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Second ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services

Nairobi, 5-9 October 2009

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The second ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services will be held at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi from 5 to 9 October 2009. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 5 October 2009 by the Deputy Executive Director of UNEP.

Item 2: Organizational matters

2. It is suggested that the rules of procedure of the Governing Council of UNEP be applied, mutatis mutandis, to the proceedings of the meeting. The business of the meeting will be conducted in accordance with the practice observed at the first meeting, held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, from 10 to 12 November 2008.

(a) Election of officers

3. Subject to the rules of procedure, a chair and four vice-chairs will be elected from among the representatives of Governments. The vice-chairs will make arrangements to provide the functions of a Rapporteur. The principle of equal geographical representation from the five United Nations regions will be duly followed when electing those officers.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

4. Subject to the rules of procedure, participants may wish to adopt the agenda, amended as appropriate, on the basis of the provisional agenda set forth in document UNEP/IPBES/2/1.

(c) Organization of work

- 5. It is suggested that deliberations should take place in the form of plenary sessions. When deemed necessary, however, participants may wish to establish smaller working groups to deliberate on specific agenda items.
- 6. It is suggested that sessions should be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- 7. For plenary sessions, simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided.

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Item 3: Major findings of the gap analysis on the existing science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services

8. The secretariat will present the major findings drawn from the gap analysis on the existing science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services. The executive summary of the gap analysis is set forth in document UNEP/IPBES/2/2, while document UNEP/IPBES/2/INF/1 contains the full analysis. Following the presentation, participants may wish to discuss the information provided.

Item 4: Consideration of actions to strengthen the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services

- 9. Participants will have before them a note by the secretariat on needs and actions options to strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services (UNEP/IPBES/2/3). Participants may wish to take note of the information contained therein and consider possible actions.
- 10. The following documents, which were submitted at the first meeting, will also be available:
- (a) Revised concept note on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services (UNEP/IPBES/1/2);
- (b) Programme of work and budget for an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services: initial four-year period (UNEP/IPBES/1/3);
- (c) Governance structure and secretariat functions for an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services (UNEP/IPBES/1/4);
- (d) Rules and procedures of an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services (UNEP/IPBES/1/5).
- 11. In addition, the report of the first meeting (UNEP/IPBES/1/6) will be available for information purposes.

Item 5: Adoption of recommendations

12. Based on the needs and opportunities identified above, representatives may wish to determine an overarching science-policy framework aimed at providing regular and timely policy-relevant scientific information covering the full range of biodiversity and ecosystem services with a view to strengthening the science-policy interface. In recommending ways and means to implement this framework, representatives may wish to consider one or more of the actions discussed under the fourth agenda item.

Item 6: Adoption of the report

13. Participants will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the meeting on the basis of the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur.

Item 7: Closure of the meeting

14. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the Chair by 6 p.m. on Friday, 9 October 2009.