

**REGIONAL CONSULTATION FOR EAST, SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA ON
UPDATING THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE CONVENTION FOR POST-2010
PERIOD**

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ADVANCE UNEDITED NOTE

The Workshop was held in Tokyo, Japan from 15 to 17 December 2009 with the generous support of the Japanese Ministry of the Environment. The purpose of the workshop was to provide an opportunity for participating countries to contribute to the elaboration of the new Strategic Plan for the period beyond 2010, including its vision, goals, targets and mechanisms to support implementation.

The following countries sent government officials or experts to the Workshop: Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Japan, India, Indonesia, Iran (the Islamic Republic of), Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. UNEP DELC, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, IUCN, WWF, Birdlife Asia, UNU IAS, NACS of Japan, JICA, IGES and Nagoya University also sent representatives to this workshop.

The report of the workshop is being prepared. This advance note is provided to provide inputs to the process of revising and updating the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the post-2010 period)

**RECOMMENDATIONS ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE UPDATED STRATEGIC PLAN
OF THE CONVENTION FOR THE POST-2010 PERIOD**

- (a) It is important to analyze why countries failed to achieve the 2010 target while elaborating the possible vision, mission, strategic goals, targets and support mechanisms for the post-2010 period.
- (b) The global strategy should be broad and provide a framework to allow regions and countries to develop goals and targets to address priority issues they face, taking into consideration national situation of countries in different development stages;
- (c) Strategic goals and headline targets for the post-2010 period should be well defined for implementation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation.
- (d) Goals should be really strategic and targets should be really SMART.
- (e) Interim targets and milestones should be developed to ensure that momentum will not be lost for achieving strategic goals;
- (f) Goals and targets should embrace all components of biodiversity and address drivers, both direct and indirect, of biodiversity loss, and obstacles to implementation;
- (g) It is important to recognize the value of biodiversity and associated traditional knowledge and benefits of conservation for human well-being and link biodiversity conservation with poverty reduction, sustainable development and ecosystem management;
- (h) The Strategic Plan should address the three objectives of the Convention in a balanced manner, with adequate focus given to ABS-related issues;

(i) Inputs should be drawn from the development of strategies of other related conventions such as UNCCD and the Strategic Plans for the Convention and the Biosafety Protocol should be complementary;

(j) Capacity constraints for implementation should be identified as one major issue that should be addressed by the new Strategic Plan;

(k) Mission should be simple and focused;

(l) Strategic goals should be simple and direct and overlaps among them should be avoided;

(m) Headline targets need further elaboration to ensure that they are clear enough to achieve strategic goals and easy for monitoring and evaluation;

(n) Support mechanisms proposed are weak and need further elaboration. Some mechanisms such as adequate funding, technology transfer, regional cooperation and support to monitoring should be added.

(o) Communication and outreach to all relevant stakeholders should be a crucial priority for the implementation of the new Strategic Plan;

(p) Mechanisms to support implementation should be an integral part of the updated Strategic Plan;

(q) Ownership of post-2010 target(s) by stakeholders is crucial for future implementation;

(r) It is important to develop indicators and baselines for monitoring and reporting;

(s) Global targets need to be translated into national commitments including through updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans in light of the new Strategic Plan;

(t) A programme of capacity building will be needed to support implementation of the new Strategic Plan, including regional and sub-regional workshops to facilitate the translation of the new Strategic Plan into updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and a strengthened clearing house mechanism to facilitate the exchange of relevant information, expertise and experience among and within countries.