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EU Experts Workshop
Advancing together on Biodiversity Resource Mobilization
and preparing the CBD COP PyeongChang
Roma, 7-8 July 2014

Venue:

Aula Onofri [Meeting Room Onofri], 5th floor

Ministero degli Affari Esteri [Ministry of Foreign Affairs], Piazzale della Farnesina 1, Roma, Italy-EU

INTRODUCTION

In order to advance together on Biodiversity Resource Mobilization and with the aim of preparing the next CBD COP12 (12th Conference Of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, PyeongChang, Korea), the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea - Directorate general for nature and sea protection (MATTM-PNM), in view of its role as Presidency of the Council of the European Union, is organizing a two days Experts Workshop on 7th and 8th July in Rome.

Quantitative financial proposals for Aichi targets are under discussion: the doubling of international flows before 2015 (compared to a baseline average 2006-10), the adoption of a domestic target ("substantial increase" by 2017 in the CBD Secretariat proposal), the elimination of environmentally harmful subsidies and incentives. Qualitative targets are also key - like mainstreaming of biodiversity into public and private decision-making, integration of biodiversity in planning and project management, capacity building and technical cooperation.

During the first day we would like to move forward in the technical and methodological aspects related to resources mobilization. Starting from the output of Quito 2 and WGRIS Montreal, we are going to analyze Biodiversity Resource Mobilization (BRM) statistics, reporting and targets. There will be sessions dedicated to innovative financial mechanisms, incentives and subsidies harmful for biodiversity, private sector engagement. Finally we are going to explore the link between BRM and other existing international statistical and environmental accounting processes, with the valuable aid of some highly qualified international experts.

The second day will be a drafting group restricted to EU governmental and EC representatives. The Commission and National experts will work together preparing the draft of the Position Paper on COP's items 18 and 19, exploring the elements that need to be addressed as part of the European Union and its Member States position.

Due to the relevance that the topic will have at COP12, we strongly encourage all Member States to attend the workshop.

Besides experts involved in the preparation of the CBD COP 12 on biodiversity resource mobilization, experts involved in biodiversity from the point of view of SDGs (UN Sustainable Development Goals), Monterrey process, environmental accounting and statistics, natural capital accounting, ecosystems evaluation, ..., may be interested in participating to Day 1. *Chatham House rules apply to Day 1.*

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DAY 1: Advancing together on Biodiversity Resource Mobilization			
09:30 Registration and welcome coffee			
10:00	1	Session 1: Welcome	<p>Felice Cappelluti, Chair of WPIEI Biodiversity under Italian EU Presidency, MATTM-PNM</p> <p>Renato Grimaldi, Director-General MATTM-PNM</p> <p>Tbc, DG Globalisation and/or DG Development Cooperation Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
Chairing: Aldo Ravazzi Douvan , Italy			
10:15	2	Session 2: Biodiversity Resource Mobilization Statistics, Reporting & Targeting – Introduction	
	2.a 15'	Update on EU and non-EU 2014 reporting on Resource Mobilization for CBD; update on Quito Workshop and WGRI-Montreal	Laure Ledoux , DG Environment, Biodiversity, European Commission; Chair of the OECD WP on Biodiversity, Water & Ecosystems; EU Lead for Resource Mobilization at WGRI-Montreal
	2.b 15'	CBD Resource Mobilization Targets: quantification and accountability after WGRI-Montreal and in view of COP-PyeongChang	Aldo Ravazzi Douvan , Italian EU Biodiversity Semester Team, Italian Ministry of Environment, Land & Sea; past-Chair of the OECD WP on Biodiversity, Water & Ecosystems
	2.c 15'	Questions and answers session	Discussion
11:00	3	Session 3: CBD Biodiversity Resource Mobilization: defining data & targets, and connecting to other environmental statistical processes	
	3.a 20'	IFMs (Innovative Financial Mechanisms) for biodiversity and CBD reporting & targeting - The OECD DAC Rio markers for Biodiversity (an update)	Katia Karousakis , Environment Directorate, OECD; principal author of OECD 2013 «Scaling Up Financing for Biodiversity»
	3.b 20'	Potential of sectoral resource mobilisation to implement the Aichi targets in developing countries - Natural Capital Accounting and Policy	Patrick Ten Brink , IEEP Bruxelles Director, co-author of the Teeb Report and of «Paying The Polluter - Environmentally Harmful Subsidies and Their Reform»; author of «Potential of Sectoral Resource Mobilisation to Implement the Aichi Targets in Developing Countries: A Scoping Study»
	3.c 20'	Questions and answers session	Discussion
12:00		Coffee-Break	
12:15	3.d 20'	BHSs (Biodiversity Harmful Subsidies) and CBD reporting & targeting	Guillaume Sainteny , U. Polytechnique Paris, co-ordinator of the French Commission study on BHSs - author of «Plaidoyer pour l'écofiscalité» - former

			<i>Director of D4E (Evaluation Economique et Evaluation Environnementale) at the French Ministry of Ecology</i>
	3.e 20'	BHSs and IFMs cautions and challenges in CBD reporting & targeting: paths of sustainability	Daniel Franco , Italian Ministry of Environment, Land & Sea, Senior Expert, Italian EU Biodiversity Semester Team
	3.f 20'	Questions and answers session	Discussion
13:15		Family Picture and Light-Lunch Break	
14:30	4	Session 4: CBD Biodiversity Resource Mobilization: building a permanent statistical framework and connecting to other environmental statistical processes	
	4.a 15'	CBD Resource Mobilization Targets: the view of NGOs after WGRI-5	Guenter Mitlacher , Director International Biodiversity Policy, CBD Focal Point, WWF Germany
	4.b 10'	Questions and answers session	Discussion
	4.c 15'	Wealth Accounting & Valuation of Ecosystem Services and CBD reporting & targeting	Paulo Nunes , Scientific Coordinator, Policy and Technical Experts Committee, WAVES - The World Bank
	4.d 10'	Questions and answers session	Discussion
	4.e 15'	Ecosystem Assessment, Mainstreaming Biodiversity and CBD reporting & targeting	John Tayleur , UNEP-WCMC
	4.f 10'	Questions and answers session	Discussion
15:45		Coffee-Break	
16:10	4.g 15'	Official statistics on environmental accounting and Biodiversity Resource Mobilization in the framework of CBD	Cesare Costantino , independent expert, former Director of research at ISTAT (Italian Statistical Office), member of UN-CEEA and numerous experts groups at UN, OECD, UNECE, EUROSTAT, developing Environmental Statistics and Environmental-Economic Accounting NB a briefing note from Anton Steurer, Directorate Sectoral and Regional Statistics, Eurostat, E.C., will be distributed
	4.h 15'	Questions and answers session	Discussion
	4.i 10'	Enhancing resource mobilization effectiveness by actualizing biodiversity mainstreaming through systemic and objective decision-making	Alfredo Guillet , Focal Point UTC for Environment, Directorate General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Italy
	4.l 10'	Questions and answers session	Discussion
17:00	5	Session 5: CBD Biodiversity Resource Mobilization: the role of the Private Sector	
	5.a 10'	Is building a national framework for the Private Sector possible? Considerations and first results	Roberta Pasquariello - Daniel Franco , Italian Ministry of Environment, Land & Sea, Italian EU Biodiversity Semester Team

		from Italy	
	5.b 10'	Risks & Opportunities of Private Sector Reporting & Targeting for CBD Resource Mobilization: a <i>Company</i> view	Carlo Ferrara , ENEL, Italy
	5.c 10'	Risks & Opportunities of Private Sector Reporting & Targeting for CBD Resource Mobilization: a <i>Global Compact</i> view	Chiara Certomà - Marco Frey , UN Global Compact Network Italy, University Sant'Anna Pisa
	5.d 10'	Risks & Opportunities of Private Sector Reporting & Targeting for CBD Resource Mobilization: a <i>Foundations/Charities</i> perspective	(tbc)
	5.e 10'	Question and answer session	<i>Discussion</i>
17:50	6	Conclusions	
	6.a 5'		Ledoux - Ravazzi
18:00		Closure of Day 1	
18:15		<i>Biodiversity in an urban area: informal promenade in the Natural Protected Area of Monte Mario Park (nearby, up the hill behind the Ministry)</i>	
20:00		<i>Informal joint dinner in a traditional trattoria romana (nearby, at the old Roman bridge of Ponte Milvio). NB: "informal joint": the organisers can only guarantee the booking, it is self-financed by each participant, obviously there is no obligation to join even if it is a nice opportunity for further and even more informal discussions (or team-building & relax)</i>	

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DAY 2: Preparing the CBD COP PyeongChang		
<i>The workshop continues reserved to EU Governments and EC experts</i>		
09:00	7	Preparing the CBD COP PyeongChang
<i>Chairing: Aldo Ravazzi Douvan</i>		
	7.a 10'	Towards PyeongChang CBD COP - State of play on Biodiversity Resource Mobilization - Results of WGRI Montreal: internal considerations for the EU negotiators <i>Laure Ledoux, Biodiversity, DG ENV, European Commission</i>
	7.b 10'	Are Council Conclusions sufficient to draft a Position Paper for the CBD COP? Do we need additional indications and mandates from our Ministers? <i>Aldo Ravazzi, Italian EU Presidency</i>
	7.c 10'	<i>Possible comments on the agenda of Day 2 in light of the discussions of Day 1</i>
09:30	8	Final Targets
09:30	8A	Final Targets – Financial Targets: - definition of the <u>international target</u> : are we satisfied that it makes biodiversity policies advance, making countries responsible and accountable, or should we modify it and how? - definition of the <u>domestic target</u> : how can we define it so that it helps biodiversity and does not discourage neither developed countries in economic-financial crisis and developing countries in need of growth? - are we satisfied with the present Wgri text, not responsabilizing and not making accountable individual countries? - can we devise mechanisms in both cases for guaranteeing the quality of expenditure?
	30'	<i>General discussion</i>
10:00	8B	Final Targets - Mainstreaming Targets: should and could we modify the <u>mainstreaming targets</u> (7b. BD included in national priorities and appropriate financial provisions; 7c. Adequate financial resources for reporting BD expenditures, needs, gaps & priorities; 7d. Adequate financial resources for preparing national financial plans) to be inserted in the COP Decision?
	30'	<i>General discussion</i>
10:30	8C	Final Targets - Conditionality: should we make mainstreaming targets <u>conditional</u> for the achievement of the international and domestic targets? how can we effectively monitor their application? don't we risk a block because of the lack of definitions and methodologies?
	30'	<i>General discussion</i>
11:00		Coffee-Break
11:15	8D	Final Targets - Other Targets: should we or can we add (or replace existing targets with) <u>other targets</u> : e.g. can we enter part of the IFMs (Innovative Financial Mechanisms) into the COP Decision? are we satisfied

		with the treatment of BHSs Biodiversity Harmful Subsidies (Aichi Target 3) in the draft decision? can we link the Biodiversity Resource Mobilisation to other ongoing statistical and accounting processes?
	30'	General discussion
11:45	8E	Final Targets - Options 1 and 2 of the WGRI proposal: the WGRI proposal of COP decision sets a basic option 1 for [Final] targets for resource mobilisation; and an option 2 resuming other alternatives discussed: are there aspects within option 2 to be considered and developed? or should we try to defend with priority Option 1?
	30'	General discussion
12:15	9A	Enabling Conditions - A. Innovative financing mechanisms and safeguards
	30'	General discussion
12:45		Light-Lunch Break
14:00	9B	Enabling Conditions - B. Operationalization of Aichi Target 3 on biodiversity harmful subsidies and biodiversity friendly subsidies
	45'	General discussion
14:45	9C	Enabling Conditions - C. Involvement of the private sector - in general (firms, NGOs, charities/foundations, universities/research) - and specifically how to recognize the evolving role of the private sector after WGRI-5 agreed (doc. UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/L.5) inter alia par. 1 "Invites Parties, taking into account their national policies, needs and priorities c) To seek to foster public and private partnerships, in consultation with civil society, to promote the development and implementation of biodiversity strategies within the business sector, <i>including on resource mobilization</i> , and to strengthen capacity-building;" and par.2 "Encourages businesses: (e) <i>To actively engage in the resource mobilization strategy of the Convention on Biological Diversity to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets</i> "?
	45'	General discussion
15:30	10	Improving the reporting framework
	45'	General discussion
16:15	11	The Way Forward - High Level 9 September: after WGRI and in view of the COP, do we need and how to prepare a <u>high-level / informal Ministerial on 9th September</u> (as optioned in the EU Presidency Program)? what should we submit to them? can we live with the Council Conclusions and ask them to confirm it? or, after WGRI and SBSTTA, should we propose clarifications and advancements? in view of the COP, should we prepare a precise list of red lines (limits) for the negotiation, item per item?
	45'	General discussion
17:00		Closure

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