

Background Note

South – South Experience Sharing Workshop Dealing with Mainstreaming and Synergies among the Biodiversity related Conventions in the Updated/Revised Post 2010 National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)

15-17 March 2016, Hotel Sarova Panafric, Nairobi, Kenya

1. Objectives

- To understand the role of NBSAPs in promoting synergies amongst biodiversity related MEAs;
- To promote sharing of experiences from countries in ACP regions on revision and implementation issues of the revised (Post 2010) NBSAPs; and
- To provide opportunity to discuss policy and legal preparedness in using NBSAPs as a tool for achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and contributing to the synergies of biodiversity related MEAs.

2. Outcomes

- a. Better understanding and preparedness of ACP countries and selected LDC from Africa, Asia and Pacific and Latin America and Caribbean on issues of synergies between implementation of biodiversity MEAs, using policy and legal options;
- b. Enhanced cooperation amongst the countries participating in the activity on effective implementation of the revised NBSAPs; and

3. Background

The CBD COP 10 adopted the Strategic Plan for the Convention along with a set of 20 Global Biodiversity Targets (the Aichi Biodiversity Targets). Target 17 requires that *'By 2015, each Party has developed, adopted as a policy instrument, and has commenced implementing an effective, participatory and updated national biodiversity strategy and action plan'*.

More than a hundred countries are currently finalizing the revisions/updates to NBSAPs.

Given this, there is still an opportunity to provide support and inputs to countries that are yet to submit their post 2010 NBSAPs on issues of policy and legal preparedness as well as options

to deal with effective implementation of issues such as synergies between biodiversity related MEAs at national level.

The UNEP project on enhancing synergies among the biodiversity related MEAs and the outcome document of this project, the “Options Paper on Enhancing Synergies among the Biodiversity related MEAs” calls for enhanced action through NBSAPs to promoting synergies.

Using a series of interventions already available for countries to use in dealing with effective implementation of the NBSAPs, such as the NBSAP Forum, the peer review mechanism, the guidance documents prepared by IDLO on legal preparedness to deal with the Aichi targets realization, the UNEP-WCMC indicators related work and others as a basis, a South-South experience sharing workshop will be organized by UNEP to consolidate the guidance available for countries who are finalizing the post 2010 NBSAPs from the ACP region.

The workshop will also provide an opportunity to use the UNEP Source Book on synergies and the e.learning modules as well as the outcomes of the expert meetings on biodiversity related MEAs organized by UNEP. Outcomes of the CBD Synergies Workshop held in February 2016 will also be considered appropriately. The workshop will offer opportunities for peer learning among the countries to share experiences and expertise and enhancing networking.

