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**Third ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder
meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform
on biodiversity and ecosystem services**
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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*
Organizational matters

**Scenario note for the third ad hoc intergovernmental and
multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental
science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services****Note by the secretariat**

1. The present scenario note is intended to assist participants in preparing for the third ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services by communicating initial planning and expectations for the meeting.
2. The objective of the meeting is to negotiate and reach agreement on whether to establish an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

I. Organization of work

3. The meeting will involve five days of negotiations from Monday, 7 June 2010, to Friday, 11 June 2010. There will be two three-hour sessions per day, one from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the other from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations will be provided during each session.
4. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 7 June 2010, by Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP, or by his representative. A welcoming address will be delivered by a high-level official of the Government of the Republic of Korea as the host country for the meeting. This will be followed immediately by the election of a chair from among the government representatives present. The Chair will then oversee the election of four vice-chairs, taking into account the principle of equal geographical distribution from the five United Nations regions. The Chair and the vice-chairs (one of whom will act as rapporteur) will form the Bureau of the meeting;
5. As the meeting is convened in accordance with decision SS.XI/4 of the Governing Council, the rules of procedure of the Governing Council will apply, mutatis mutandis, to the proceedings. Pursuant to those rules of procedure and prevailing United Nations practices, only government representatives

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will play a negotiating role and take part in the decision-making process. The representatives of regional economic integration organizations, when acting in association with the Governments of States Members of the United Nations, may be deemed to be government representatives in a decision-making process. Unless decided otherwise by government representatives, the representatives of United Nations bodies and agencies, other intergovernmental bodies and organizations and international non-governmental organizations may be invited to participate actively in discussions as observers.

6. In principle, the meeting is expected to be conducted in plenary session. Subject to the discussions at the meeting, working or drafting groups may be established to consider specific issues. Unless agreed otherwise in plenary session, those groups will meet outside the working hours of the plenary session.

7. Recommendations and conclusions arising from the meeting and a meeting report containing a summary of the proceedings are expected to be considered for adoption on Friday, 11 June, after which the meeting will be declared closed.

II. Consideration of whether to establish an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services

8. As an introduction to the item, the representative of the secretariat will present a note on options for improving the science-policy interface for biodiversity and ecosystem services (UNEP/IPBES/3/2). Discussions are expected to focus on that note, but will also be informed by information documents.

9. Participants will be invited to consider whether there is a need to strengthen the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services, taking into account the outcomes of the previous meetings on this matter.

10. In the light of those discussions, participants will be invited to consider ways and means of improving the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services, in accordance with the options suggested in the note by the secretariat, paying particular attention to paragraphs 14 and 15 of that note. To reach an agreement on whether to establish a new platform, participants may wish to deliberate on possible modalities of such a platform, focusing on paragraphs 16–38 of the note.

11. Should agreement be reached to establish a platform, participants may wish to identify a further process for such establishment.

III. Outcomes of the meeting

12. The key outcome of the meeting is expected to be an agreement whether to establish a new platform. Should such establishment be agreed, it would be desirable, to the extent possible, to identify necessary arrangements for the platform, such as scope; functions; legal basis, governance and decision-making structure; location and host of a secretariat; and funding.

13. Representatives may wish to consider requesting UNEP, in collaboration with relevant agencies, to facilitate on an interim basis the further process to tackle such issues if they cannot be resolved during the meeting.
