

WORKSHOP FOR SELECTED AFRICAN CITES PARTIES
**Strengthening national legal frameworks for the effective implementation of CITES and
for combating illegal trade in wildlife**

UN Environment Sub-regional Office, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
13 – 14 February 2017

[Provisional Agenda](#)

This programme is provisional and may be adapted to the specific needs and interests of the participants.

Monday, 13 February 2017

8:30-9:00	Arrivals and Registration	
9:00-9:45	Introductory session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UN Environment CITES Secretariat • Introduction of participants • Discussion of workshop objectives and organization of work 	Moderator: Angele Luh, UN Environment <i>Interpretation</i> <i>English-French</i>
9:45 – 10:15	Tea/Coffee break and Group Photo	
10:15-12:15	Session 1: Designing the legislative approach – challenges in the legislative process There are a multitude of options and combination of options for implementing these requirements in national legislation – and for ensuring regular updating of the provisions as the Appendices to the Convention are updated. This session will discuss advantages and disadvantages of various approaches, including the use of enabling laws and implementing regulations. Parliamentary processes and lobbying will also be discussed. Participants will be invited to share their current legislative status as well as the challenges related to legislative procedures and possible strategies for overcoming these. Q & A - Discussion	Moderator: Sylvia Bankobeza, UN Environment Speakers: Hayat Mesbah, Morocco All participants <i>Interpretation</i> <i>English/French</i>
12:15-13:30	Lunch break	
13:30-16:00	Session 2: Implementing CITES in National Legislation CITES is not a self-executing Convention; appropriate national legislative measures are required to implement and enforce the provisions of the	Moderator: Yacouba Savadogo, IUCN

Convention. The aim of CITES National Legislation Project is to ensure that the legislation of each Party to the Convention meets a certain set of minimum requirements. This session will provide an overview of these requirements and examples of national implementation.

Speakers:
Sofie H. Flensburg,
Marceil Yeater
CITES Secretariat

The session will be a combination of presentations and discussion.

Hayat Mesbah,
Morocco

- a. Designation of national CITES authorities
- b. Prohibition of trade in violation of the Convention
- c. Penalization of illegal trade
- d. Authorization to confiscate illegally traded or possessed specimens

Interpretation
English/French

For each of these requirements, a short presentation will introduce the issue. **Participants are invited to share their experiences and challenges in implementing these requirements.**

Q & A - Discussion

16:00-16:15 **Tea/Coffee break**

16:15-16:45 **Session 3: Identifying and addressing the legislative challenges**

It is the responsibility of each Party to ensure compliance with and enforcement of the Convention. Recognizing the challenges that Parties may encounter in the legislative process, UNEP and the CITES Secretariat are jointly offering legislative assistance to CITES Parties, upon their request. This brief introductory session will prepare for the group work in sessions 3 and 5.

Introduction:
Sofie H. Flensburg,
Sylvia Bankobeza

Interpretation
English/French

16.45-17.30 **GROUP WORK**

Based on the brief introductions from UNEP and CITES, participants will be invited to identify and present their challenges and specific needs for assistance to be followed by a discussion in the group.

Two groups – one
Anglophone and one
Francophone

For the sake of efficiency and effectiveness, this session will be organized in two parallel groups (English/French)

Resource persons

No interpretation

18.00-19.30 **Informal networking cocktail**

Tuesday, 14 February 2017

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8:30-9:00	Arrival and Coffee	
9:00-9:30	Recap of day 1 and introduction to group work in session 4	Speakers: All <i>Interpretation</i>
9:30-11:00	Session 4: Group Work: Legal analysis exercise This session will allow the participants to test their understanding of the four legal requirements in more detail. Participants will be invited to analyze examples of legislation and discuss how they meet the requirements set out in the Convention and Resolution Conf. 8.4 on <i>National Laws for the Implementation of the Convention</i> .	<i>Two groups - one Anglophone and one Francophone</i> <i>Resource persons</i> <i>No interpretation</i>
11:00-11:15	Tea/Coffee break	
11:15-12:30	Session 5: Group Work: Legislative plans and next steps Based on the discussions in session 3, participants from each Party will be invited to present and receive feedback on their draft legislative measures or their draft legislative plan. Participants will also be invited to prepare a draft “appropriate legislative timetable to be agreed with the Secretariat”. Other questions may be addressed as well.	Speakers: All <i>Two groups – one Anglophone and one Francophone</i> <i>Resource persons</i> <i>No interpretation</i>
12:30-14:00	Lunch break	
14:00-16:00	Session 6: Report back on group work and other issues TBD Participants will review the results of group work in session 4 as well as other questions related to the implementation of the Convention, to be determined based on the needs and requests of the participants. This could include topics like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation of relevant decisions of CoP17 - Roles and responsibilities of CITES Authorities - CITES permits and certificates - Disposal of confiscated illegally traded specimens 	Moderator: Angele Luh, UN Environment Speakers: TBD <i>Interpretation English/French</i>
16:00-16:15	Tea/Coffee break	
16:15-17:30	Session 7: Presentation of legislative plans Participants from each Party will be invited to present an outline of the legislative plans developed in the previous session to be followed by a discussion. The aim is to ensure that a solid and time-bound plan for the steps required to be placed in category 1 in the NLP will be established for each Party.	Moderator: Marceil Yeater Speakers: All <i>Interpretation English/French</i>
17:30-18.00	Discussion of next steps and way forward	