Nagoya Protocol organized by ICIMOD in collaboration with GIZ for the ICIMOD transboundary conservation project countries - China, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Pakistan Afghanistan and Myanmar, May 2013 Chengdu, China.
- Delivered a keynote presentation on the Nagoya Protocol, Dalhousie University, March 2013, Halifax, Canada.

*Funding proposals*

- Prepared proposals seeking funding for organizing regional capacity building workshops under Japan Biodiversity Fund and to the Republic of Korea.
- Prepared proposals seeking funding for ABS-CH positions under EU ENTRP grant.

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

**Decision XI/4: Review of implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization, including the establishment of targets**

55. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Published the following information digests on the CBD website:
- 24 information digests on major donors and biodiversity-related international financial resource flows to developing countries (parag. 7(a) of Decision XI/4);
  - 164 information digests on sectoral integration by countries (monitoring of biodiversity inclusion in national priorities, parag. 7(b) of Decision XI/4);
  - 19 information digests on national financial planning by sub-regions (parag. 7(d) of Decision XI/4);
  - An information digest on the funding information gathered from the revised/updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans up to 2020 based on submissions from 21 countries, in addition to 18 information digests on earlier experiences; and
  - 25 information digests on climate-related biodiversity funding by countries.
- (b) Updated the webpages on the strategy for resource mobilization to facilitate access to information on resource mobilization strategy issues and subsequent decisions;
- (c) Updated the list resource mobilization focal points on the CBD website of national focal points;
- (d) Announced the consultancy position, call for a consultant, consulting firm or organization, to prepare guidelines for reporting biodiversity expenditures and needs. However, no credible applications were received;
- (e) Discussed opportunities for enhancing synergies and improving cooperation with UNDP regarding BIOFIN; and
- (f) Developed an electronic format of the reporting framework and sent it to Parties through a notification on June 25 (SCBD/TSI/RS/ML/lz/82040). The reporting framework will soon be also available for reporting directly on line.
- (g) Prepared the resource mobilization theme of the NBSAP Forum workshop to be held in Nairobi on 11-15 November 2013, which will be divided into the following two sessions: (i) incorporating the values of ecosystem services and (ii) resource mobilization reporting frameworks and methodologies.

*Innovative Financial Mechanisms and Safeguards (Decision XI/4, parag. 20-21)*

56. In response to this decision, an updated version of the discussion paper “Safeguards for scaling-up biodiversity finance and possible guiding principles” (UNEP/CBD/COP/11/INF/7) was prepared by a team of experts at the Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University, in consultation with the CBD Secretariat. The Secretariat circulated a notification (SCBD/ITS/RS//LZ/81526) inviting Parties and other relevant stakeholders to submit their views on the discussion paper. To date, submissions from Peru and IUCN were received. The seventh Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, held from 27 to 31 May 2013, offered an opportunity to present the discussion paper and receive further inputs. The Secretariat is compiling submissions received and developing the paper on innovative financial mechanisms and safeguards, which will be presented to the Ad Hoc Working Group on Review of Implementation of the

Convention, at its fifth meeting (WGRI-5), and the Conference of the Parties, at its twelfth meeting (COP 12).

57. The Secretariat underwent preparations for the planning and organization of the second Informal Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Biodiversity finance (Quito II). The dates for the meeting have been selected (10-12 April 2014) and the Government of Ecuador has generously offered to host the meeting in Quito, Ecuador. The Governments of Sweden and Japan and the European Commission have agreed to fund the meeting. The objective of the seminar will be to promote a shared understanding on visualizing the value of biodiversity and ecosystem services and to advance strategies that incorporate these values in various levels of decision-making to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The outcomes of the meeting will be presented to WGRI-5 and prepared for consideration by COP 12.

*High-Level Panel (HLP) on Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (Decision XI/4, parag.24)*

58. In response to this decision, the second phase of the High-Level Panel (HLP) on Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan was established with its first meeting held in Trondheim, Norway on 30-31 May 2013. With generous co-sponsorship from the Government of the United Kingdom and the European Commission, a fifteen-member Panel was established with representatives from five geopolitical regions as well as representatives of four multilateral agencies, UNEP, UNDP, The World Bank and the Global Environment Facility. At the Trondheim meeting, Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez of Costa Rica was elected as Chair of the Panel. Other decisions taken include the agreement on a work plan that will include a number of additional physical meetings and regular teleconferences, and the formulation of Terms of Reference for the supporting research team from United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) and ICF GHK. The need for a stronger communications plan was also acknowledged to assist in effectively disseminating the findings of the High-Level Panel. In June 2013, the HLP Project Manager (Consultant) was hired to oversee the High-Level Panel process until COP-12. More information is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/financial/hlp-gar/>.

#### **Decision XI/5: The financial mechanism**

59. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Held discussions with the GEF Evaluation Office regarding the institutional relationships for the fifth GEF Overall Performance Study (January 2013);
- (b) Participated, as an observer, in the first GEF-6 Replenishment Meeting (3-4 April 2013) to (i) develop the GEF strategic vision 2020; (ii) review the first report of the fifth Overall Performance Study; (iii) review the technical elements of the replenishment and financing process and associated suggestions by the trustee; (iv) discuss the draft GEF-6 programming directions, including the draft GEF biodiversity strategy;
- (c) Organized a staff retreat with the GEF Secretariat (4-5 June 2013) with a view to discuss and provide comments and suggestions for the draft GEF-6 programming directions, including its biodiversity focal area strategy, and to more generally explore how the GEF and CBD Secretariats can effectively work together to ensure a robust replenishment and to leverage more resources for implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity. Several implementation issues were also discussed including on how to realize synergies among focal areas as well as biodiversity-related conventions. In a live webinar, attended by approximately 90 Party representatives, the Secretariat and GEF explored the importance of the resource mobilization strategy and its link to the GEF, as



well as the effective implementation of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets through the financial mechanism.

- (d) Participated in the forty-fourth meeting of the GEF Council, Washington D.C. (19 June 2013);
- (e) Participated in the Executive GEFOP meetings on Thursday, 7 March 2013, and Thursday (16 May 2013);
- (f) Prepared a preliminary study on GEF projects in terms of Aichi Biodiversity Targets which is currently under review; and
- (g) Updated the webpages on the financial mechanism in order to ease making references linking between CBD work streams and GEF themes.

*Fourth Review of the Effectiveness of the Financial Mechanism (Decision XI/5, parag. 7)*

60. The preparation of this review has been contracted out to ICF International Inc. and is on-going at this time. The review involves, inter alia, top-down desk studies of documents and analysis of existing data as well as a bottom-up approach including various analyses of results from a questionnaire filled by CBD Focal Points (Ref.: SCBD/ITS/RS/ES/LZ/81635) as well as those of the GEF, e-mails and web meetings and interviews, and in person discussions with selected Parties as the case will require. ICF International Team visited the Secretariat for a meeting with management and various thematic groups on 13 May 2013 in order to get feedback and perspectives on the effectiveness of the Financial Mechanism and has a schedule for a similar meeting at the GEF Secretariat this August. The Team has also assisted the 44th GEF Council Meeting (June 2013). The CBD Secretariat is contributing by reviewing and providing comments on the content, the review matrix detailing the approach used to fulfil the Terms of Reference, among others, and facilitating cooperation with the GEF for information and data. The final draft will be circulated for comments during the fourth quarter of 2013 and the final report after feedbacks and comments are appropriately accounted for during the end of the year.

*Synergy among the Rio Conventions and integrated projects (Decision XI/5, parag. 20)*

61. In response to this decision, the Secretariat, participated in a workshop on synergy among the Rio Conventions in Honduras (19-21 February 2013) to highlight the interdependence of the Conventions the complementary and supplementary nature of their activities, and the importance of developing synergistic projects with multiple direct benefits and co-benefits that help meet the priorities of countries and the objectives and mandates of the Conventions.

**Decision XI/7: Business and Biodiversity**

62. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat has participated in the following workshops and conferences:

- (a) *India/B4E Summit* (New Delhi, April 2013): The Business for the Environment (B4E) Summit brought together businesses and other stakeholders to raise awareness of various sustainability issues. The CBD Secretariat, which has partnered with B4E, participated in a plenary discussion on Integrated Natural Capital Valuation into Business, which highlighted innovative financial mechanisms and safeguards and (ii) a roundtable on Natural Capital Accounting-Status & Scaling-up Action (hosted by the TEEB for Business Coalition). In addition, the SCBD and the Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests co-hosted a roundtable. The meeting brought together representatives from a number of different stakeholder groups with the ultimate goal of forming a

- joint national initiative to be integrated into the larger Global Partnership on Business and Biodiversity;
- (b) *Costa Rica/Mesoamerica* (San Jose, April 2013): This workshop provided a platform for stakeholders in Mesoamerica to share their experiences and raise awareness of biodiversity-related issues for the business sector. The Secretariat made a presentation on the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity and encouraged the creation and current development of the regional initiative in Mesoamerica. Given the relatively small size of most of the Mesoamerican countries, it was decided that a regional initiative with national “chapters” would be the optimal first step;
  - (c) *UN Private Sector Focal Points Meeting* (Geneva, April 2013): This meeting, facilitated by the UN Global Compact, provided the Secretariat with many valuable networking opportunities. There is a strong possibility of integrating the Global Compact networks into the Global Partnership on a national/regional basis. In line with Decisions XI/7/5 (a) and (d), additional meetings were held with WWF, UNEP, WBCSD, the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels, the Responsible Ecosystems Sourcing Platform and the Government of Switzerland; and
  - (d) *Earth Observation Conference* (Washington, D.C., May 2013): This workshop brought together approximately 40 participants from both the Earth Observation (EO) community as well as those dealing with ecosystem services to discuss data needs and how the various tools available through EO could assist in this endeavour. From the Secretariat’s point of view, this was an excellent networking and learning opportunity as well a chance to represent the CBD’s perspective in the discussions.

#### *Other Activities*

- (a) *Global Partnership Governance Document* (June 2013): The draft document on the “Governance Structure” of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity document was completed. The document outlines the overall structure of the Global Partnership (particularly as new members join and the criteria become more concrete) and how countries and regions can be represented in this grouping. The document will be discussed with members during the Global Partnership meeting in Montreal on 3 October 2013;
- (b) *SME Guide*: The Secretariat has undertaken a project aimed primarily at SMEs as well as those companies that have not begun to seriously consider the issue of biodiversity and sustainability in their business practices. The document “Biodiversity and Business: Making the Case for a Profitable Change” takes a straightforward and entry-level approach to this subject. It has been widely reviewed and should be ready for release at the Global Partnership meeting in late 2013; and
- (c) *Newsletters*: The SCBD issued one Business.2020 Magazine which was a review of 2012 for business and biodiversity. In addition the Secretariat has initiated a regular newsletter for the Global Partnership (4-6 editions per year).

#### **Decision X/15: Scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism**

63. In response to this decision, the major activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM), undertaken in the first half of 2013, can be summarized as follows:

- (a) The Regional African Workshop of the Belgian Partnership for the Clearing-House Mechanism (11-14 March 2013) was held in Marrakech, Morocco, thanks to the support from the Governments of Morocco and Belgium. The workshop was attended by 18 participants including CHM representatives of 8 African countries and one regional institution (COMIFAC). The workshop focused on the future Belgian partnership programme 2014-2019 with developing countries on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Further details are available at [http://www.biodiv.be/cooperation/chm\\_coop/chm-partnering/workshops/atelier-marrakech-2013/](http://www.biodiv.be/cooperation/chm_coop/chm-partnering/workshops/atelier-marrakech-2013/);

- (b) The Fourth Steering Committee meeting of the MEA-Information and Knowledge Management Initiative (Montreux, Switzerland, 4-6 June 2013) was attended by nearly 30 participants from various MEAs. The objectives of the meeting were to review the progress made by the MEA IKM initiative and to plan the work ahead, especially the activities of the 3-year ENRTP project approved by the European Commission and to be executed by UNEP/DELC. The meeting was also a good opportunity to share some recent experiences in the field of information and knowledge management. The CBD Secretariat also contributed to the MEA-IKM technical working groups;
- (c) The Regional Workshop for Latin America on the Clearing-House Mechanism (6-10 May 2013 in Villa de Leyva, Colombia, thanks to the support from the Governments of Colombia and Japan. This workshop was attended by representatives of 18 Spanish-speaking Latin American countries. The main goal of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity of these countries to develop effective and sustainable national clearing-house mechanisms. The workshop was held in parallel with the Regional Workshop for Latin America on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), which enabled the organization of joint sessions to strengthen the dual relationship between NBSAPs and the CHM. Further details are available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CHM-RW-2013-LA>;
- (d) Further to the establishment of a unified Knowledge Management and Information Technology (KM-IT) team, progress was made in the development of a new infrastructure for the three clearing-houses hosted by the CBD Secretariat with a high-priority on the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House (ABSCH);
- (e) Thanks to the use of computer-aided translation tools, steady progress was made in the translation of the CBD website with an average of 80,000 words in each of the following target languages: Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish;
- (f) A Documentation Officer joined the CBD Secretariat in June 2013 and strengthened the CBD Secretariat capacity to manage documentation and knowledge; and
- (g) Preparatory work was started for the forthcoming Regional Workshop for the Caribbean Countries on the Clearing-House Mechanism to be held on 16-20 September 2013 in Gros Islet, Saint Lucia, in parallel with the Regional Workshop for the Caribbean Countries on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report, thanks to the support of the Government of Saint Lucia and Japan.

#### **Decision XI/30: Incentive measures**

64. In the period under review, the Secretariat took the following steps to implement Decision XI/30 on incentive measures:

- (a) Sent notifications (2013/022 and 2013/049) inviting, further to paragraph 4 (d) of this Decision, the submission of information on obstacles encountered in implementing options identified for eliminating, phasing out or reforming incentives that are harmful for biodiversity;
- (b) Further implemented the work plan for organizing regional workshops on valuation and incentive measures by finalizing preparations for, as well as convening and servicing the Sub-regional Workshop on Valuation and Incentive Measures for Sub-Saharan West Africa, held on 14-17 May 2013 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. The workshop, hosted by the Government of Burkina Faso, was organized together with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), through its coordinating office on The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), as well as the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), with financial support provided by the Government of Japan;
- (c) Participated in the regional workshop of the World Trade Organization on trade and environment for Caribbean countries, which took place in Kingston, Jamaica, on 15-17 January 2013, with a view to enhance awareness of the importance of ecosystem services and biodiversity as well as knowledge of the CBD, its Protocols and the Strategic Plan among trade officials, and to encourage

- dialogue among trade and environment officials presented at the workshop. The secretariat presented critical linkages of the CBD with international trade and the international trade regime, providing (i) a general overview; (ii) an introduction into the concept of ecosystem services; (iii) reviewing main train linkages. Subsequent discussions focused in particular interest on invasive species and ABS, with a number of representatives sharing national cases and concerns associated with putting effective biosecurity policies and in place and in ensuring benefit sharing in exchange for access to genetic resources;
- (d) Participated in the fourth meeting of the OECD Working Party on Biodiversity, Water, and Ecosystems as well as in the Seminar on the Assessment of Ecosystem Services and its use for Public Policies (30 January-1 February 2013), with a view to present relevant outcomes and decisions of COP-11 and to harness opportunities for collaboration with, and input from the Working Party, and to contribute to the review of a number of items of the work programme as well as to support programming of upcoming work until 2014;
  - (e) Participated in the international conference “Global Implementation Programme for the SEEA”, which took place in New York on 17-19 June 2013. In the wake of the recent adoption of the revised System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) Central Framework as an international statistical standard, as well as the finalization of volume two of the revised SEEA on experimental ecosystem accounts, this international conference sought to facilitate the implementation and outreach of the SEEA and supporting statistics in countries while ensuring that national, regional and international actions are sustainable and efficient; and to develop strategies to improve the scope, quality and detail of environmental-economic accounts and supporting statistics at the country level. The Secretariat highlighted the policy interest/demand of the Convention coming from the Strategic Plan and its indicators framework and the potential contribution of ecosystem accounting.

#### *Other Activities*

65. Further to paragraphs 15, 16 and 18 of Decision XI/2, a Secretariat-wide task force was established for developing a coherent, consistent and coordinated approach to technical and scientific cooperation, including technology transfer. The task force developed a concept paper including a tentative work plan and funding proposal, which is now under further consultation with potential donors.

#### *Working Group on Financing for Sustainable Development – Background Paper 1: Financing needs for Sustainable Development*

66. The Secretariat provided constructive comments and feedback on the document and completed the section on financing needs for biodiversity conservation in order to meet the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 with its 20 Aichi Targets based on information from the two important studies accomplished for COP-11 namely the GEF-6 Funding Needs Assessment and the High-level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. Attempts were made to mainstream biodiversity and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 with its 20 Aichi Targets as a globally accepted overarching framework and important for accelerating the MDGs and building the SDGs.

<b>JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND</b>
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67. During the reporting period, the Secretariat organized a number of workshops through the Japan Biodiversity Fund, including:

- (a) Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop to Address Invasive Alien Species and to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 in the Arab region, held on 11-14 February 2013 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Water, the Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Office for West Asia (ROWA) and the Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), with the generous financial support of the Government of Japan. The workshop, held pursuant to decision X/38, considered how to develop or update national strategies and action plans to address invasive species as part of the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs). The discussion covered: (i) successful measures in addressing invasive alien species; (ii) obstacles/challenges to addressing invasive alien species; and (iii) lessons learned in prevention, control and management of the risks associated with alien (non-native) species. The outputs of the workshop were: (a) The elements to be considered as invasive alien species strategies at the regional level; (b) The elements to be included in the national invasive species strategies and action plans; and (c) a preliminary list of invasive alien species considered as regional priorities to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9. For additional information, please see: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSCBIAS-AR-01>.
- (b) Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for Middle East region and Djibouti, Libya, Mauritania, under the framework of the Medium-sized project (GEF-MSP) on Capacity-Building for the early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS, held on 9-10 April 2013 in Amman, Jordan, in collaboration with the Royal Botanic Garden of Jordan and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Held pursuant to decisions IX/8 and XI/1, the workshop raised awareness and built the capacity of participating countries on the Nagoya Protocol, as well as provided an opportunity to exchange on experiences and lessons learnt in preparing for its ratification and implementation. For additional information, please see: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CBWABS-ME-01>
- (c) Regional Workshop for Latin America on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), held on 6-10 May 2013 in Villa de Leyva, Colombia, and in collaboration with the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Research Institute and the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development. The workshop, held pursuant to decisions IX/9 and X/2, addressed various issues that countries in the region may have encountered or will encounter while updating their NBSAPs, with a focus on mainstreaming, indicators, and target-setting, as well as CHM since joint sessions were held with the participants of the parallel workshop on CHM, which was also organized by the Secretariat. For additional information, please see: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops2/latin-america-02/default.shtml>.

### **CBD NBSAP webpages**

68. Updates to the CBD NBSAP webpages have been recently implemented at <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/>, with a view to improving the presentation and content of information at these webpages and streamlining navigation by users. Additional changes will be incorporated by the end of July. These updates are also being implemented in light of the upcoming launch of the NBSAP Forum web portal, which will link to these webpages, as appropriate, as well as to other locations on the CBD website. The revamped NBSAP webpages will be ready to function with the new online reporting system currently being developed.

### **NBSAP Forum**

69. Since January 2013, the CBD Secretariat has been leading the NBSAP Forum, a new global partnership, launched at CBD COP 11. The Forum is a partnership between the CBD Secretariat, UNEP, UNDP, governments, NGOs and others, all working to support NBSAP revision and implementation. The

Forum web portal is being created to support countries in finding the information they need to develop and implement effective NBSAPs. The portal will also serve to build a community of practice among NBSAP coordinators and across a wide range of stakeholders. It will enable diverse actors to come together to share knowledge, experiences and resources on issues pertaining to biodiversity planning.

## CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

### III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL

#### **Decisions BS-II/2 and BS-VI/2: Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)**

70. The eighth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-IAC) was convened online with initial discussions that commenced on 18 March 2013. The meeting discussed issues pertinent to the further improvement of the BCH. The meeting finalized its conclusions through a real-time online teleconference on 17 April 2013. Participants discussed the following (i) Developments in the Biosafety Clearing-House and ongoing projects; (ii) Outcomes of the conclusions and recommendations of the sixth and seventh meetings of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House; (iii) Outcomes of the BCH-IAC Survey; (iv) Ongoing collaboration with the UNEP-GEF project for continued enhancement of building capacity for effective participation in the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH II); and (v) Requests to the Executive Secretary from the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP).

71. The following online forums have been on-going:

- Forum on Socio-Economic Considerations
- Regional Networks on Public awareness, Education and Participation (PAEP)
- BCH on BCH: the Forum of the BCH National Focal Points
- Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management
- Network of Laboratories for LMO Detection & Identification

72. Two surveys were launched through the BCH:

- Assessment and Review of the Effectiveness of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (Article 35): Survey to gather information corresponding to indicators in the Strategic Plan;
- Questionnaire for Reporting the Results of the Testing of the Guidance on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms, available online in the six official languages of the United Nations.

#### **BS-VI/13: Socio-economic considerations**

73. The Secretariat organized, in line with decision VI/13 of the sixth meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, online discussion groups and regional online real-time conferences to facilitate the exchange of views, information and experiences on socio-economic considerations among Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities in the context of Article 26.

74. The Secretariat convened the online discussion groups from 11 March 2013 to 16 April 2013. A total of 113 people were registered for the discussions and 49 of them have made at least one intervention. A total of 297 messages were posted. 52 percent of these messages were posted from people located in developed countries and 48 percent from developing countries. The Secretariat has prepared a summary of the discussions.

75. The Secretariat also convened four Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Socio-economic Considerations for: (i) Western Europe and Others Group and Central and Eastern Europe, 13 June 2013; (ii) Asia and the Pacific, 17 June 2013; (iii) Africa, 20 June 2013; and (iv) Group of Latin America and the Caribbean, 27 June 2013. A total of 40 Parties, 4 non-Parties and 6 other observers participated in the conferences.

#### **Decision BS-VI/1: Compliance Committee**

76. The Compliance Committee held its tenth meeting in Montreal from 29 to 30 May 2013. The Committee considered the outcomes of the sixth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol with regard to items relevant to compliance and the follow up activities undertaken by the Secretariat. It reviewed compliance on the basis of the second national reports, with a focus on the priority issues identified by the sixth meeting of the Parties. It also reviewed general issues of compliance as regards: (i) introducing legal, administrative and other measures necessary for the implementation of the Protocol; (ii) making information available to the Biosafety Clearing-House as required under the various provisions of the Protocol; and (iii) promoting public awareness, education and participation, including using the programme of work adopted by the fifth meeting of the Parties to the Protocol. The Committee agreed to various measures and timelines to follow up with Parties that are still required to comply with their obligations with respect to national reporting and putting in place legal and administrative measures necessary to implement their obligations under the Protocol. For further details, see the report of the meeting in document UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/10/5.

#### **Decisions BS-VI/3: Capacity-Building**

77. The Caribbean Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-building for the effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety took place from 4 to 8 March 2013, in Saint George's, Grenada. The workshop was attended by 25 participants. Participants discussed the Strategic Plan for the Protocol (2011-2020) and other recent developments under the Protocol, such as the Framework and Action Plan for Capacity-Building (decision BS-VI/3, annex I) and its potential role in facilitating national and regional level capacity-building efforts. They were also introduced to the following: the overview of the core requirements of the Nagoya — Kula Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on liability and Redress; measures required to implement the Supplementary Protocol at the national level; and the significance of ratifying or acceding to the Supplementary Protocol and procedures towards ratification and accession.

#### **Decisions BS-IV/17 and BS-V/13: Public Awareness, Education and Participation**

78. The Secretariat implemented various activities to promote public awareness of the Protocol and to facilitate the implementation of the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs (2011-2015). Some of the activities undertaken include:

- a) The Asia-Pacific training workshop on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs for took place, from 25 to 29 March 2013, in Hanoi, Viet Nam. More than 32 participants attended the workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to

- enhance the capacity of Parties and other Governments, to effectively implement the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs and to share experiences and lessons learned. The workshop trained participants, nominated by Parties, to be informed and equipped to undertake various tasks, including: development and communication of targeted messages, effective use of the media to promote awareness of biosafety, facilitation of public access to information, planning and conducting effective public consultations during decision-making processes regarding LMOs, promoting regional collaboration and networking on public awareness, education and participation concerning LMOs. The workshop also provided an opportunity for participants to develop draft outreach strategies or communication plans and draft national action plans or national frameworks;
- b) The launch of the Regional Networks on PAEP under the Portal Public Awareness, Education and Participation Concerning the Safe Transfer, Handling and Use of LMOs, including an African Network on PAEP. The African Network has two regional discussion groups (English and French) and two information boards (English and French). The Regional Networks on PAEP is available at [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art23/regnetworks.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art23/regnetworks.shtml);
  - c) An exhibition on 29 May 2013 at McGill University, in collaboration with the Redpath Museum, highlighting the UN Decade on Biodiversity. The event, which was attended by more than 3000 visitors, contributed to raising awareness on the Protocol as one of the tools in promoting the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;
  - d) The development and dissemination of two publications: (i) The Decision booklets for the sixth Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 6) in all 6 official languages of the United Nations available at [http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb\\_publications.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_publications.shtml); and (ii) The Youth Guide to Biodiversity (1st edition), including a biosafety and agriculture part. The guide is available at <https://bch.cbd.int/database/record.shtml?documentid=104830>; and
  - e) The preparation for the 10th anniversary of the entry into force of the Protocol, including a special issue of the Biosafety Protocol News entitled: “10 Years of Promoting Safety in the Use of Biotechnology”, a promotional video and a website.

### **Status of Ratification or Accession to the Protocol**

79. As of 12 July 2013, 166 countries had ratified or acceded to the Protocol. The list of Parties to the Protocol is available on the Secretariat's website at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.



## ANNEXES

### ANNEX I

#### Status of Implementation of the Agreed Administrative Arrangements

##### I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 34 regularized Professional staff members and 28 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 5 Professional posts and 4 General Services vacant post for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 8 professional posts and 17 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex II, respectively).

##### II Contributions and Funds

2. During the first six months of 2013, ten pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Canada pledged CAD157,301 towards implementing Canadian priorities for the Convention on Biological Diversity; Germany pledged EUR165,082.59 for the Life Web Initiative; Japan pledged US\$186,480 for the secondment of a Programme Officer; Korea pledged US\$80,000 towards the Asian Regional Workshop on the Fifth National Reports; Norway pledged: NOK700,000 towards CBD South-Eastern regional workshop on EBSA, NOK350,000 for the CBD Expert Meetings; Switzerland pledged CHF50,000 for the Global Biodiversity Outlook 4 and UK pledged: GBP18,500 for the High-level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for implementing the Strategic Plan Opens Consultations with Parties, GBP50,000 towards the Expert Capacity-building Meeting and GBP400,000 for a High Level Panel Phase 2 on the Strategic Plan 2011-2020.

3. For 2013 a total of US\$1,588,737 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$1,376,780 or 86.7% has been collected as at 30 June 2013. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.

4. The total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2013 is US\$11,734,996. Of this amount, US\$8,743,785 or 74.5% has been received as at 30 June 2013. A total of US\$417,864 has also been collected in 2013 as advance payments for 2014 and future years. Additionally, US\$1,477,620 has been collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2013. US\$482,106 has also been collected in 2013 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

5. As at 30 June 2013, US\$369,343 has been pledged for 2013 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

6. As at 30 June 2013, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2013 amounted to US\$153,472 or 41.6% of the total pledged for 2013. A total of US\$505,693 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2013 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

7. As at 30 June 2013, a total of sixty-six (66) countries have paid US\$1,574,288 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 62.2% of pledges for 2013. A total of US\$33,519 has also been collected in 2013 as advance payments for 2014 and future years. US\$150,041 has also been collected in 2013 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

8. As at 30 June 2013, one Party has pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**) in 2013. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

9. As at 30 June 2013, no pledges have been received for the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BI Trust Fund**) in 2013. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BI Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

10. As at 30 June 2013, two pledges have been received for the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (**VB Trust Fund**) in 2013. Out of the total amount of US\$109,358 pledged, US\$32,595 or 29.8% has been collected in 2013. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the VB Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IX.

### III Accounting and Reporting

#### Status of Expenditure

11. COP-11 approved a budget of US\$12,994,100 for the BY Trust Fund for 2013. As at 30 June 2013, a total of US\$6,065,962 was spent or committed. This represents 47% of the approved amount.

12. COP/MOP-6 approved a budget of US\$2,922,100 for the BG Trust Fund for 2013. As at 30 June 2013, a total of US\$1,288,045 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 44% of the approved amount.

#### Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

13. The following nineteen posts are funded by UNEP from the programme support funds (PSC): Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (P-5); Senior Fund Management Officer (P-5); Administrative Officer (P-3); Fund Programme Management Officer Biosafety (P-3); Finance and Budget Officer (P-3); Senior Finance Assistant (G-7); two (2) Finance Assistants (G-5); Finance Assistant (G-4); Personnel Assistant (G-6); Personnel Assistant (G-5); Conference Assistant (G-5) Administrative Assistant (G-6) Administrative Assistant (G-5); Administrative Assistant- conferences (G-5); two (2) Travel Assistants (G-6); Programme Assistant (G6) and Administrative Clerk (G-4).

**Appendix I**

**Staffing table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

**January to June 2013**

<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Staff member</b>
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. B. Ferreira de Souza Dias
1102	D1	Principal Officer (OES)	Mr. O. Jalbert
1103	D1	Principal Officer (SAM)	Mr. D. Cooper
BGL 1101	D1	Principal Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (TSI)	Mr. R. Sharma
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
	P5	Senior Fund Management Officer (Japan Fund)	Mr. T. Kapiga (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (TSI)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (OES)	Mr. L. Glowka
1109	P4	Economist (TSI)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (SAM)	Ms. C. Santamaria
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (TSI)	Mr. O. De Munck
1114	P4	Chief, Conference Services (RMCS)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (MPO)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (MPO)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	PO Knowledge Management Officer (TSI)	Ms. K. Koppel
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1119	P4	Information Officer (MPO)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (TSI)	Mr. F. Vogel
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (SAM)	Ms. J. Lee
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (TSI)	Mr. A. Rafalovitch
1123	P3	Fund Programme Management Officer (RMCS)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by UNEP)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Mr. V. Ogbuneke (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1126/BYL	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety/MPO)	Mr. E. Tamale
BGL 1103	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (TSI)	Mr. Q. Nguyen

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (TSI)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (SAM)	Mr. D. Coates
1132	P4	PO, Scientific/Tech. Assessments (SAM)	Mr. R. Hoft
1133	P5	SPO, Access & Benefit Sharing (MPO)	Ms. V. Normand
BGL 1134	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Mr. G. Ferraiolo
1134	P2	Assoc. Information Officer (RMCS)	Post vacant
1135	P5	Chief, Editor (OES)	Vacant (recruitment in progress)
1136	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (SAM)	Ms. J. Shimura
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (SAM)	Ms. S. Koketso
1142	P3	PO, Reports (TSI)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (MPO)	Mr. O. Hillel
BGL 1102	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena Yifru
BGL 1105	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Ms. M. Pessoa de Miranda
1145	P3	Personal Assistant to the ES (OES)	Ms. A. Rego
1146	D1	Principal Officer (MPO)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
BGL 1151	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (Biosafety)	Mr. P. Leblond
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (SAM)	Mr. V. Gidda
BGL 1104	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (BS)	Ms. U. Nilsson
1155	P3	PO, Access and Benefit Sharing (NP)	Ms. K. Garforth
1301	G7	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. R. Alum (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G6	Senior Staff Assistant to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1303	G5	Staff Assistant (MPO)	Ms. L. Boutin
1304	G6	Programme Assistant - (SAM)	Ms. A. Cung
1305	G6	Programme Assistant - (SAM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (TSI)	Ms. S. Meehan
BGL 1301	G5	Staff Assistant - (BS)	Vacant (Recruitment in progress)
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (TSI)	Ms. M. Chiasson
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (MPO)	Mr. D. Monier
1310	G6	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. M. Lefevbre (Post funded by UNEP)
1311	G7	Conference Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. N. Ibrahim

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1358	G6	Programme Assistant (SAM)	Ms. L. Janishevski
1312	G6	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Post funded by UNEP)
1313	G5	Staff Assistant - (SAM)	Ms. V. Allain
1314	G5	Staff Assistant - (TSI)	Ms. F. Blot
1315	G6	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (TSI)	Mr. V. Gopez
1317	G6	Programme Assistant (MPO)	Mr. J. Hedlund
1318	G6	Programme Assistant (TSI)	Mr. M. Banski
1319	G6	Programme Assistant, (NP)	Ms. J. Huppé
BGL 1302	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. P. Scarone
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (TSI)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G6	Programme Assistant (MPO)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G4	Information Assistant - (CS/TSI)	Post Vacant (recruitment in progress)
1333	G4	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Mr. N. Diallo (Post funded by UNEP)
1334	G4	Administrative Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik (Post funded by UNEP)
1335	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. L. Piscopo (Post funded by UNEP)
1336	G5	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. C. Conlon (Post funded by UNEP)
1322	G5	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by UNEP)
1321	G5	Human Resources Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. G. Alexandre (post Funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (OES)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
	G6	Programme Assistant – Japan Fund	Ms. C. Paguagua (post Funded by UNEP)
1338	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Post funded by UNEP)
1339	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. G. Sabatini (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	G6	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1351	G6	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo
1352	G6	Programme Assistant – (MPO)	Ms. F. D’Amico
1353	G6	Programme Assistant – (NP)	Post vacant ( recruitment in progress)
BGL 1309	G6	Computer Assistant – (BS)	Mr. S. Bilodeau
BGL 1353	G6	Programme Assistant – (BS)	Mr. A. Bowers
1354	G6	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (MPO)	Ms. C. Robichaud
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (OES)	Ms. V. Lefebvre

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1356	G7	Programme Assistant (TSI)	Mr. K. Noonan-Mooney
1357	G6	Meeting Services Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. L. Pedicelli
1359	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS/OES)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1304	G6	Programme Assistant Risk Assess. (BS)	Ms. D. Abdelhakim

#### Staff funded under the Japan Fund

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
BEL 1101	D1	Global Coordinator - OES	Mr. A. Yoshinaka
BEL 1103	P5	Senior Programme Officer - OES	Mr. D. Duthie
BEL 1104	P4	Programme Officer - OES	Vacant (recruitment in progress)
BEL 1105	P4	Programme Officer - OES	Ms. N. Saad
BEL 1321	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Ms. G. Talamas
BEL 1322	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Ms. N. Chalaeva
BEL1323	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Mr. M. Abi Chahine

#### Seconded/Project staff members/JPOs

Name	Nationality	Seconded from	Arrival date
Viviana Figueroa	Argentina	Government of Spain	06.05.09
Matthew Dias	Canada	Government of Germany	05.07.09
Didier Babin	France	Government of France	22.03.10
Byoung Hwa Lee	Republic of Korea	Government of Korea	16.10.10
Beatriz Gomez Castro	Spain	Government of Spain	04.02.10
Andre Mader	South Africa	ICLEI – South Africa	22.06.11
Kyoko Noda	Japan	Government of Japan	26.04.11
Olivier Rukundo	Rwanda	Government of Japan	25.04.11
Charles Besancon	USA	Government of Germany	28.07.12
Simone Schiele	Germany	Government of Germany	05.10.12
Pong Gyun Park	Republic of Korea	Government of Korea	07.01.13

### Temporary Appointments

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1320B	G6	Programme Assistant - SAM	Ms. V. Lo
1320D	G6	Programme Assistant - RMCS	Ms. R. Charabati
1320C	G6	Information Assistant – TSI	Ms. S. Amaya
1320L	G3	Driver/Messenger – OES	Mr. S. Dacacche
1320A	G6	Programme Assistant - RMCS	Ms. M. Burgess
1320G	G6	Programme Assistant – MPO	Ms. R. Soto Martinez
1320B	G6	Programme Assistant – SAM	Ms. C. Romanelli
1320F	G6	Programme Assistant - TSI	Ms. N. McQuaid

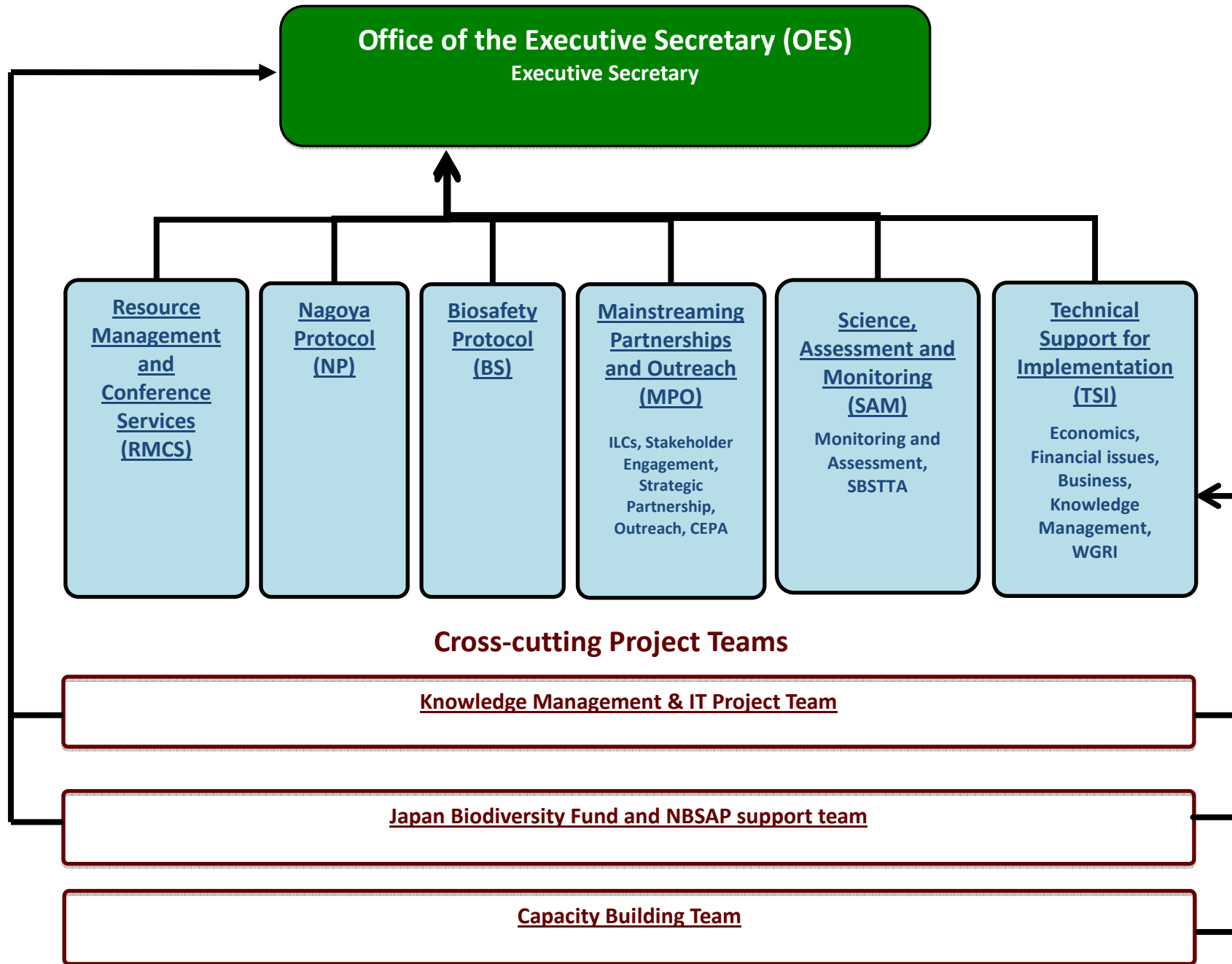
### Interns working at SCBD during the period of January to June 2013

Name	Nationality	University	Working on	Entry Date	Departure Date
Chantal Falardeau	Canadian	Université de Montréal	Biodiversity Country Profiles	03.07.12	03.01.13
Isabelle Lavail-Ravetlat	French	Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales et Communautaires	Cities and Biodiversity Initiative	16.07.12	15.01.13
Masumi Ueda	Japanese	Nagoya City University	Marine and Coastal Biodiversity	01.11.12	28.02.13
Natalia Nehm	Danish	Ecole Supérieure de Commerce et Management (ESCEM)	Biodiversity for Development	04.09.12	01.03.13
Adele Phillips	USA	United Nations University	Environmental Governance and Biodiversity	03.12.12	30.04.13
Deborah Scott	USA	Rutgers University	Synthetic Biology	07.01.13	29.03.13
Kerry Landry	Canadian	Concordia University	Global Biodiversity Outlook	10.01.13	12.04.13
Brianne Melissa Miller	Canadian	St. Andrews University	Global Biodiversity Outlook	10.01.13	12.04.13
Katherine Blackwood	USA	McGill University	Global Biodiversity Outlook	10.01.13	30.04.13
Ardeshir Vafadari	Iranian	Concordia University	Global Biodiversity Outlook	10.01.13	25.05.13

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Working on</b>	<b>Entry Date</b>	<b>Departure Date</b>
Catherine Bloom	Canadian	Concordia University	Global Biodiversity Outlook	10.01.13	28.06.13
Ian Martin	Canadian	Concordia University	Global Biodiversity Outlook	10.01.13	25.05.13
Edwin Correa Arce	Columbian	Concordia University	Global Biodiversity Outlook	10.01.13	19.05.13
Jiyong Huh	Korean	Korea University	Biodiversity and Tourism	14.01.13	15.07.13
Jeehang Seo	Korean	Yonsei University	Public Awareness	14.01.13	30.04.13
Kevin Michael Thompson	Canadian	York University	Incentive Measures & Evaluation of Biodiversity	28.01.13	15.03.13
Jennifer Bansard	German/French	Sciences Po Aix	Marine Biodiversity	11.02.13	10.08.13
Djan Alexandre Lefebvre	Canadian	Concordia Univ.	Business and Biodiversity	14.03.13	14.06.13
Valerie Tremblay -Gravel	Canadian	Concordia University	Biodiversity Country Profiles	15.04.13	16.08.13
Julie Hanhui Yang	French/ Taiwanese	McGill University	Biodiversity Country Profiles	29.04.13	31.07.13
Manon Picard	Canadian	The University of British Columbia	Biodiversity Country Profiles	30.04.13	30.07.13
Praem Mehta	Kenyan	McGill University	Global Biodiversity Outlook	30.04.13	31.07.13
Gilles Couturier	French	Concordia University	Global Biodiversity Outlook	07.05.13	07.08.13
Jose Isla	Canadian	Université de Montréal	Mobilization Resource	08.05.13	08.08.13
Atena Sadegh	Canadian	Ottawa University	Global Biodiversity Outlook	21.05.13	30.08.13
Paige Yang	Chinese	Concordia University	Global Biodiversity Outlook	27.05.13	27.08.13
Djeneba Sako	Mali	McGill University	Global Biodiversity Outlook	03.06.13	02.09.13
Jin Ah Kim	Korean	McGill University	Marine and Coastal Biodiversity	05.06.13	30.08.13
Meriem Ould Ramoul	Algerian	Ecole de Technologie Supérieure (ETS)	Biosafety Protocol	19.06.13	19.09.13



ANNEX II  
Organizational Chart of the CBD Secretariat  
**OVERALL STRUCTURE**



**Legend:**

Core /OTL budget posts

Project funded posts

Dual reporting with KM/IT (\*)



Dual reporting with TSI (\*\*)



Dual reporting with MPO (\*\*\*)



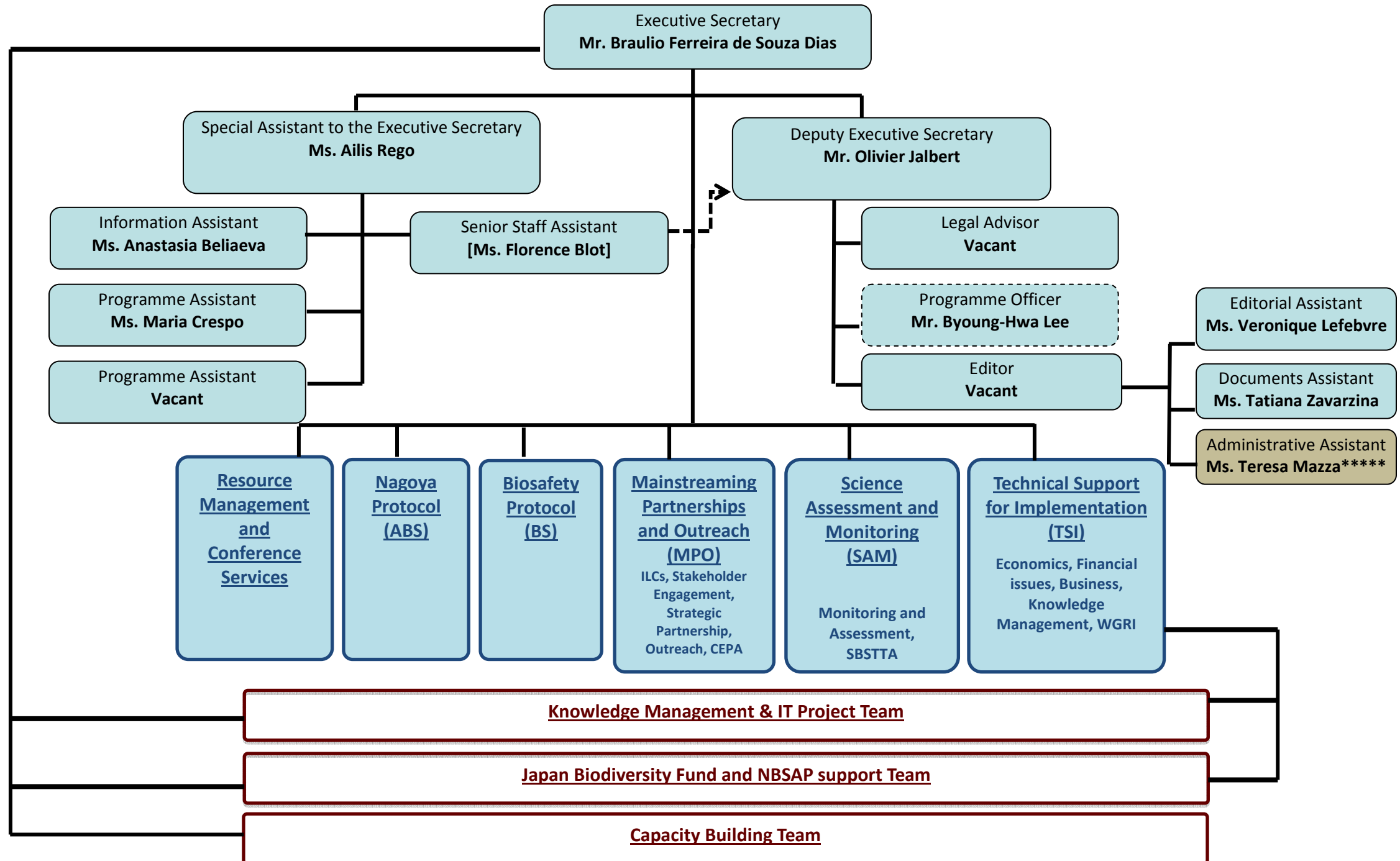
Dual reporting with OES/Editorial Team (\*\*\*\*)



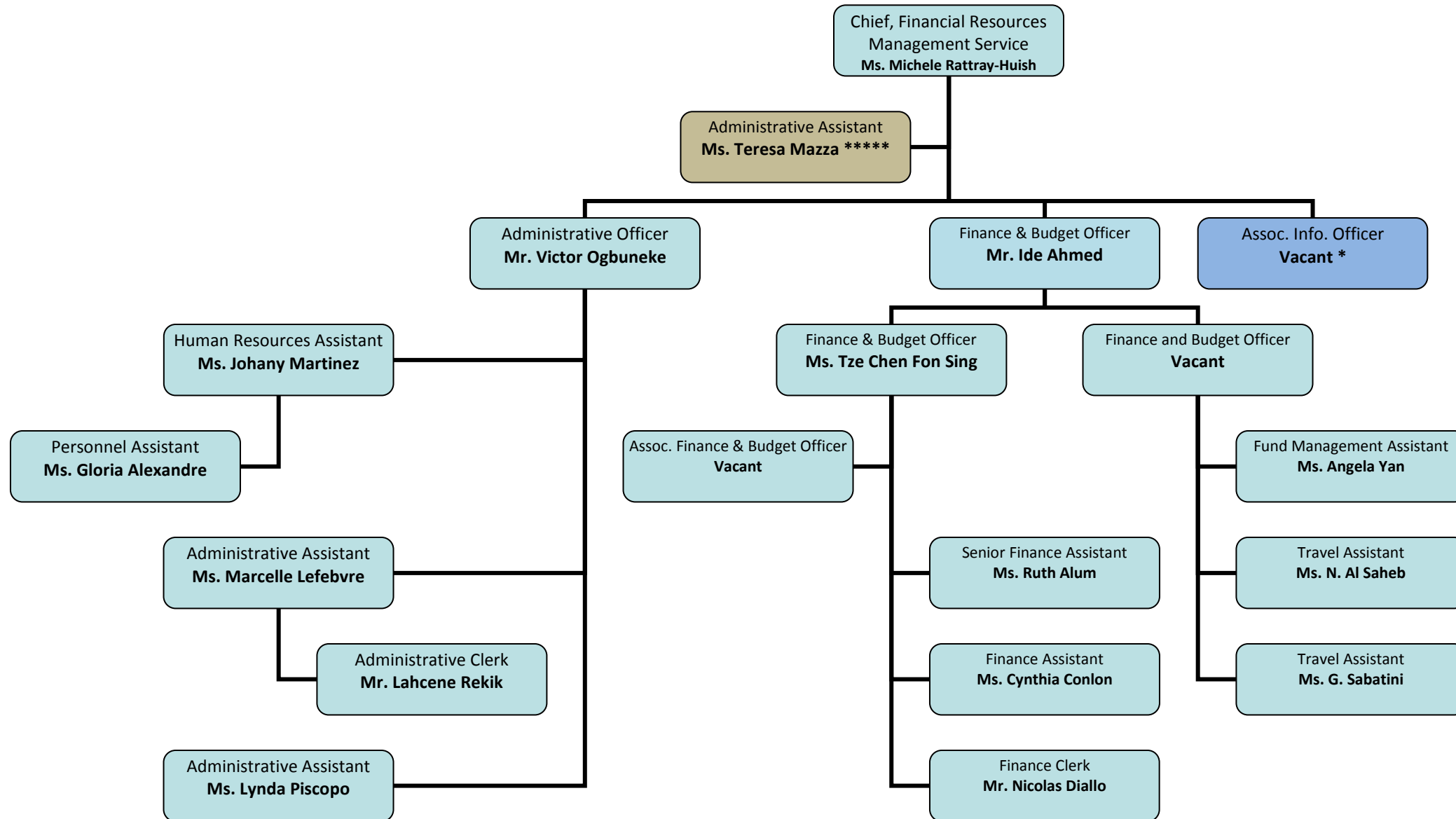
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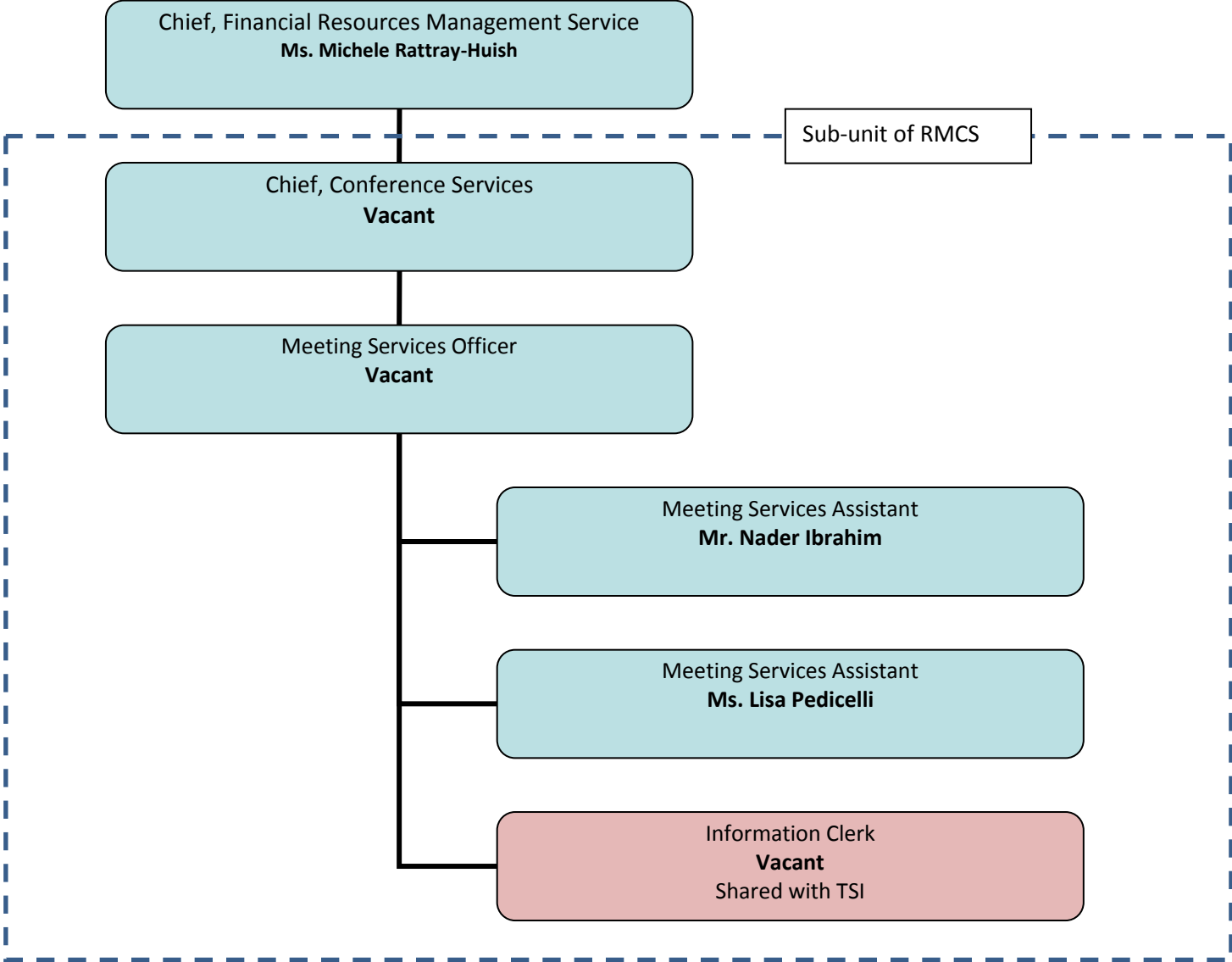
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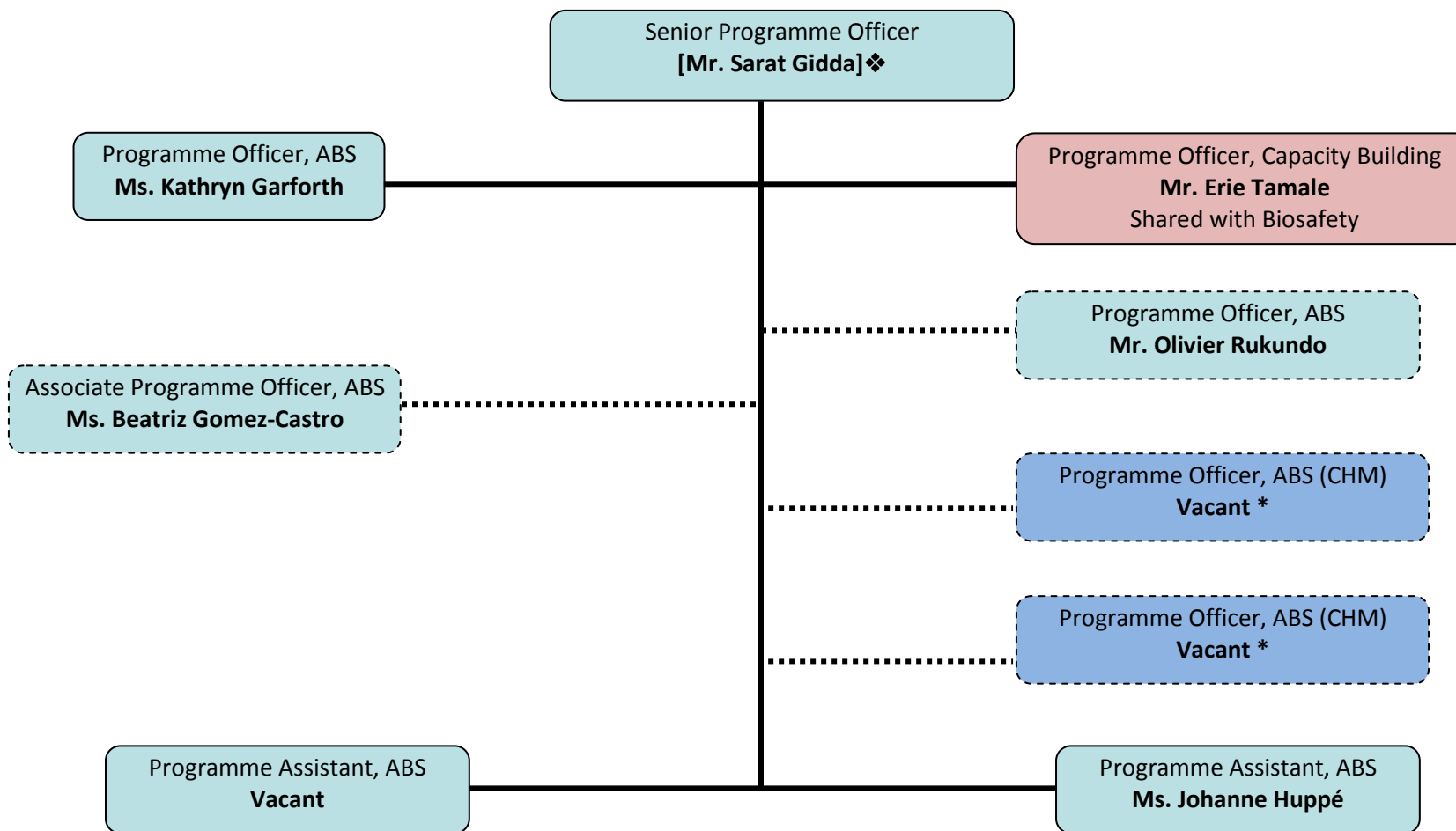
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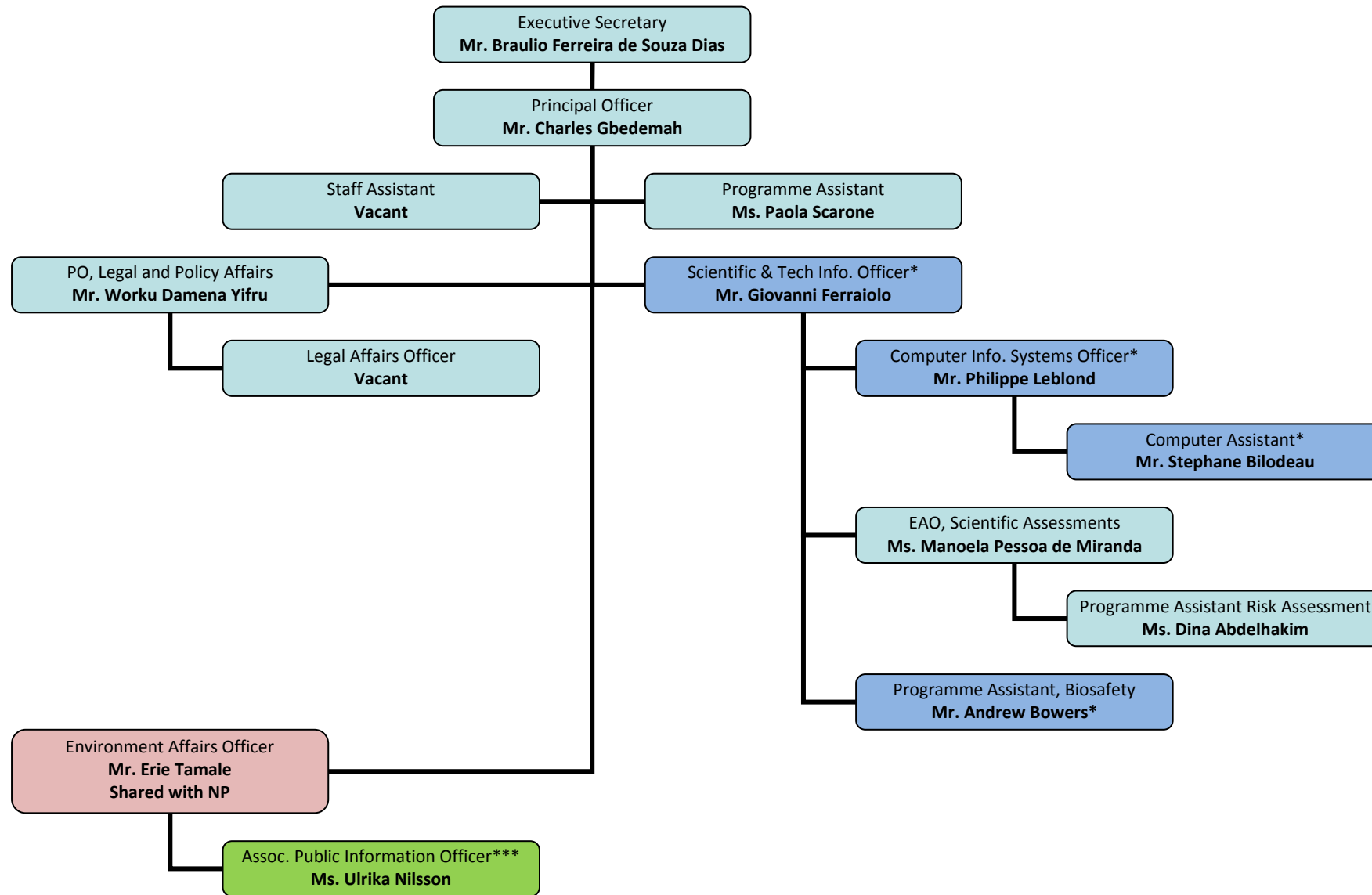


## NAGOYA PROTOCOL (NP)

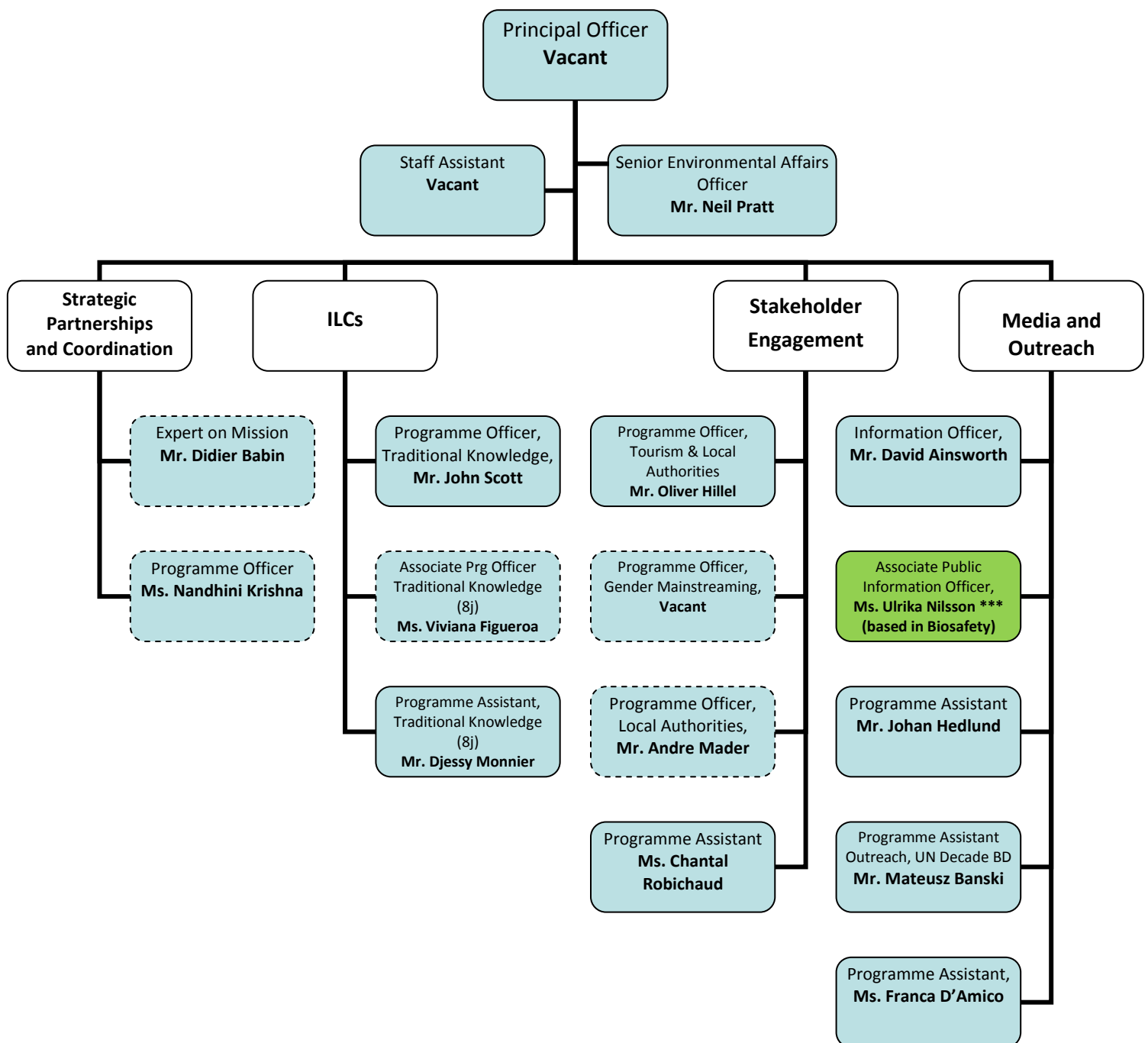


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**BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL (BS)**



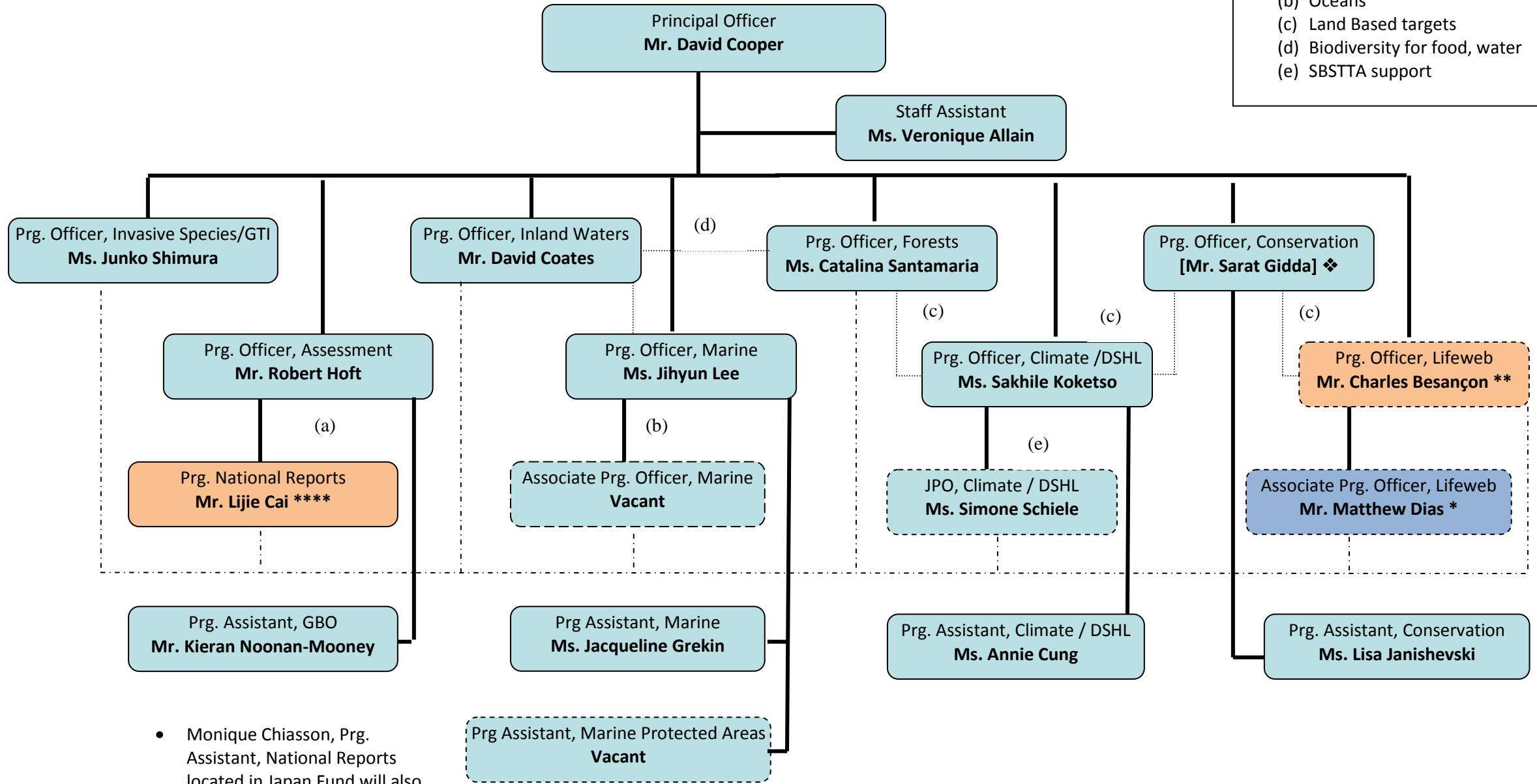
## MAINSTREAMING, PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH (MPO)





**SCIENCE, ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING (SAM)**

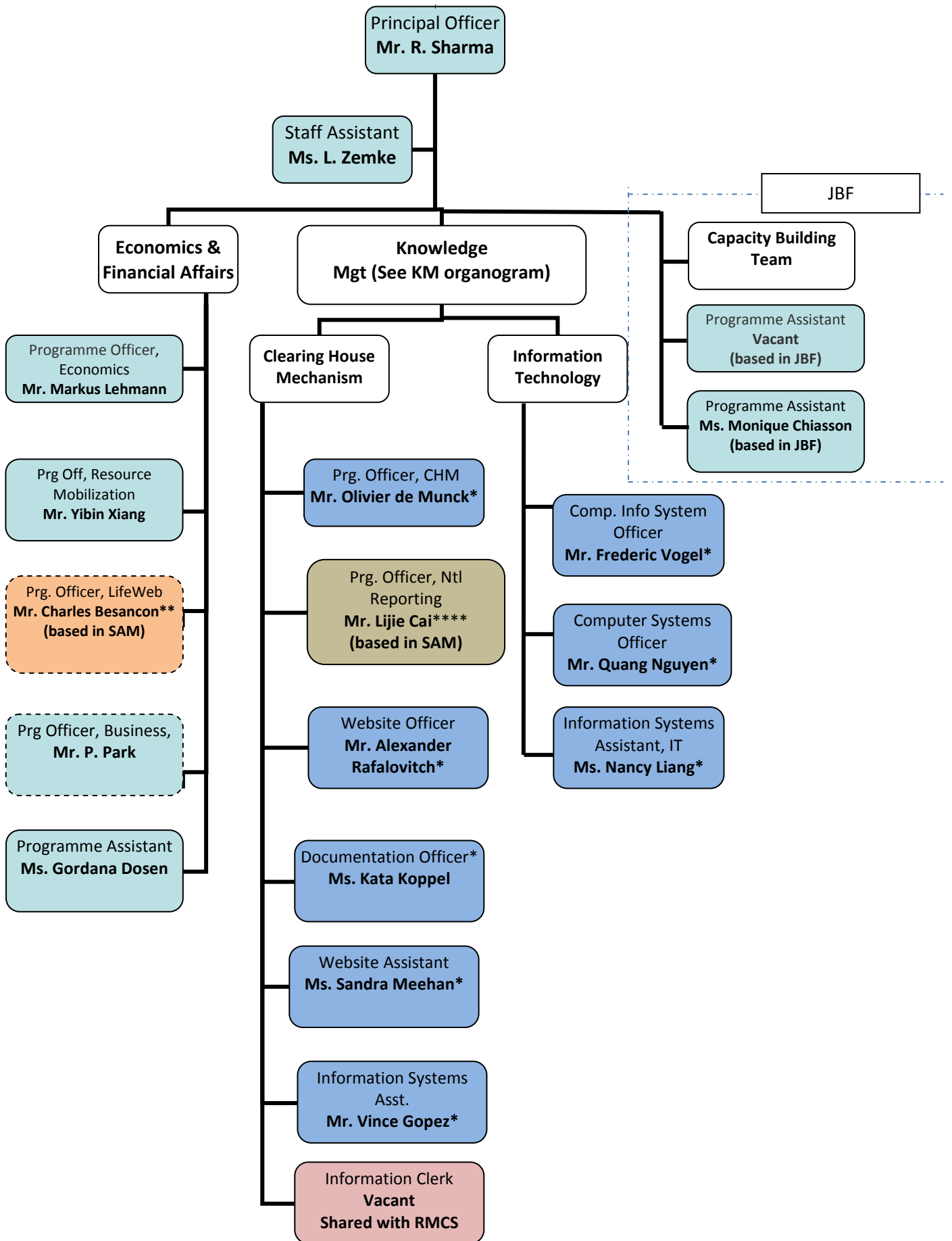
Coordination  
 (a) Assessment and monitoring  
 (b) Oceans  
 (c) Land Based targets  
 (d) Biodiversity for food, water  
 (e) SBSTTA support



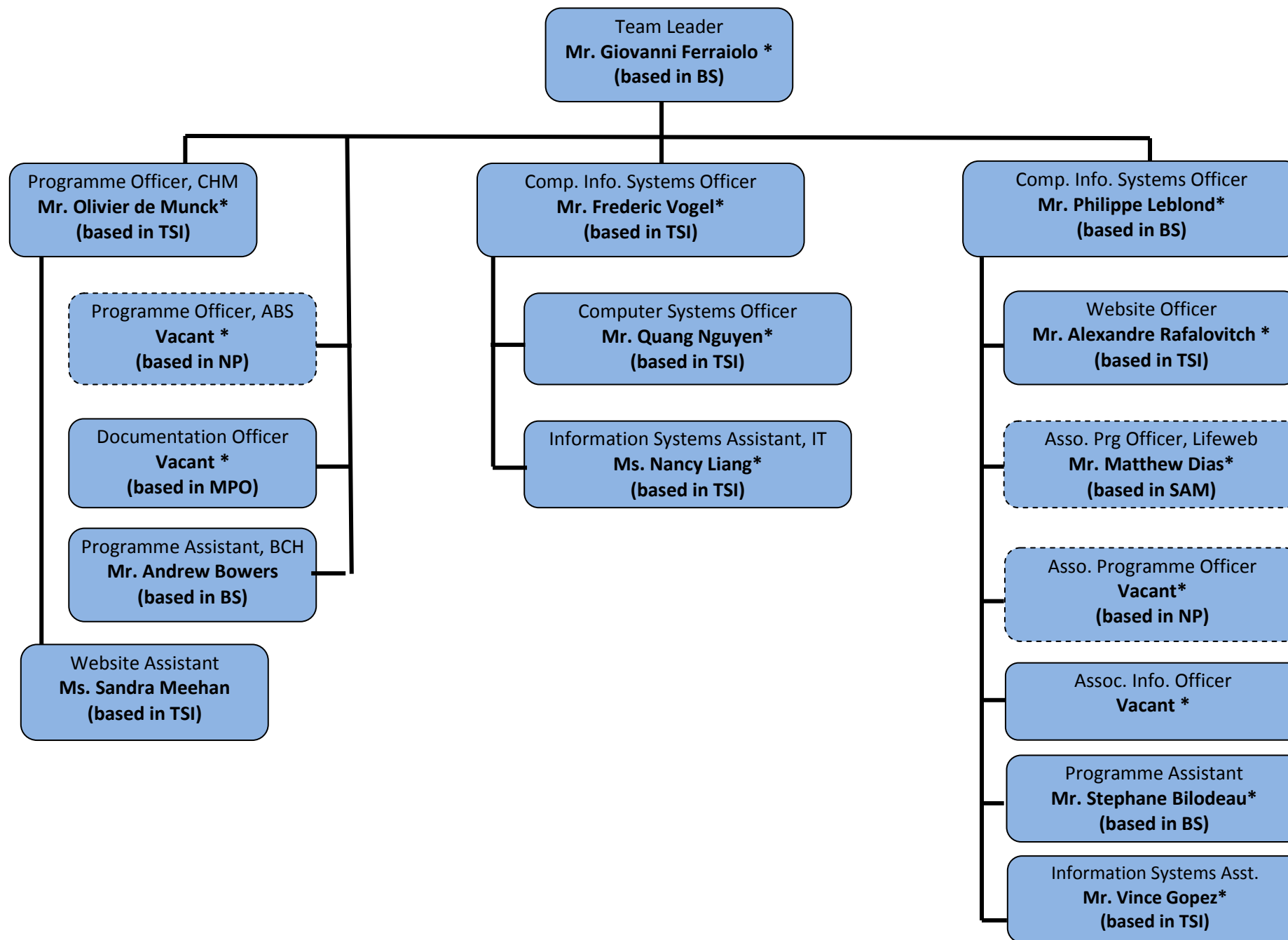
- Monique Chiasson, Prg. Assistant, National Reports located in Japan Fund will also provide support to this unit

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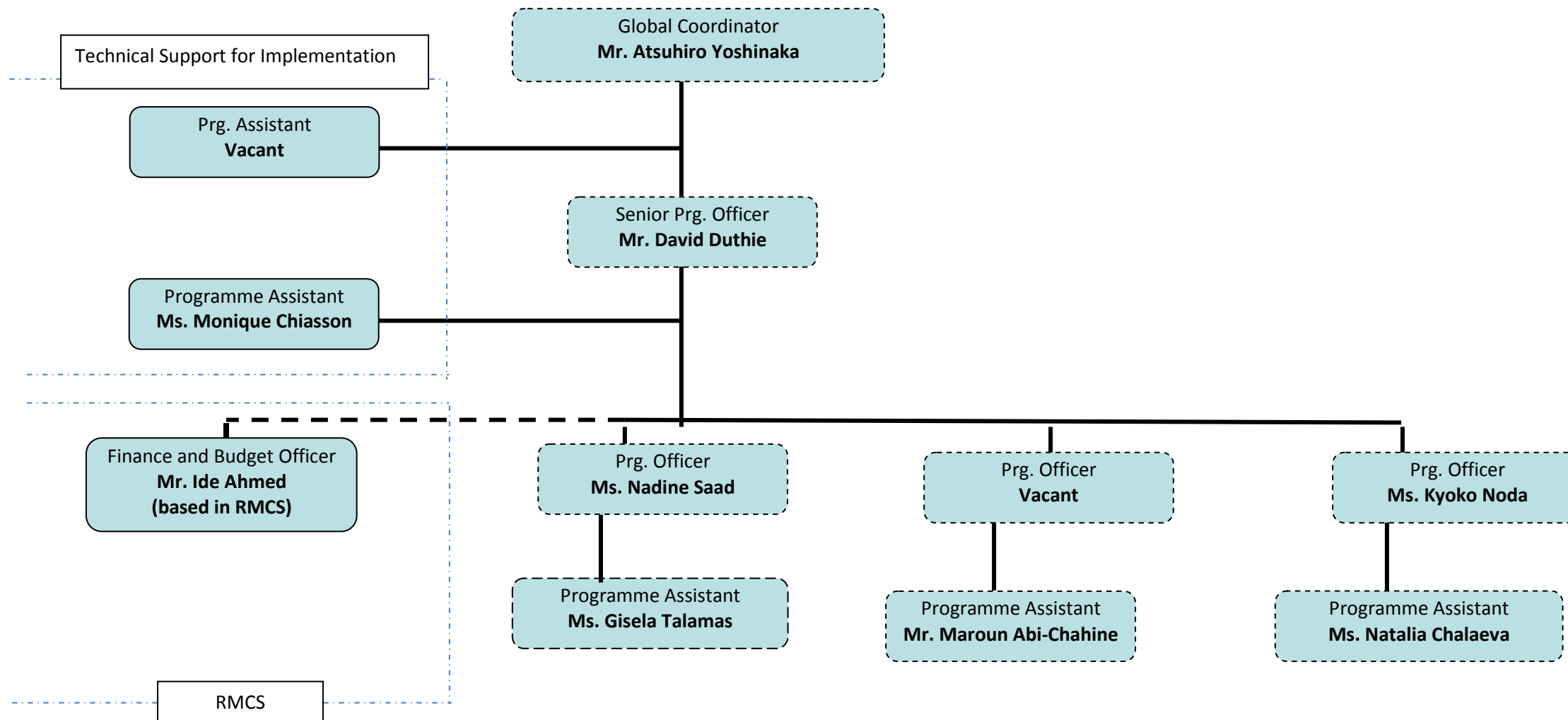
**TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION (TSI)**



**KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT / INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**



**JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND AND NBSAP TEAM**



## ANNEX III

**General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity (BE)**

Status of Contribution as at 30 June 2013 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.12	Adjustments	Pledges for 2013		Collections in 2013 for prior years	Collections in 2013 for 2013 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2013 & prior years
Canada	1,300			1/			1,300
Canada	121,406			2/	121,406		0
Canada			152,129	30/			152,129
COMIFAC	15,872			3/			15,872
European Commission	59,065			4/			59,065
European Commission	74,759			5/			74,759
European Commission	103,493			6/			103,493
European Commission	71,666			7/			71,666
European Commission	348,338			8/			348,338
European Commission	544,959			9/			544,959
European Commission	15,228			10/			15,228
France	27,473			11/			27,473
France	86,305			12/			86,305
Germany	42,000			15/			42,000
Germany			223,993	13/		223,993	0
India	105,807			16/			105,807
Japan			186,480	25/		186,480	0
Korea			80,000	24/		80,000	0
Norway			120,382	27/		120,382	0
Norway			59,829	29/			59,829

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.12	Adjustments	Pledges for 2013		Collections in 2013 for prior years	Collections in 2013 for 2013 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2013 & prior years
Switzerland	26,455			17/			26,455
Switzerland	4,343			18/			4,343
Switzerland			53,884	28/		53,884	0
The Global Mechanism	5,000			14/			5,000
UK	41,118			19/			41,118
UK	6,494			20/			6,494
UK	15,939			21/	15,939		0
UK			27,729	22/		27,729	0
UK			75,152	23/		75,152	0
UK			609,160	26/		609,160	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,717,020</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,588,737</b>		<b>137,345</b>	<b>1,376,780</b>	<b>1,791,633</b>

1/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 47,000 towards the Marine Expert Meeting on Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas

2/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 125,000 towards the Review of the Financial Mechanism

3/COMIFAC pledged EUR 25,000 towards the Poverty Alleviation Project

4/EC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Expert Workshop on Protected Areas, Curitiba, Brazil, 17-18 March 2006

5/EC pledged EUR 220,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

6/EC pledged EUR 400,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2008/514760/SUB/E2

7/EC pledged EUR 130,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2009/540979/SUB/E2

8/EC pledged EUR 639,200 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2010/581495/SUB/E2

9/EC pledged EUR 1,000,000 towards the Programme of Work on Protected Areas - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2010/581594/SUB/B2

10/EC pledged EUR 58,935.60 towards the Ecosystem based approaches to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

11/France pledged EUR 20,000 for the Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas

12/France pledged EUR 95,000 towards the Sustainable Ocean Initiative

13/Germany pledged EUR 165,082.59 towards Life Web Initiative

14/The Global Mechanism pledged US\$ 5,000 for the Eco Pavilion

- 15/Germany pledged US\$ 42,000 for the Pilot Phase of ABS Clearing House, for 2012
- 16/India pledged US\$ 286,443 towards the 2nd Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee on the Nagoya Protocol on ABS
- 17/Switzerland pledged CHF 25,000 for the Pilot Phase of ABS Clearing House, for 2012
- 18/Switzerland pledged CHF 4,000 for activities to the launch of the UN Decade
- 19/UK pledged GBP 25,000 for a study on Existing Regulatory Frameworks and Mechanisms for Geo-Engineering Activities
- 20/UK pledged GBP 4,000 for the production of a Report on Climate-related Geo-Engineering
- 21/UK pledged GBP 10,000 towards the EBSAs in South or South East Atlantic
- 22/UK pledged GBP 18,500 towards the High-level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for implementing  
the Strategic Plan Opens Consultations with Parties
- 23/UK pledged GBP 50,000 towards the Expert Capacity-building Meeting to support the Nagoya Protocol on ABS
- 24/Korea pledged US\$ 80,000 towards the Asian Regional Workshop on the Fifth National Reports
- 25/Japan pledged US\$ 186,480 for the secondment of a Programme Officer
- 26/UK pledged GBP 400,000 for a high Level Panel Phase 2 on the Strategic Plan 2011-2020
- 27/Norway pledged NOK 700,000 towards CBD South-Eastern regional workshop on EBSA
- 28/Switzerland pledged CHF 50,000 towards the Global Biodiversity Outlook 4
- 29/Norway pledged NOK 350,000 towards the CBD Expert Meetings
- 30/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 157,301 towards Implementing Canadian priorities for the Convention on Biological Diversity, for period 2013-2014

## ANNEX IV

**General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Process of the Convention on Biological Diversity (BZ)**

Status as at 30 June 2013 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.12	Adjustments		Pledges for 2013	Collections in 2013 for prior years	Collections in 2013 for 2013 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2013 & prior years
Canada			9/	17,117			17,117
Denmark	27,076		1/				27,076
European Commission	135,062		2/				135,062
European Commission	127,684		3/				127,684
Germany			4/	130,378		65,189	65,189
Germany			5/	130,378		65,189	65,189
New Zealand			6/	23,094		23,094	0
Norway			7/	25,641			25,641
Norway			8/	42,735			42,735
<b>Total</b>	<b>289,822</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>369,343</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>153,472</b>	<b>505,693</b>

1/Denmark pledged DKK 150,000 towards the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on

Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007

2/EC pledged EUR 245,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2009/540979/SUB/E2

3/EC pledged EUR 234,300 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2010/581495/SUB/E2

4/Germany pledged EUR 100,000 towards the participation of Delegates to ICNP-3 Meeting

5/Germany pledged EUR 100,000 towards the participation of Delegates to SBSTTA-17 Meeting

6/New Zealand pledged NZD 30,000: NZD 15,000 towards the participation of Pacific Countries Delegates to the Art. 8(j)-8 and NZD 15,000 to the SBSTTA-17 Meeting

7/Norway pledged NOK 150,000 for the participation of Parties to Art.8(j)-8 Meeting

8/Norway pledged NOK 250,000 for the participation of Parties to SBSTTA-17 Meeting

9/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 17,699 towards the participation of LDCs in the Convention processes and Canadian priorities, for period 2013-2014



## ANNEX V

## General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (BY)

as at 30 June 2013

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/12	Pledges for 2013	Collections in 2012 for 2013 & future Yrs	Collections in 2013 for Prior Years	Collections During 2013 for 2013 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2013	Unpaid Pledges for 2013 & Prior Years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	10	587	0			10	587	597
Albania	0	1,467	0		1,467	0	0	0
Algeria	0	18,779	0			0	18,779	18,779
Angola	1,143	1,173	0			1,143	1,173	2,316
Antigua & Barbuda	0	293	0			0	293	293
Argentina	82,155	42,106	0	82,155		0	42,106	42,106
Armenia	0	734	0			0	734	734
Australia	0	283,594	0		283,594	0	0	0
Austria	0	124,852	0		124,852	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	2,201	0		2,201	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	2,641	0		2,641	0	0	0
Bahrain	5,875	5,722	0	5,875	5,722	0	0	0
Bangladesh	1,380	1,173	0	1,380		0	1,173	1,173
Barbados	0	1,174	0			0	1,174	1,174
Belarus	25,243	6,162	0			25,243	6,162	31,405
Belgium	0	157,715	0			0	157,715	157,715
Belize	0	147	57			0	90	90
Benin	859	440	0			859	440	1,299
Bhutan	0	147	0		301	0	(154)	(154)
Bolivia	968	1,027	0			968	1,027	1,995
Bosnia & Herzegovina	2,109	2,054	0	2,109	2,054	0	0	0
Botswana	0	2,641	0			0	2,641	2,641

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Brazil	148,956	236,353	0	148,814		142	236,353	236,495
Brunei Darussalam	0	4,108	0		8,415	0	(4,307)	(4,307)
Bulgaria	0	5,575	0		5,575	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	410	440	0			410	440	850
Burundi	802	147	0	515		287	147	434
Cambodia	800	440	0			800	440	1,240
Cameroon	0	1,614	752			0	862	862
Canada	0	470,505	470,505			0	0	0
Cape Verde	4,413	147	0			4,413	147	4,560
Central African Rep.	778	147	0			778	147	925
Chad	572	293	0			572	293	865
Chile	0	34,624	0		34,624	0	0	0
China	0	467,864	7,905		594,086	0	(134,127)	(134,127)
Colombia	0	21,127	0		21,127	0	0	0
Comoros	3,671	147	0			3,671	147	3,818
Congo	1,362	440	0			1,362	440	1,802
Congo Dem.Rep	7,808	440	0			7,808	440	8,248
Cook Islands	0	147	0		147	0	0	0
Costa Rica	1,957	4,988	0	1,957	685	(0)	4,303	4,303
Cote d'Ivoire	7,441	1,467	0			7,441	1,467	8,908
Croatia	0	14,231	0		14,231	0	0	0
Cuba	68,845	10,417	0			68,845	10,417	79,262
Cyprus	0	6,749	0			0	6,749	6,749
Czech Republic	0	51,202	0		51,202	0	0	0
Denmark	26	107,980	0	26	107,980	0	0	0
Djibouti	287	147	0			287	147	434
Dominica	1,006	147	0	1,006	301	0	(154)	(154)
Dominica Rep.	15,425	6,162	0			15,425	6,162	21,587

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Ecuador	0	5,868	0		5,868	0	0	0
EEC	0	293,375	0		293,375	0	0	0
Egypt	0	13,791	0		13,791	0	0	0
El Salvador	5,439	2,788	0			5,439	2,788	8,227
Equatorial Guinea	3,451	1,174	0			3,451	1,174	4,625
Eritrea	0	147	0		301	0	(154)	(154)
Estonia	30	5,868	0	30	5,868	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	1,174	0		1,174	0	0	0
Fiji	0	587	1,548			0	(961)	(961)
Finland	0	83,039	0		83,039	0	0	0
France	0	898,317	0			0	898,317	898,317
Gabon	0	2,054	15,220			0	(13,166)	(13,166)
Gambia	0	147	0			0	147	147
Georgia	0	880	394		486	0	0	0
Germany	0	1,176,336	0		1,176,336	0	0	0
Ghana	1,718	880	0			1,718	880	2,598
Greece	197,804	101,378	0	93,710		104,094	101,378	205,472
Grenada	557	147	0			557	147	704
Guatemala	19,963	4,108	0			19,963	4,108	24,071
Guinea	2,393	293	0	2,393	601	0	(308)	(308)
Guinea-Bissau	3,192	147	0			3,192	147	3,339
Guyana	0	147	0			0	147	147
Haiti	0	440	0		901	0	(461)	(461)
Honduras	1,205	1,174	0			1,205	1,174	2,379
Hungary	43,837	42,693	0	43,837	42,674	0	19	19
Iceland	0	6,162	0		12,622	0	(6,460)	(6,460)
India	80,443	78,344	0			80,443	78,344	158,787
Indonesia	0	34,917	0		34,917	0	0	0

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Iran	115,777	34,184	0			115,777	34,184	149,961
Iraq	0	2,934	0		2,934	0	0	0
Ireland	0	73,063	73,035		76,595	0	(76,567)	(76,567)
Israel	0	56,337	0			0	56,337	56,337
Italy	0	733,413	0		733,413	0	0	0
Jamaica	25	2,054	0			25	2,054	2,079
Japan	0	1,838,300	0		1,838,300	0	0	0
Jordan	0	2,054	0			0	2,054	2,054
Kazakhstan	31	11,150	0	31	11,150	0	0	0
Kenya	0	1,761	0			0	1,761	1,761
Kiribati	0	147	3			0	144	144
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	6,109	1,027	0			6,109	1,027	7,136
Korea, Rep. of	0	331,569	0			0	331,569	331,569
Kuwait	39,619	38,585	0	39,619	38,585	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	72	147	0			72	147	219
Lao PDR	0	147	0		147	0	0	0
Latvia	0	5,575	0		5,575	0	0	0
Lebanon	20,609	4,841	0			20,609	4,841	25,450
Lesotho	25	147	0	25	301	0	(154)	(154)
Liberia	557	147	0			557	147	704
Libya	65,339	18,926	0			65,339	18,926	84,265
Liechtenstein	0	1,320	0		1,320	0	0	0
Lithuania	0	9,536	0		9,536	0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	13,204	0		30,817	0	(17,613)	(17,613)
Macedonia, FYR of	2,708	1,027	0			2,708	1,027	3,735
Madagascar	0	440	141			0	299	299
Malawi	557	147	0			557	147	704

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Malaysia	0	37,118	37,118			0	0	0
Maldives	287	147	0	287		0	147	147
Mali	1,111	440	0			1,111	440	1,551
Malta	2,561	2,494	0			2,561	2,494	5,055
Marshall Islands	670	147	0			670	147	817
Mauritania	2,502	147	0			2,502	147	2,649
Mauritius	0	1,614	0		1,614	0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	345,653	0		345,653	13,674	0	13,674
Micronesia, Fed. States	772	147	0			772	147	919
Moldova, Rep. of	0	293	0		601	0	(308)	(308)
Monaco	0	440	0		440	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	293	0		293	0	0	0
Montenegro	0	587	0			0	587	587
Morocco	246	8,509	0			246	8,509	8,755
Mozambique	0	440	0		1,802	0	(1,362)	(1,362)
Myanmar	98	880	0	72		26	880	906
Namibia	0	1,174	0			0	1,174	1,174
Nauru	312	147	0			312	147	459
Nepal	0	880	5			0	875	875
Netherlands	10	272,151	0	10	272,151	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	40,052	0		40,052	0	0	0
Nicaragua	1,615	440	0			1,615	440	2,055
Niger	3,812	293	0			3,812	293	4,105
Nigeria	35,298	11,444	0			35,298	11,444	46,742
Niue	0	147	0		301	0	(154)	(154)
Norway	0	127,786	0		127,786	0	0	0
Oman	0	12,617	0		12,617	0	0	0
Pakistan	18,159	12,030	0	4,458		13,701	12,030	25,731

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Palau	565	147	0			565	147	712
Panama	0	3,228	1,839			0	1,389	1,389
Papua New Guinea	18	293	0			18	293	311
Paraguay	7,917	1,027	0	2,485		5,432	1,027	6,459
Peru	25,763	13,204	0	25,763	13,204	0	0	0
Philippines	0	13,204	0		13,204	0	0	0
Poland	0	121,477	0		121,477	0	0	0
Portugal	0	74,970	0			0	74,970	74,970
Qatar	0	19,806	0		19,806	0	0	0
Romania	0	25,968	0			0	25,968	25,968
Russian Federation	0	235,032	0		235,032	0	0	0
Rwanda	287	147	0	287	276	0	(129)	(129)
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,842	147	0			2,842	147	2,989
Samoa	0	147	168		133	0	(154)	(154)
San Marino	0	440	0		440	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	1,344	147	0			1,344	147	1,491
Saudi Arabia	50	121,771	0		121,721	50	50	100
Senegal	376	880	0			376	880	1,256
Serbia	0	5,428	0		5,428	0	0	0
Seychelles	0	293	0		293	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	1,069	147	0	1,069	301	0	(154)	(154)
Singapore	0	49,148	0		100,673	0	(51,525)	(51,525)
Slovak	0	20,833	0		41,666	0	(20,833)	(20,833)
Slovenia	0	15,111	0		15,111	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	0	147	0			0	147	147
Somalia	436	147	0			436	147	583
South Africa	0	56,484	0		115,699	0	(59,215)	(59,215)

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Spain	0	466,104	0			0	466,104	466,104
Sri Lanka	2,862	2,788	0			2,862	2,788	5,650
St. Lucia	19	147	0			19	147	166
St. Kitts & Nevis	557	147	0			557	147	704
Sudan	12,907	1,173	0			12,907	1,173	14,080
Suriname	0	440	358			0	83	83
Swaziland	0	440	0		901	0	(461)	(461)
Sweden	0	156,101	0			0	156,101	156,101
Switzerland	0	165,784	0		165,784	0	0	0
Syria	7,218	3,668	0			7,218	3,668	10,886
Tajikistan	405	293	0			405	293	698
Thailand	0	30,663	1,904		29,182	0	(423)	(423)
Timor-Leste	151	147	0			151	147	298
Togo	575	147	0			575	147	722
Tonga	567	147	0			567	147	714
Trinidad & Tobago	12,595	6,455	0	12,595		0	6,455	6,455
Tunisia	0	4,401	0		4,401	0	0	0
Turkey	0	90,521	0			0	90,521	90,521
Turkmenistan	8,289	3,815	0	8,289		0	3,815	3,815
Tuvalu	0	147	0			0	147	147
U. K.	0	968,885	0		968,885	0	0	0
Uganda	0	880	1,660			0	(780)	(780)
Ukraine	0	12,764	0			0	12,764	12,764
Un. Rep. of Tanzania	0	1,174	12,915			0	(11,741)	(11,741)
United Arab Emirates	0	57,364	0		57,364	0	0	0
Uruguay	0	3,961	15,933		4,067	0	(16,039)	(16,039)
Uzbekistan	12,216	1,467	0	1,467		10,749	1,467	12,216
Vanuatu	557	147	0			557	147	704

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Venezuela	47,302	46,068	0			47,302	46,068	93,370
Viet Nam	0	4,841	0			0	4,841	4,841
Yemen	7,456	1,173	0	1,173		6,283	1,173	7,456
<b>Zambia</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>669</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>587</b>
Zimbabwe	0	440	0			0	440	440
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,231,900</b>	<b>11,734,996</b>	<b>641,460</b>	<b>482,106</b>	<b>8,520,189</b>	<b>749,794</b>	<b>2,573,347</b>	<b>3,323,141</b>

<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
Canada	0	842,195	0		842,195		0	0
Quebec	0	445,892	0		445,892		0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,231,900</b>	<b>13,023,083</b>	<b>641,460</b>	<b>482,106</b>	<b>9,808,276</b>	<b>749,794</b>	<b>2,573,347</b>	<b>3,323,141</b>



## ANNEX VI

## General Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BG)

as at 30 June 2013

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/12	Pledges for 2013	Collections in 2012 for 2013 & Future Yrs	Collections in 2013 for Prior Years	Collections During 2013 for 2013 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2013	Unpaid Pledges for 2013 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	0	357	0		357	0	0	0
Algeria	0	4,570	0			0	4,570	4,570
Angola	252	253	0			252	253	505
Antigua and Barbuda	0	71	0			0	71	71
Armenia	0	179	0			0	179	179
Austria	0	30,385	0		30,385	0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	536	0		536	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	643	0		1,286	0	(643)	(643)
Bahrain	0	1,392	0		1,392	0	0	0
Bangladesh	0	253	0			0	253	253
Barbados	0	286	0			0	286	286
Belarus	0	1,500	0			0	1,500	1,500
Belgium	0	38,382	0			0	38,382	38,382
Belize	0	36	0			0	36	36
Benin	223	107	0			223	107	330
Bhutan	36	36	0	36		0	36	36
Bolivia	0	250	0			0	250	250
Bosnia Herzegovina	0	500	0		500	0	0	0
Botswana	26	643	0			26	643	669
Brazil	131,048	57,520	0	98,791		32,257	57,520	89,777

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Bulgaria	0	1,357	0		1,357	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	0	107	41			0	66	66
Burundi	126	36	0			126	36	162
Cambodia	190	107	0			190	107	297
Cameroon	155	393	0			155	393	548
Cape Verde	215	36	0			215	36	251
Central African Republic	122	36	0			122	36	158
Chad	145	71	0			145	71	216
China	0	113,862	0		113,862	0	0	0
Colombia	0	5,141	0		5,141	0	0	0
Comoros	97	36	0			97	36	133
Congo, P.R.	337	107	0			337	107	444
Costa Rica	36	1,214	0	36		0	1,214	1,214
Croatia	0	3,463	0		3,463	0	0	0
Cuba	13,194	2,535	0			13,194	2,535	15,729
Cyprus	0	1,642	0			0	1,642	1,642
Czech Republic	0	12,461	12,461			0	0	0
Democratic Republic Of Congo	311	107	0			311	107	418
Denmark	0	26,279	0		52,558	0	(26,279)	(26,279)
Djibouti	64	36	0			64	36	100
Dominica	250	36	0			250	36	286
Dominican Republic	0	1,500	1,167			0	333	333
Ecuador	0	1,428	0			0	1,428	1,428
Egypt	0	3,356	0		3,356	0	0	0
El Salvador	0	678	0			0	678	678

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Eritrea	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Estonia	25	1,428	0	25	1,428	0	0	0
Ethiopia	22	253	0	22	253	0	0	0
European Community	0	63,314	0		63,314	0	0	0
Fiji	32	143	0			32	143	175
Finland	0	20,209	0		20,209	0	0	0
France	0	218,619	0		218,619	0	0	0
Gabon	0	500	240			0	260	260
Gambia	36	36	0			36	36	72
Georgia	0	214	0			0	214	214
Germany	0	286,280	286,280			0	0	0
Ghana	380	214	0			380	214	594
Greece	43,737	24,672	0	19,208		24,529	24,672	49,201
Grenada	250	36	0			250	36	286
Guatemala	994	1,000	0			994	1,000	1,994
Guinea	253	71	0	253	71	0	0	0
Guinea Bissau	77	36	0			77	36	113
Guyana	0	36	0			0	36	36
Honduras	578	286	0			578	286	864
Hungary	10,330	10,390	0	10,330	10,346	0	44	44
India	55	19,066	0			55	19,066	19,121
Indonesia	0	8,498	0		8,498	0	0	0
Iran	25,025	8,319	0			25,025	8,319	33,344
Ireland	0	17,781	0			0	17,781	17,781
Italy	0	178,487	0		178,487	0	0	0
Jamaica	11	500	0			11	500	511

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Japan	0	447,379	0			0	447,379	447,379
Jordan	0	500	0		500	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	0	2,714	1,595		1,119	0	0	0
Kenya	22	428	0			22	428	450
Kiribati	0	36	0			0	36	36
Korea, Democratic Republic	2,121	250	0			2,121	250	2,371
Korea, Republic of	0	80,692	74,101			0	6,591	6,591
Kyrgyzstan	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Latvia	18	1,357	0	18	1,357	0	0	0
Lesotho	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Liberia	20	36	0			20	36	56
Libya	19,487	4,606	0			19,487	4,606	24,093
Lithuania	0	2,321	0		2,321	0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	3,213	0		3,213	0	0	0
Macedonia, TFYR of	749	250	0			749	250	999
Madagascar	0	107	802			0	(695)	(695)
Malawi	115	36	0			115	36	151
Malaysia	0	9,033	9,033			0	0	0
Maldives	0	36	0			0	36	36
Mali	311	107	0			311	107	418
Malta	603	607	0			603	607	1,210
Marshall Islands	250	36	0			250	36	286
Mauritania	221	36	0			221	36	257

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Mauritius	0	393	0		393	0	0	0
Mexico	0	84,120	0		84,120	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	71	0			0	71	71
Montenegro	167	143	0			167	143	310
Morocco	71	2,071	0			71	2,071	2,142
Mozambique	0	107	87			0	20	20
Myanmar	443	214	0	410		33	214	247
Namibia	0	286	0		286	0	0	0
Nauru	250	36	0			250	36	286
Netherlands	10	66,232	0			10	66,232	66,242
New Zealand	0	9,747	0		9,747	0	0	0
Nicaragua	314	107	0	124		190	107	297
Niger	313	71	0			313	71	384
Nigeria	4,919	2,785	0	4,919		0	2,785	2,785
Niue	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Norway	30	31,099	0	30	31,099	0	0	0
Oman	0	3,071	0		3,071	0	0	0
Pakistan	8,189	2,928	0			8,189	2,928	11,117
Palau	250	36	0			250	36	286
Panama	0	786	0			0	786	786
Papua New Guinea	0	71	76			0	(5)	(5)
Paraguay	167	250	0			167	250	417
Peru	5,697	3,213	0	5,697	3,195	0	18	18
Philippines	0	3,213	0		3,213	0	0	0
Poland	0	29,563	0		29,563	0	0	0
Portugal	0	18,245	0			0	18,245	18,245

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/12	Pledges for 2013	Collections in 2012 for 2013 & Future Yrs	Collections in 2013 for Prior Years	Collections During 2013 for 2013 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2013	Unpaid Pledges for 2013 & Prior Years
Qatar	0	4,820	0		4,820	0	0	0
Republic of Moldova	0	71	0		71	0	0	0
Romania	0	6,320	0			0	6,320	6,320
Rwanda	36	36	0	36	11	0	25	25
Saint Kitts and Nevis	64	36	0			64	36	100
Saint Lucia	0	36	0			0	36	36
Saint Vincent & Gren.	250	36	0			250	36	286
Samoa	0	36	0		36	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	0	29,635	0			0	29,635	29,635
Senegal	423	214	0			423	214	637
Serbia	1,739	1,321	0	1,739		0	1,321	1,321
Seychelles	0	71	0			0	71	71
Slovakia	0	5,070	0		5,070	0	0	0
Slovenia	0	3,678	0		3,678	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	36	36	0			36	36	72
Somalia	70	36	0			70	36	106
South Africa	0	13,746	0		13,746	0	0	0
Spain	0	113,434	0			0	113,434	113,434
Sri Lanka	675	678	0			675	678	1,353
Sudan	1,499	253	0			1,499	253	1,752
Suriname	101	107	0			101	107	208
Swaziland	0	107	0		107	0	0	0
Sweden	0	37,990	0			0	37,990	37,990
Switzerland	0	40,346	0		40,346	0	0	0
Syria	2,106	893	0			2,106	893	2,999

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/12	Pledges for 2013	Collections in 2012 for 2013 & Future Yrs	Collections in 2013 for Prior Years	Collections During 2013 for 2013 & Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2013	Unpaid Pledges for 2013 & Prior Years
Tajikistan	149	71	0			149	71	220
Thailand	14,482	7,462	0	5,274		9,208	7,462	16,670
Togo	118	36	0	118		0	36	36
Tonga	0	36	20		2,739	0	(2,723)	(2,723)
Trinidad and Tobago	0	1,571	0			0	1,571	1,571
Tunisia	0	1,071	1,065			0	6	6
Turkey	0	22,030	0		22,030	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	2,034	928	0	1,852		182	928	1,110
Uganda	0	214	3,388			0	(3,174)	(3,174)
Ukraine	0	3,106	0			0	3,106	3,106
Uruguay	880	964	0	880		0	964	964
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	235,793	0		235,793	0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	416	253	0			416	253	669
Venezuela	25,423	11,211	0			25,423	11,211	36,634
Viet Nam	1,172	1,178	0			1,172	1,178	2,350
Yemen	937	253	0	243		694	253	947
Zambia	0	143	121			0	22	22
Zimbabwe	0	107	87			0	20	20
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>325,979</b>	<b>2,532,562</b>	<b>390,565</b>	<b>150,041</b>	<b>1,217,242</b>	<b>175,937</b>	<b>924,755</b>	<b>1,100,693</b>

<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
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<b>Countries</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/12</b>	<b>Pledges for 2013</b>	<b>Collections in 2012 for 2013 &amp; Future Yrs</b>	<b>Collections in 2013 for Prior Years</b>	<b>Collections During 2013 for 2013 &amp; Future Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2013</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2013 &amp; Prior Years</b>
Canada		189,533			189,533	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>325,979</b>	<b>2,722,095</b>	<b>390,565</b>	<b>150,041</b>	<b>1,406,775</b>	<b>175,937</b>	<b>924,755</b>	<b>1,100,693</b>



## ANNEX VII

**Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BH)**

Status as at 30 June 2013 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.12		Adjustments	Pledges for 2013		Collections in 2013 for prior years	Collections in 2013 for 2013 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2013 & prior years
European Commission	10,585				1/			10,585
European Commission	25,873				2/			25,873
European Commission	49,615				3/			49,615
European Commission	68,937				4/			68,937
Norway				34,188	5/			34,188
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,010</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>34,188</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>189,198</b>

1/EC pledged EUR 40,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

2/EC pledged EUR 100,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2008/514760/SUB/E2

3/EC pledged EUR 90,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2009/540979/SUB/E2

4/EC pledged EUR 126,500 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2010/581495/SUB/E2

5/Norway pledged NOK 200,000 towards the AHTEG on Socio-economic Considerations

## ANNEX VIII

**Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Cartagena Protocol  
on Biosafety (BI)**

Status as at 30 June 2013 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.12		Adjustments	Pledges for 2013		Collections in 2013 for prior years	Collections in 2013 for 2013 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2013 & prior years
European Commission	11,813				1/			11,813
European Commission	19,807				2/			19,807
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,620</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,620</b>

1/EC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 20-24 February 2006

2/EC pledged EUR 35,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2009/540979/SUB/E2

**ANNEX IX**

**General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (VB)**

Status as at 30 June 2013 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.12</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2013</b>	<b>Collections in 2013 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2013 for 2013 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2013 &amp; prior years</b>
Germany			1/ 66,623		32,595	34,029
Norway			2/ 42,735			42,735
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>109,358</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,595</b>	<b>76,764</b>

1/ Germany pledged EUR 51,100 towards the participation of Indigenous and Local Communities to Art.8(j)-8 Meeting

2/ Norway pledged NOK 250,000 towards the participation of Indigenous and Local Communities to CBD Meetings

**ANNEX X**

**List of meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**  
(as at 30 June 2013)

**2012**

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
5 - 7 January 2012	Informal Expert Meeting on the Impacts of Climate-related Geo-engineering on Biological Diversity	Newport Pagnell, UK
17 - 19 January 2012	Mediterranean Regional Workshop for Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: Coordinating Local and National Action in the Mediterranean Basin	Montpellier, France
30 January - 3 February 2012	Sub-Regional Workshop for Central, South and East Africa on Capacity-building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Cape Town, South Africa
13 - 15 February 2012	Meeting of the Sub-working Groups of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management	Bonn, Germany
13 - 16 February 2012	Sub-regional Workshop for Southern Africa on the integration of responses to the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation into NBSAPs	Johannesburg, South Africa
16 - 17 February 2012	SBSTTA Bureau Meeting	Montreal, Canada
21 - 23 February 2012	Capacity-building Workshop for North Africa and the Middle East on The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)	Beirut, Lebanon
27 February - 1 March 2012	Regional Workshop for Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
28 February - 1 March 2012	Expert Meeting on cooperative procedures and institutional mechanisms to promote compliance with the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing and to address cases of non-compliance	Montreal, Canada
28 February - 2 March 2012	Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Recife, Brazil
6 - 9 March 2012	Dialogue seminar on scaling up finance for biodiversity	Quito, Ecuador
12 - 14 March 2012	Eighth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing and/or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities	Prague, Czech Republic
12 - 14 March 2012	Global Workshop on National Experiences in implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Brasilia, Brazil

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
12 - 16 March 2012	Sub-Regional Workshop for Latin America on Capacity-building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Bogota, Colombia
15 - 16 March 2012	Ninth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Prague, Czech Republic
22 - 23 March 2012	Third meeting on the Implementation of the Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Nagoya, Japan
24 - 28 March 2012	Southeast Asia Capacity-building Workshop on Indicators as part of NBSAP updating	Tam Dao, Viet Nam
25 March 2012	Fifth meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of the Biodiversity-related Conventions	Dublin, Ireland
28 - 30 March 2012	Seventh meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada
1 - 5 April 2012	Subregional Workshop for the Caribbean on Capacity-building for Implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas under the CBD	Christ Church, Barbados
2 April 2012	Joint Workshop on Linkages between Health and Biodiversity	Geneva, Switzerland
5 April 2012	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
11 April 2012	Third Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Latin America and the Caribbean	Online
12 April 2012	Third Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: WEOG and CEE	Online
16 - 20 April 2012	Subregional Workshop for West Asia and North Africa on Capacity-building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
17 April 2012	Third Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Africa	Online
24 - 27 April 2012	Meeting of Subnational Governments in support of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets	Curitiba, Brazil
28 - 29 April 2012	Informal Diversity Liaison Group Meeting	New York, United States of America
29 April 2012	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Montreal, Canada
30 April - 5 May 2012	<b>Sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice</b>	Montreal, Canada
6 May 2012	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
7 - 11 May 2012	<b>Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention</b>	Montreal, Canada
9 - 11 May 2012	Inter-Regional Workshop on Capacity Needs for the Implementation of the Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress	Riga, Latvia
12 May 2012	Workshop on Financing Mechanisms for Biodiversity: Examining Opportunities and Challenges	Montreal, Canada
14 - 16 May 2012	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on the Second Assessment and Review of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Vienna, Austria
15 - 17 May 2012	Regional Workshop on Valuation and Incentive Measures for South America	Santiago, Chile
22 May 2012	International Day for Biological Diversity	Multiple Venues
29 - 31 May 2012	Sub-regional Workshop on Valuation and Incentive Measures for Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Tbilisi, Georgia
30 May - 1 June 2012	Ninth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
4 - 8 June 2012	Fourth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management	Montreal, Canada
4 - 8 June 2012	Sub-Regional Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia on Capacity-building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Belgrade, Serbia
4 - 18 June 2012	Online Forum on Public Awareness, Education and Participation Concerning the Safe Transfer, Handling and Use of Living Modified Organisms	Online
9 - 14 June 2012	African Regional Indigenous and Local Community preparatory meeting for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Bujumbura, Burundi
30 June - 1 July 2012	Capacity-building Workshop on Access and Benefit-sharing	New Delhi, India
2 - 6 July 2012	<b>Second Meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on ABS (ICNP-2)</b>	New Delhi, India
9 - 10 July 2012	Organizational workshop of the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership for information users and providers	London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
9 - 12 July 2012	The Asia/Pacific Regional preparatory workshop for Indigenous and Local Community representatives for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 9-12 July 2012	Chang Mai, Thailand
13 July 2012	Inter-agency Liaison Group on Invasive Alien Species	Geneva, Switzerland
23 July 2012	Meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau	Montreal, Canada

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
23 - 24 July 2012	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
30 July - 1 August 2012	GTI Subregional Capacity-building Workshop to Address Invasive Alien Species and to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets in East and South East Asia	Flic en Flac, Mauritius
2 August 2012	High-level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for implementing the Strategic Plan Opens Consultations with Parties	Online
6 - 9 August 2012	Regional Workshop for Pacific Region on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Rotorua, New Zealand
6 - 10 August 2012	South America Capacity-building Workshop on Indicators as part of NBSAP updating	Lima, Peru
13 - 16 August 2012	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Indigenous and Local Community preparatory meeting for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD	Asunción, Paraguay
17 - 18 August 2012	Regional Workshop for Indigenous and Local Community Trainers of the Latin American and the Caribbean Region on Articles 8(j), 10(c), and related provisions of the CBD and Nagoya Protocol on ABS	Asunción, Paraguay
27 - 30 August 2012	Regional Workshop for the Middle East and North Africa on Updating NBSAPs: Focus on examination of associated indicators	Muscat, Oman
27 - 31 August 2012	Eastern Tropical and Temperate Pacific Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Galápagos Islands, Ecuador
4 - 6 September 2012	Regional Workshop on the Inter-Linkages between Human Health and Biodiversity in the Americas	Manaus, Brazil
5 - 7 September 2012	Regional Workshop for Caribbean region on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
10 - 14 September 2012	Regional Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia regions on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (RWNBSAP-CEECA-01)	Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
17 - 18 September 2012	Informal Dialogue on CBD Strategy for Resource Mobilization	Geneva, Switzerland
28 - 29 September 2012	Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop	Hyderabad, India
30 September 2012	Meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau	Hyderabad, India
1 - 5 October 2012	<b>Sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</b>	Hyderabad, India
6 October 2012	First meeting of the GBO-4 Advisory Group	Hyderabad, India

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
7 October 2012	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee (CHM-IAC)	Hyderabad, India
7 October 2012	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Hyderabad, India
8 - 19 October 2012	<b>Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 11)</b>	Hyderabad, India
15 - 16 October 2012	Cities for Life: Cities' and Sub-national Governments' Biodiversity Summit	Hyderabad, India
17 - 19 October 2012	High-level segment of the Conference of the Parties	Hyderabad, India
29 October - 2 November 2012	Capacity-building for Pilot Countries on the Implementation of Synergies among the Rio Conventions	Hanoi, Viet Nam
5 - 9 November 2012	Africa Regional Capacity-building Workshop on Public Awareness, Education and Participation concerning the Safe Transfer, Handling and Use of Living Modified Organisms	Kampala, Uganda
15 - 17 November 2012	Regional Workshop for Central America and the Caribbean on implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in the context of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Mexico City, Mexico
28 - 30 November 2012	The Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues (IASG)	Montreal, Canada
10 - 12 December 2012	Biodiversity Indicators Partnership - Technical Partners Meeting	Selwyn College, Cambridge, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
11 - 13 December 2012	Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on ABS for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia	Budapest, Hungary

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<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
28 January - 1 February 2013	First Regional Workshop for African Least Developed Countries on the preparation of the Fifth National Report and Global Biodiversity Outlook and regional policy scenarios	Nairobi, Kenya
4 - 8 February 2013	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop for West Africa	Dakar, Senegal
8 February 2013	Biodiversity Indicators Partnership - Steering Committee Meeting	Teleconference
11 - 14 February 2013	Subregional Capacity-building Workshop to Address Invasive Alien Species and to Achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 9 in the Arab region	Dubai, United Arab Emirates



<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
25 February - 1 March 2013	North Pacific Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Moscow, Russian Federation
4 - 7 March 2013	Global Taxonomy Initiative Capacity-building Workshop towards Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets 9 and 19 for Western and Central Africa	Dakar, Senegal
4 - 8 March 2013	Regional Workshop on Reflecting the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans	Singapore, Singapore
4 - 8 March 2013	Caribbean Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-building for the effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Saint George's, Grenada
10 March 2013	CBD-UNCCD Joint Workshop on the role of biodiversity in national drought management policies	Geneva, Switzerland
18 - 22 March 2013	Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) regional training workshop on adaptation for Francophone Least Developed Countries (LDCs) (organized by UNFCCC)	Lomé, Togo
19 - 22 March 2013	Western Balkans Capacity-building Workshop on Indicators as part of NBSAP updating	Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina
24 - 27 March 2013	Sub-regional Workshop for Anglophone Africa on the Integration of Climate Change and Ecosystem-based Adaptation in National Biodiversity Planning Processes	Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania
25 - 29 March 2013	Asia-Pacific regional training workshop on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs	Hanoi, Viet Nam
2 - 5 April 2013	Regional Workshop on the Inter-Linkages between Human Health and Biodiversity in Africa	Maputo, Mozambique
8 - 12 April 2013	South-Eastern Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs)	Swakopmund, Namibia
8 April - 24 May 2013	Online discussion groups on Article 10 of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing	On-line
9 - 10 April 2013	Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for Middle East region and Djibouti, Libya, Mauritania	Amman, Jordan
15 - 19 April 2013	Deuxième atelier régional pour les pays moins avancés d'Afrique sur la préparation des cinquièmes rapports nationaux et de la quatrième édition des Perspectives mondiales de la diversité biologique (GBO-4), et les scénarios pour la politique régionale	Yaoundé, Cameroon

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
17 April 2013	Eighth Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Biosafety Clearing-House	On-line
6 - 10 May 2013	Regional Workshop for Latin America on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)	Villa de Leyva, Colombia
6 - 10 May 2013	Regional Workshop for Latin America on the Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM)	Villa de Leyva, Colombia
14 - 17 May 2013	Sub-regional Workshop on Valuation and Incentive Measures for Sub-Saharan West Africa	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
15 - 17 May 2013	Mediterranean Biodiversity Network: from ecological urban planning to management in the Mediterranean – subnational cooperation and knowledge transfer	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
20 - 24 May 2013	Regional Workshop for South, East and Southeast Asia on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report and Global Biodiversity Outlook and regional policy scenarios	Incheon City, Republic of Korea
29 - 31 May 2013	Tenth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
30 - 31 May 2013	First meeting of the second phase of the High-level Panel on the Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Trondheim, Norway
3 - 5 June 2013	Expert Meeting to Develop a Draft Strategic Framework for Capacity-building and Development in Support of the Effective Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
4 - 5 June 2013	CBD-GEF Retreat to work together for a robust GEF-6 replenishment and leveraging of other resources for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity	Montreal, Canada
5 June 2013	Webinar on Incorporating Biodiversity and Ecosystem Values into NBSAPs: Introduction and biophysical approaches	Online
7 June 2013	Webinar on Incorporating Biodiversity and Ecosystem Values into NBSAPs: Economic approaches	Online
13 June 2013	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety): Western Europe and Others Group and Central and Eastern Europe	Online
17 June 2013	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety): Asia-Pacific	Online

<b>DATES</b>	<b>MEETING TITLE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
18 - 20 June 2013	Second meeting of the Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments of the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity	Barcelona, Spain
20 June 2013	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety): Africa	Online
27 June 2013	Online Real-time Conference on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety): Latin America and the Caribbean (Spanish)	Online

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