

AFRICA REGIONAL JOINT PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA AND THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND THE ASSOCIATED MEETINGS OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOLS OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

UNECA Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Provisional meeting programme

Day 1 – 8 August 2016

Interpre- tation	Time		
None	08:00 - 09:00	Registration	
One team in plenary	09:00 – 10:30	Opening session Opening statements (5 min each): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CITES Secretary General (by video) • CBD Executive Secretary • UNEP ROA • Government of Ethiopia • African Union Commission • EU Delegation Tour-de-table of participants Organisation of work Description of the meeting structure Adoption of agenda / election of Chairs	
	10:30 - 11:00	Coffee/tea break (and photo session)	
	11:00 - 12:00	Introductory session Overview of CITES CoP17, CBD COP13 and concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Protocols (by Secretariats of CITES and CBD)	
	12:00 - 13:30	Lunch break	
Two teams in parallel	13:30 – 15:10	CITES Session 1 (led by SC member and CITES Secretariat) Presentation by Secretariat: CoP17 agenda by cluster <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administrative and financial matters 2. Strategic matters 3. Interpretation and implementation matters 4. Species specific matters Description of the agenda-setting exercise	CBD Session 1 (led by elected CBD co-Chair and CBD Secretariat) Closer look at the COP and COPMOP agendas

		Identification of agenda items and assigning presenters (to continue through the coffee break)	
	15:10 - 15:40	Coffee/tea break	
	15:40 - 16:30	<p>CITES Session 2 (led by elected CITES Chair/co-Chair and CITES Secretariat)</p> <p>Identification of agenda items and assigning presenters (continued from earlier)</p> <p>Collating suggested priority agenda items to develop the program for the remainder of the week, including the determination of, if any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • closed sessions • sub-regional sessions <p>sessions that require video/online link with Secretariat staff</p>	<p>CBD Session 2 (led by elected CBD co-Chair and CBD Secretariat)</p> <p>Identification of agenda items and assigning presenters</p>
None	16:30 - 17:30	<p>CITES Session 3 (led by elected CITES Chair/co-Chair and CITES Secretariat)</p> <p>Developing the program for the remainder of the week, including the determination of, if any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • closed sessions • sub-regional sessions • sessions that require video/online link with Secretariat staff (feasibility may be dependent on time difference) 	<p>CBD Session 3 (led by elected CBD co-Chair and CBD Secretariat)</p> <p>Developing the program for the remainder of the week, including the determination of, if any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • closed sessions • sub-regional sessions • sessions that require video/online link with Secretariat staff (feasibility may be dependent on time difference)

Main approach of the meeting on day 1: After the opening session, the CITES/CBD Secretariats will give a general overview on how the CoP/COP and COPMOPs work, including documentation flow, importance of credentials, regional meetings during the CoP sessions, interventions and negotiations, and consensus/voting for decision-making.

In the afternoon, the meeting will split into CITES and CBD groups. Each Convention group will look through the respective CoP/COP (or COPMOP) agenda, first in a quick overview led by the Secretariat. Then Parties will be facilitated by the Chairs, supported by the Secretariat, to select the agenda items that would be discussed during the remainder of the week. For each agenda item, a lead presenter (or a group of presenters) will be selected. Parties will also determine whether they wish any of the sessions to be in subregional groups, in a closed session (among Parties with no observers or

Secretariats)¹, or with video/Skype link with the Secretariats (due to time difference, video/online link with SCBD is not feasible).

For each session, the lead presenter/s will prepare and present a 10-20-minute overview of the agenda item, and then lead a 30-minute discussion session. Notes for the presenters will be distributed at the meeting. These sessions of presentation and discussion will constitute most of days 2, 4, and 5.

Day 2 – 9 August 2016

Sim. interpretation	Time		
Two teams in parallel	09:00 – 09:50	CITES Session 4 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 4 Presentation & discussion by participants
	09:50 - 10:40	CITES Session 5 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 5 Presentation & discussion by participants
	10:40 - 11:10	Coffee/tea break	
	11:10 - 12:00	CITES Session 6 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 6 Presentation & discussion by participants
	12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break	
None	13:00 – 14:00	CITES Session 7 Possible closed session for regional consultation	CBD Session 8 Possible closed session for regional consultation
Two teams in parallel	14:00 – 14:50	CITES Session 8 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 8 Presentation & discussion by participants
	14:50 - 15:40	CITES Session 9 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 9 Presentation & discussion by participants
	15:40 – 16:10	Coffee/tea break	
	16:10 – 17:00	CITES Session 10	CBD Session 10

¹ Tentatively, the final session of Day 2 and Day 4 and the last morning session of Day 5 have been marked as possible closed sessions for regional consultation. In principle, Parties may decide to close any of the sessions either in advance or during discussion. In addition Parties could engage in such regional consultations after the closure of the day's programme.

		Presentation & discussion by participants	Presentation & discussion by participants Session potentially supported by videoconference link with CBD office (from 16:00 to 17:00)
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Day 3 – 10 August 2016

Sim. interpretation	Time	
One team in plenary	09:00 – 10:40	<p>Synergies session 1: Enhancing synergies among the biodiversity-related conventions (relates to CBD COP 13 agenda item 13 and CITES CoP 17 agenda item 14.1)</p> <p><u>1.1 Synergies among biodiversity-related conventions; promoting cooperation and coherence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by convention secretariats and UNEP: decisions on synergies under biodiversity-related conventions (CBD, CITES, CMS, WHC, Ramsar) • Presentation by CBD Secretariat: ongoing process under CBD (COP decision XII/6) on enhancing synergies among the Conventions including relevant work that has informed the process (e.g. UNEP-WCMC study on key capacity-building and awareness-raising needs regarding cooperation among biodiversity-related conventions at the national level). • Presentation by UNEP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNEA 2 outcome Biodiversity MEAs synergies (7 themes, 28 actions and 88 recommendations) - Existing regional and international mechanisms (BLG/CSAB/support by regional institutions) <p>Discussion / Q&A</p>
	10:40 – 11:10	Coffee/tea break
	11:10 - 12:00	<p><u>1.2 Discussion panel with two Party representatives, joined by panellists from conventions' secretariats and UNEP (facilitated by a Party representative)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Party representatives: views on opportunities and challenges related to synergies at the national level, and what are needed in terms of the global level support in promoting synergies • Representatives of convention secretariats (could be drawn from CBD, CITES, CMS, UNESCO): decisions on synergies in the past/upcoming COPs, guidelines developed by secretariats; Secretariat- led initiatives to promote synergies (e.g. BLG, joint programming, harmonized reporting) • UNEP Regional Offices: UNEP work programme on synergies, activities undertaken to support countries
	12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break

None	13:00 – 14:00	CITES Session 11 Possible closed session for regional consultation	CBD Session 11 Possible closed session for regional consultation
One team in plenary	14:00 – 15:10	Synergies session 2: Synergistic implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional report: State of Biodiversity in Africa - A Mid-term Review of Progress Towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets • Presentation by UNEP-WCMC (through video link) on the Sourcebook of opportunities for enhancing cooperation among the biodiversity-related conventions at national and regional levels. 	
	15:10 -15:40	Coffee/tea break	
	15:40- 17:00	Synergies session 3: topics of common interest between CBD COP and CITES CoP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by SCBD or CITES Secretariat: overview on common issues addressed by CBD COP 13 and CITES CoP 17 • Presentation on Resource Mobilization • Discussion groups on common agenda items / thematic issues. Thematic areas could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bushmeat - E-commerce - Sustainable wildlife management / sustainable use - Traditional knowledge and indigenous and local communities / indigenous peoples and local communities - Youth engagement - Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations - Resource Mobilization 	

Day 4 – 11 August

Sim. interpretation	Time		
Two teams in parallel	09:00 – 09:50	CITES Session 12 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 12 Presentation & discussion by participants
	09:50 - 10:40	CITES Session 13 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 13 Presentation & discussion by participants
	10:40 - 11:10	Coffee/tea break	
	11:10 - 12:00	CITES Session 14 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 14 Presentation & discussion by participants
	12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break	
None	13:00 – 14:00	CITES Session 15 Possible closed session for regional consultation	CBD Session 15 Possible closed session for regional consultation
Two teams in parallel	14:00 – 14:50	CITES Session 16 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 16 Presentation & discussion by participants
	14:50 - 15:40	CITES Session 17 Presentation & discussion by participants Session potentially supported by videoconference link with CITES office	CBD Session 17 Presentation & discussion by participants
	15:40 – 16:10	Coffee/tea break	
	16:10 – 17:00	CITES Session 18 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 18 Presentation & discussion by participants Session potentially supported by videoconference link with CBD office (from 16:00 to 17:00)

Day 5 – 12 August

Sim. interpretation	Time		
Two teams in parallel	09:00 – 09:50	CITES Session 19 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 19 Presentation & discussion by participants
	09:50 - 10:40	CITES Session 20 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 20 Presentation & discussion by participants
	10:40 - 11:10	Coffee/tea break	
	11:10 - 12:00	CITES Session 21 Presentation & discussion by participants Session potentially supported by videoconference link with CITES office	CBD Session 21 Presentation & discussion by participants
	12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break	
None	13:00 – 14:00	CITES Session 22 Possible closed session for regional consultation	CBD Session 22 Possible closed session for regional consultation
Two teams in parallel	14:00 – 14:50	CITES Session 23 Presentation & discussion by participants	CBD Session 23 Presentation & discussion by participants
	14:50 - 15:40	CITES Session 24 Synthesis	CBD Session 24 Synthesis
	15:40 – 16:10	Coffee/tea break	
One team in plenary	16:10 – 17:00	Closing session Synthesis and closing	