

OCEANIA AND PACIFIC 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

Apia, Samoa 15 – 19 August, 2016

Provisional meeting programme

Day 1 : 15 August 2016

Time	Session
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	Start of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and introduction • Meeting objectives, structure and organisation of work • Adoption of agenda, Selection of Chairs
09:30 - 10:30	Introductory session Overview of CITES CoP17 Overview of CBD COP13 and concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Protocols <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the meeting operates, document flow • How to participate: credentials, interventions, consensus and voting, regional meetings • What have we learnt from past COP meetings? Identify areas for improvement
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee/tea break
11:00 - 12:00	Introductory session – con't Overview of the Agendas for the CITES CoP17, CBD CoP13 and related Protocol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda items and decisions • Identification of selected agenda items and issues
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 - 14:30	Detailed overview of selected agenda items (first and second items)
14:30 - 15:30	Break out group session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and review in detail selected agenda items
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee/tea break
16:00 - 17:00	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group presentations and discussion

Day 1 - Explanatory Notes:

Day 1 is about setting the scene, looking at CITES CoP and CBD COP processes including lessons learnt based on country delegates' own experiences from past CoP and COP meetings. CITES and CBD will each deliver presentations on their respective CoP and COP/COPMOP processes and highlight specific areas of differences.

Sharing experiences will help to engage participants in the discussions and bring out some useful information that could be addressed during the week. The "parking lot" approach will be used to park any important issue that might arise from the discussions for further discussion in the week.

Day 1 will also introduce the CoP / COP agenda for both CBD and CITES. In this session, an overview of the agenda for each of the CoP / COP will be provided, highlighting items where there might be of particular interests for the region. In introducing the agenda, the Secretariats will highlight items that they think would be useful to consider in the meeting. This will help guide the discussion on selection of items for the meeting to consider.

Once the meeting has identified key items for discussion, which could be up to eight items covering CITES and CBD, then the idea is to take two of those items at a time and zoom into the details of the selected items and review and discuss what the agenda item is about and what it is seeking in terms of decisions. The idea is to establish a clear understanding of the agenda items to enable participants to assess them in detail in the breakout groups.

The main task of the breakout group sessions is to assess the implications of the agenda items to Oceania-Pacific parties and propose preliminary suggested amendments to the text (for CITES agenda items) or inputs (for CBD agenda items), and possible positions for Oceania-Pacific. The groups could be divided into two main groups: CITES and CBD which could then be further divided into sub-groups depending on the items under discussion. For example, CITES issues could be discussed in one group given the small number of parties to CITES while CBD could be further divided into 2 or 3 sub-groups based on the complexity and scope of the item and issues under discussion. The CBD agenda item on marine is a classic example given that there are several sub-items included.

For each group, a chair (leader/presenter) and scribe should be selected from the parties. The Chair will report back in plenary on the outcomes of their group discussions.

Resource people will be assigned to each group (and sub-groups) to provide additional clarification and information.

Day 2 : 16 August 2016

Time	Session
09:00 – 10:00	Opening session Opening statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPREP Director General• CITES Secretary General (by video)• CBD Executive Secretary• UNEP ROAP• Government of Samoa
10:00 - 10:30	Photo, Coffee/tea break
10:30 – 11:30	Detailed overview of selected agenda items (third and fourth items)
11:30 - 12:30	Break out group session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss and review in detail selected agenda items
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 -14:30	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group presentations and discussion (third and fourth items)
14:30 – 15:30	Detailed overview of selected agenda items (fifth and sixth items)
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee/tea break
16:00 - 17:00	Break out group session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss and review in detail selected agenda items (fifth and sixth items)

Day-2

The official opening of the meeting will take place at 9am and SPREP could facilitate the opening.

The rest of the meeting would follow the same approach as Day 1.

Day 3 : 17 August 2016

Time	Session
9:00-9:30	Plenary session -Resource mobilization -Completion of the GEF-7 needs assessment questionnaire and financial reports (tbc). <i>Session potentially supported by videoconference link with CBD office and GEF expert. This session could be followed by related discussions (if resource mobilization is selected as one of the eight priority items).</i>
9:30 - 10:00	Plenary session • Group presentations and discussion (fifth and sixth items)
10:00 - 11:00	Detailed overview of selected agenda items (seventh item)
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee/tea break
11:30 - 12:30	Break out group session • Discuss and review in detail selected agenda items (seventh item)
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break
Synergies session (eighth item)	
13:30 - 14:30	Plenary session • Presentations and discussion on synergies (eighth item): -CITES agenda on cooperation with other biodiversity-related conventions -CBD COP 13 item 13 (decision XII/6) -UNEP Sourcebook (by UNEP-ROAP) -Contributions from other conventions (CMS, WHC, etc)
14:30 - 15:30	Detailed overview of selected agenda item on synergies
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee/tea break
15:30-17:30	Break out group session • Discuss and review in detail selected agenda items

Day-3

Day 3 would focus on the seventh and eighth agenda items (half a day each).

Day 4 : 18 August 2016

Time	Session	
9:00 - 10:00	<p><u>Parties to CITES</u> :</p> <p>Session on the ASYCUDA eCITES project opportunities, presented by UNCTAD ASYCUDA staff and discussion led by Australia.</p>	<p><u>Parties to CBD</u> :</p> <p>Detailed overview of selected agenda items. Session potentially supported by videoconference link with CBD office. The videoconference would provide an opportunity to discuss the following items: 6th National Report and Global Biodiversity Outlook; Marine and Coastal Biodiversity, and/or; Capacity-building. This session could follow from discussions that took place on Day 2- Day 3, or would cover items that were not previously discussed, and would allow participants to raise questions.</p>
10:00 - 11:00	<p>Parties to CITES :</p> <p>ASYCUDA eCITES project (continued, if need be) OR: “Overview of selected agenda items”.</p>	<p>Parties to CBD :</p> <p>Detailed overview of selected agenda items. As above, focussing on the following items: Cartagena Protocol, Nagoya Protocol, and /or; Article 8(j).</p>
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee/tea break	
11:30 - 12:30	Negotiation training	
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break	
13:30 - 14:30	Negotiation training con’t	
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee/tea break	
15:30-16:00	Negotiation training con’t	
16:00-17:00	Space for focus group discussions, closed meetings, networking etc (as needed)	

Day-4 will start with the parallel sessions.

Negotiation Training: SPREP together with IUCN ORO and EDO Australia will facilitate the training. The training will cover basic negotiation skills and it will include practical exercises building on the outcomes of the breakout sessions. The SPREP Taking the Floor booklet and the UNEP MEA Negotiations handbook would be the two key reference documents for the training.

After -16:00, participants would then use this space for focused group discussions, convene closed meetings, or use the time to network and hold bilateral meetings/discussions with the Secretariats and partners.

Day 5 : 19 August 2016

Time	
09:00 - 10:00	Overview and discussion on main outcomes from Days 1, 2, 3 and 4
10:00 - 11:00	Pacific Voyage: One Pacific Voice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication and outreach activities at COP
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee/tea break
11:30 - 12:30	Pacific Voyage con't
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 - 14:30	Discussion on follow up actions post pre-COP meeting and leading up to CoP 17 and COP 13 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Country delegations to CoP/COP meeting• Regional support• Engagement at the high level segment of CoP 17 and COP 13• Paper to the SPREP meeting
14:30 - 15:00	Coffee/tea break
15:00-16:00	Closing session

Day-5

The morning will be devoted to the Pacific Voyage – One Pacific Voice Campaign which is aimed at raising the profile of the Pacific at COP meetings through the sharing of success stories from the Pacific at side events and other fora. Nanette of SPREP will lead this session.

After lunch, the meeting will spend time to go through several important issues that would help with the final preparations for the COP meetings. Confirm who will be attending the COP meetings, what regional support would be available to assist the Pacific delegations for example, support from SPREP and other organizations. The meeting would also discuss who will be attending the HLS and strategies to input into the HLS declaration. One of the strategies for input could be through the SPREP Meeting and Ministerial meeting in September.