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## INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. Therefore, the Executive Secretary has prepared this report, which contains a summary of key activities in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 January to 30 June 2015.

### I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

3. In January 2015, the Executive Secretary was in Rome to attend the fifteenth regular session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (CGRFA). In his plenary address, he briefed participants on relevant activities under the CBD-CGRFA Joint Work Plan 2011-2020 and also highlighted some important outcomes from COP 12. He also attended a special event on “Food security and genetic diversity”, held prior to the CGRFA 15, where he made a presentation highlighting key issues and elements of CBD’s cross-cutting initiative on biodiversity for food and nutrition, including the Nagoya Protocol in providing capacity-building to put legal and governance frameworks in place; the Updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020; the Biodiversity and Human Health; and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and the Aichi Biodiversity, in particular Targets relevant to food and nutrition; and strategies to address the challenges facing food security, nutrition and genetic resources. In the margins of the CGRFA 15, meetings were held with a number of senior officials from FAO and the IPPC Secretariat.
4. The Executive Secretary was invited to deliver a keynote address at the 21st Annual International Society of Tropical Foresters Conference, held in Yale University in New Haven, CT, U.S.A. Held under the theme “Conserving biodiversity across multiple use landscapes through strategic governance and land-use planning”, the conference aimed to respond to the increasing rate of biodiversity loss caused by rapid land-use conversion in the tropics, and recognized the urgent need to adopt a landscape approach to conservation. In the margins of the conference, a meeting was held with the Dean of Yale University.
5. A meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG) was held via videoconference on 23 January 2015, and was chaired by the CBD Executive Secretary. Members gave an update on recent and upcoming COPs and also reviewed the outcomes of ninth meeting of the BLG and follow-up actions. The next physical meeting of the BLG is scheduled to be held in September 2015.
6. In February, the Executive Secretary took part in an interview-conference organized by the Société des relations internationales de Québec, held at the Université de Laval in Quebec City. The meeting discussed trends in biodiversity, the challenges and progress, and its contribution to the post-2015 development agenda. Prior to the conference, a meeting was held with the Assistant Deputy Minister for Ecology, State of the Environment and Sustainable Development of Quebec.
7. The Executive Secretary attended the symposium entitled “Beyond Enforcement: Communities, governance, incentives and sustainable use in combating wildlife crime, held in South Africa on 26-27 February 2015, making use of the opportunity in his address to showcase the experience and contributions of indigenous peoples and local communities in assessing and mitigating impacts from illegal use and hunting, as well as to report on measures taken by governments to incentivise co-management actions to sustainably manage wildlife and their habitats. The meeting assessed the scale of the problem of the illegal trade in wildlife in local communities and looked at how governments and institutions can provide support in combating the growing problem.

8. The Executive Secretary addressed the ministerial segment of the AMCEN 15 held in Cairo, Egypt in early March 2015. In his message, he commended the prominent attention being given at the meeting to the contribution of Africa's natural capital, including biodiversity and ecosystems, to sustainable development and poverty eradication, and also noted that the meeting will consider the draft African Union strategic guidelines for the coordinated implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization. He underscored the important role of the Protocol in creating incentives to further enhance the contribution of biodiversity to sustainable development and human well-being, and briefed participants on the significant decisions adopted by the COP-MOP of Biosafety Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol as well as the CBD COP 12, and also for AMCEN to consider, at its sixteenth session, including a prominent item on its agenda dedicated to preparation for the meetings of the COP 13 and the Protocols. In the margins of the AMCEN meeting, he also met with the UNEP Executive Director, and the Environment Ministers of Egypt and Morocco.

9. The Executive Secretary was in Mexico in March to meet with the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico, with a view to discuss preparations of the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD (COP 13), to be held in Mexico in December 2016. Issues discussed included: mainstreaming of productive sectors such as food systems and agriculture, fisheries, tourism and forestry, to link biodiversity conservation with development. Also discussed was Mexico's support towards the Cartagena Protocol and the Nagoya Protocol. A number of senior officials from the Mexican Government attended the meeting, including: the National Coordinator of the COP13; Director of CONABIO; Head of CONANP; Head of the International Affairs (UCAI) Unit; Under-secretary of Development and Environmental Regulation and the General Coordinator of Special Communication, among others. A separate meeting was also held with staff from CONABIO, as well as with the COP 13 Coordination team to discuss preparations for the CBD meetings hosted by Mexico in December 2016. The COP 13 Coordination team also visited the Secretariat office.

10. Following an invitation from the German Environment Minister, the Executive Secretary participated in the Bonn Challenge 2.0, a high-level roundtable that provided an opportunity for ministers, heads of international governmental and non-governmental and stakeholders to exchange experiences gained, the challenges and planned national activities in relation to forest restoration. Also discussed was how the Bonn Challenge 2.0 can support forming of new partnerships for forest restoration as well as options to encourage private sector involvement. In his statement, he underscored the importance of countries committed to the Bonn Challenge to further optimize their contribution to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets; that the milestones reached to date through the Bonn Challenge, should constitute a stepping stone to quantify the amount, scale and type of restoration interventions carried out nationally and to formalize such commitments in national policy instruments, such as a country's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs); and that the core aim of restoration is to regain ecological integrity in degraded lands and improve human well-being and ecological function. Prior to the Bonn Challenge event, meetings were held with: CMS Executive Secretary and a representative of the City of Bonn.

11. The Executive Secretary attended the Soil Governance Conference held in Brasilia, which aimed to raise awareness on the importance of preservation and sustainable use of soil; its implications to policies connected to sustainable development, successful initiatives and formulate recommendations and suggestions to improve soil governance mechanisms. While in Brasilia, he had an opportunity to meet with the President of the Brazilian Auditing Agency, and also participated in a Brazilian National pollinators GEF project event on biodiversity and agriculture.

12. The first inter-sessional meeting of the Bureau of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 13), also serving as the Bureau of the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols (CP MOP and NP MOP) was held on 27-28 April 2015 in Montreal. The representative of the incoming COP 13 Presidency made a presentation on their vision for COP 13, CP MOP 8 and NP MOP 2, and draft plans for the High Level Segment. The Chair of SBSTTA updated the Bureau on preparations for SBSTTA-19 and SBSTTA-20 and the outcomes of the recent SBSTTA Bureau meeting. Other issues

discussed included: draft agendas of and the arrangements for the concurrent organization of COP 13, CP MOP 8 and NP MOP 2, and other parallel events planned; draft agendas for the WG8J 9 and SBI 1 meetings; other preparatory meetings and processes towards COP 13, CP MOP 8 and NP MOP 2; report on contributions to the BE and BZ Trust Funds; and the report on credentials for COP 12.

13. As a key partner in the work of the UNFF both in the context of the CPF and joint activities, the Executive Secretary participated in the 11th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and its high level segment. The meeting, under the theme “Forests: progress, challenges and the way forward for the international arrangement on forests”, reviewed the effectiveness of the current IAF; the progress towards achievement of the Global Objectives on Forests and implementation of the Forest Instrument, and the contribution of forests and the IAF in relation to internationally agreed goals. At the High-Level Dialogue with the Executive Heads of the CPF member organizations, held during the HLS, the Executive Secretary was able to brief participants on forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets, adding that COP 13 to be held in Mexico in December 2016 will address strategic actions including forest sector. A side event co-organized by Korea Forest Service and CBD Secretariat was held to launch the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative, which aims to support ecosystem restoration activities under the CBD. He also took part in the side event on CPFs Role in the Future International Arrangement on Forests, and also on Leveraging integrated approaches for achieving forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the expanded Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity. Prior to the UNFF-11, a meeting of the CPF was held.

14. In May, the Executive Secretary was in Seoul to meet with senior Government officials and also to attend events. At the meeting with the Environment Minister, the contribution of the COP Presidency was discussed in relation to the COP 13 and the post-2015 development agenda. A meeting was also held with senior officials from the Ministry of Fisheries and Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, as well as the Korea Forest Service. Items discussed included: Sustainable Ocean Initiative and its contribution to COP 13, and also Korean Government initiatives i.e. the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative, the Bio-Bridge Initiative and the Korea Biosafety Capacity-building Initiative. While in Seoul, the Executive Secretary attended and delivered a presentation at the Seminar on Multilateral Cooperation on Biodiversity. The event provided an opportunity to discuss and have an exchange on visions and ideas on how to establish multilateral cooperation on biodiversity under Nagoya Protocol. He also took part in the Healing talk concert for the Earth and Youth, where he gave a lecture on the importance of biodiversity and what can be done to protect and conserve biodiversity. The two events were organized by Korea’s National Institute of Biological Resources.

15. On the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD), and at the kind invitation of the China’s Environment Minister, the Executive Secretary was in Beijing to take part in the national IBD events. In his statement, the Executive Secretary praised key achievements that the Government of China has made in biodiversity conservation and the launch of China’s Red Lists of Animals and Plants. Meetings were also held with the Environment Minister as well as other senior officials. Items discussed include: China’s support to the work of Convention, including support to previous and upcoming regional workshops, China’s membership in the GBIF and importance of China becoming a Party to the Nagoya Protocol. The IBD ceremony also marked the 30th anniversary of the reintroduction into China of Pere David’s deer, a great example that conservation efforts can be effective to halt the loss of biodiversity. A visit to the Beijing Research Centre on Pere David’s Deer was organized, as well as at the exhibition on China’s achievements in Biodiversity Conservation and sand paintings related to biodiversity.

16. In June, the Executive Secretary was invited to attend the Environmental Emergencies Forum, where he was moderator of the session on “Lessons from Environmental Peacebuilding for Humanitarians”, which took place in Oslo, Norway. Through presentations and breakout groups, the session aimed to make participants be familiar with the key lessons from environmental peacebuilding; to know where to find case studies, guidance, and other information on environmental peacebuilding; be familiar with the approaches that have deployed to build the field of environmental peacebuilding; and to have identified which approaches may be used to strengthen environmental emergency preparedness and response. After the

forum, he travelled to Brussels to attend the Green Week, where he participated as one of the speakers in the session on “Nature and Health” on 4 June. The panel explored the role of protected areas, in improving health and well-being, providing recreational services and opportunities for social and community engagement. In the margins of the Green Week, he had a working lunch with the Director-General of the EC Directorate-General for Environment, and also met with the Acting Director-General, EC Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety.

17. At the invitation of LIFE Institute and the Federation of the Industries of the State of São Paulo, the Executive Secretary attended the 4th International Workshop on Business and Biodiversity, and delivered a keynote presentation in which he highlighted the importance of LIFE Certification and indicated the relevance of LIFE Methodology to CBD COP decision on business engagement. The workshop provided an opportunity for participants to discuss and share experiences about the strategies adopted to fight climate change, to conserve ecosystem services, to promote the sustainability agenda and the maintenance of natural capital. While in Sao Paulo, meetings were held with: senior officials from the Government of Sao Paulo; the National Secretary for Biodiversity and Forests in the Ministry of Environment of Brazil; President of the Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade; and senior staff from the Confederação Nacional da Indústria. He also gave a lecture at the University of Sao Paulo.

18. The Executive also participated in a number of meetings held in Montreal, including: the meeting of the IISD Board of Directors in January; the Symposium on North American Environmental Governance, aimed at discussing environmental cooperation in North America, which was held in February at Concordia University; the Forum Future Earth in April, on the risks and opportunities of global environmental change and to shape the development of Future Earth in the region; and the International Economic Forum of the Americas.

19. During the reporting period, the following visited the Secretariat: FAO Forestry Officer for Forest Protection and Health who had an exchange dialogue with staff on strengthening collaboration; SBSTTA Focal Point for Canada who made a presentation on the impacts of climate change on biodiversity in the Arctic; senior staff from GEF STAP who made a presentation on frameworks for adaptation and resilience in food and agriculture; the Climate Technology Manager for the UNFCCC Climate Technology Centre and Network. The Secretariat welcomed the visit of the Director General of the International Organizations Bureau of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of Canada and the Deputy Director for UN Specialized Agencies, who met with the Executive Secretary and relevant staff to discuss issues resulting from changes to Government procedures, in respect of experts of mission. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of: the Consul General of Israel; the Ambassador of Switzerland to Canada; the new Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Montreal; the Mayor of the Borough of Saint-Laurent; the Special Advisor to the Executive Director on Post-2015 and SDGs; and the Chief Officer of the Multilateral Fund Secretariat. The Executive Director of Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) also visited the Secretariat, and made a presentation on CEC biodiversity-related projects and explored possible ways for CBD contribution.

## **MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING**

### **Korea Forest Service – Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative**

20. As part of the Republic of Korea’s commitment to support the outcomes of COP 12, the Korea Forest Service has established the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative to support developing countries in their efforts on forest ecosystem restoration, in line with COP decision XI/16, and in cooperation with the Forest Landscape Restoration Mechanism of the Food and Agriculture of the United Nations, and other relevant initiatives, with the overall goal of contributing to the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, in particular Targets 5, 14 and 15. The Korea Forest Service undertakes to make financial contributions for the purpose of the implementation of the Initiative. The agreement was signed in the margins of the Bonn Challenge 2.0 meeting in March 2015.

## Ministry of the Environment of Korea – Bio-Bridge Initiative

21. A funding agreement to promote technical and scientific co-operation and to support achievement of the goals and targets of the Convention was signed in May 2015 between the Republic of Korea and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The Bio-Bridge Initiative, launched by the Republic of Korea in 2014 at the margins of COP 12, aims to support developing countries in their efforts to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Target 19, that “by 2020, knowledge, the science base and technologies relating to biodiversity, its values, functioning, status and trends, and the consequences of its loss, are improved, widely shared and transferred, and applied.”

## Ville de Montreal – Borough of Saint-Laurent

22. Minutes of Mutual Understanding on Biodiversity was signed between the Secretariat and the Borough of Saint Laurent in June 2015. With implementation focusing on CBD’s CEPA programme and the Borough’s local sustainable development plan, the agreement aims to promote the sharing of a common understanding and vision and the development and dissemination of knowledge on biodiversity and greening practices.

## II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

### A. Personnel Arrangements

23. During the period January-June 2015, there were 31.5 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved under the Convention. There were 2 vacant posts and 4 professional staff members regularized on posts funded by UNEP with the Programme Support Funds with 1 vacant Professional post.

24. Under the Convention, there were 26 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget. There were no vacant posts. Additionally, 13 General Service staff members are regularized on posts funded by UNEP with the Programme Support Funds and there is 1 vacant General Service post.

25. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol, there were 5.5 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. There were 3 vacant posts in the Professional category, 4 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget and no vacant General Service posts.

26. In addition to posts funded under the core budgets of the Convention and the Biosafety Protocol, and UNEP Programme support funds, there were a total of 19 Professional Staff and 3 General Service staff that were seconded or appointed through voluntary funds during the period under review and 1 vacant General Service post funded through voluntary funds.

27. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex II Appendix 1, and Annex III respectively).

### B. Financial Arrangements

28. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 June 2015, of the total pledged contributions of US\$13,244,197 for 2015 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounts to US\$7,791,724 of which US\$828,841 were received in



2014 and US\$6,962,883 has been received in 2015. Total unpaid pledges for 2015 and prior years to the BY Trust Fund is US\$6,387,358. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

29. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 June 2015, the total pledged and received for 2015 amounts to US\$1,914,600. In addition, US\$ 253,254 has been received with regards to prior year's pledges. Total unpaid pledges for 2015 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$424,184. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex III.

30. As at 30 June 2015, US\$10,886 has been pledged and received in 2015 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). Total unpaid pledges for prior years to the BZ Trust Fund, amount to US\$61,609. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

31. As at 30 June 2015, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,890,455 for 2015 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,550,650 of which US\$600,524 were received in 2014 and US\$950,126 has been received in 2015. In addition, US\$78,459 was received in 2015 with regards to prior year's pledges. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

32. As at 30 June 2015, one party has pledged and contributed US\$140,000 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**). Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

33. As at 30 June 2015, of the total pledged contributions of US\$290,185 for 2015 to the Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (**BB Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$85,596 in 2015. Total unpaid pledges for 2015 to the BB Trust Fund, amount to US\$204,589. Details of the BB Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

34. As at 30 June 2015, one party has pledged and contributed US\$70,600 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities (**BX Trust Fund**). Details of the BX Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

### III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

#### SCIENTIFIC, ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

##### **Decisions XII/1, XI/3 and X/4: The Global Biodiversity Outlook**

35. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared a booklet on the findings of GBO-4 as they relate to water which was launched at the 7th World Water Forum (Daegu and Gyeongbuk, Republic of Korea, 12-17 April 2015);
- (b) Issued notification 2015-045 inviting submissions of information related to the further consideration of the implications of the findings of GBO-4 and key scientific and technical needs related to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and analysed these in preparation for documentation on this agenda item at SBSTTA-19;
- (c) Contributed information for and reviewed draft regional reports as complements to GBO-4 for Africa, West Asia and Asia and Pacific, prepared by UNEP-WCMC in collaboration with the respective UNEP regional offices (ROA, ROWA and ROAP);
- (d) Liaised with UNEP-ROLAC regarding the possible preparation of a regional report as complement to GBO-4 for Latin America and the Caribbean; and
- (e) Contributed to an assessment of the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets in Antarctica emulating the GBO-4 assessment (Monaco, 8-11 June 2015).

*This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

##### **Decisions XII/1, XI/3 and X/7: Indicators and monitoring progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan**

36. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Undertook preparations for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) of indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. This included substantive matters, such as the preparation of documentation as well as the logistical issues. The AHTEG is being held in Geneva Switzerland from 14-17 September 2015.
- (b) Continued to review the fifth national reports to the Convention on Biological Diversity in order to update the assessment of progress of the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.
- (c) Prepared, with partners, thematic and regional reports related to the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook on progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- (d) Developed a methodology for an index, based on information in the fifth national reports, for measuring progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
- (e) Developed a methodology for an index, based on information in the fifth national reports, for measuring progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets;
- (f) Provided inputs and guidance to UNEP-WCMC on the preparation, with the GEF Secretariat and UNEP, of a project "Connect: Mainstreaming biodiversity into the heart of decision making". The project will include activities in three countries in Africa to strengthen the connection between government decision makers and data providers in order to provide policy-relevant, spatially explicit information to meet ongoing national needs. This would be based on an understanding of the demands for, and the barriers to using, biodiversity information within government decision making, and involve the mobilization of existing biodiversity information from a range of sources to meet these demands.

The products and lessons of the project will be extended globally. The project is expected to be operational in early 2016; and

- (g) Contributed, as part of the Technical Support Team for the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, inputs on an indicative set of indicators in preparation of the first meeting Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators.

*Processes have been put in place to better allow Parties and the Secretariat to monitor progress towards the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020. The information generated through these processes will facilitate the assessment of progress towards the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.*

#### **Decisions XII/15, XI/26 and X/17: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation**

37. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Commissioned Botanic Gardens Conservation International to support a series of capacity-building activities on GSPC implementation for 2015;
- (b) Liaised with Plantlife International with a view to incorporating data on Important Plant Areas into national protected area gap analyses;
- (c) Liaised with the Chair of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation and Botanic Gardens Conservation International on plans for the fifth meeting of the Liaison Group on the GSPC; and
- (d) Prepared documentation for the fifth meeting of the Liaison Group on the GSPC.

*As a result of the actions taken Parties have enhanced their capacities for plant conservation and for mainstreaming the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation into their national planning processes.*

*This is relevant to all Aichi Biodiversity Targets.*

#### **Decisions XII/20, XI/19, XI/20, XI/21 and X/33: Biodiversity and Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction**

38. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) In collaboration with relevant partners, is compiling the experiences of countries with implementation of ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation (EbA) and disaster risk reduction (eco-DRR), including lessons learned, opportunities and challenges for implementation and an analysis of the major policy issues on , including cost-benefit analyses, trade- offs, protection of the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities and gender.
- (b) Has commissioned UNEP-WCMC to prepare an assessment of the current carbon stocks in biomass and soil, with an estimate of the carbon stored in different biomes at global level, and provides an overview of carbon management in different natural ecosystems such as the Tundra, boreal forests, temperate forests, and savannahs and tropical grasslands. This assessment builds on other assessments prepared previously by UNEP-WCMC and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN).
- (c) Has commissioned a report that explores possible scenarios that are likely to keep climate change within a 1.5 or 3 degree limit, reduce and ultimately halt biodiversity loss in line with the Vision of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and meet other agreed goals for sustainable development and to examine the feasibility of pathways and response options in line with these scenarios. The report also provides a credible quantified estimate of the contribution of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and thereby demonstrates the contribution of achievements under the CBD to the objective of the UNFCCC.
- (d) Contributed to the Structured Expert Dialogue under the UNFCCC on the 2013 – 2015 review of the adequacy of the long-term global goal to ensure that global temperature increases does not exceed 2

degrees Celsius. The Secretariat provided information on the Updated Synthesis Report on Ocean Acidification and the findings of GBO-4.

- (e) Contributed to the National Adaptation Expo of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group where the Secretariat organized an event on ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation.
- (f) Attended the first Preparatory Committee meeting for the Third United Nations Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction;
- (g) Cooperated with partner organizations (including through PEDRR) to strengthen attention to ecosystem based disaster risk reduction, including incorporating the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and relevant CBD decisions into the DRR agenda and the outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction; and
- (h) Initiated the preparation of an update on the potential impacts of geoengineering techniques on biodiversity, and on the regulatory framework of climate-related geoengineering relevant to the Convention on Biological Diversity, drawing upon all relevant scientific reports such as the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

*Through these actions, there is a better understanding within the climate change community of the role and contribution of the CBD, and work taken under it, to the work of the UNFCCC. Parties have a better understanding of the impacts of climate change on biodiversity, how to integrate climate change and ecosystem-based adaptation into NBSAPs, and will have a better overview of available resources supporting them in their efforts to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets related to climate change. These actions also strengthened the awareness of Member States regarding the contribution of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to disaster risk reduction and opportunities to integrate this into the second Hyogo Framework for Action on DRR.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 10, 14 and 15.*

#### **Decision XII/20: Biodiversity and climate change and disaster risk reduction**

39. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Attended the first Preparatory Committee meeting for the Third United Nations Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction;
- (b) Cooperated with partner organizations (including through PEDRR) to strengthen attention to ecosystem based disaster risk reduction, including incorporating the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and relevant CBD decisions into the DRR agenda and the outcomes of the Third United Nations Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction;
- (c) Attended the PEDRR partner retreat, Geneva, 24 – 27 June 2015 where the Secretariat was officially endorsed as a partner and elected as its Chair for September 2015; and
- (d) Co-organised a regional workshop for West Africa on capacity building for drought management planning, Accra, Ghana, 3 – 7 April 2015, in collaboration with WMO, FAO, UNCCD and UN-Water.

*These actions: strengthened the awareness of Member States regarding the contribution of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to disaster risk reduction and opportunities to integrate this into the Sendai Framework for Action on DRR; strengthened cooperation among partners on DRR and increased mainstreaming of ecosystem based solutions for DRR; improved capacity of Parties to integrate biodiversity and ecosystem services as a key element of national drought management policies and actions; improved understanding by UN system agencies dealing with drought management of the role of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets;*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 14 and 15.*

**Decisions XII/29, XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10): National Reporting**

40. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Received a total of 150 fifth national reports as of the end of June 2015. In addition 20 countries had shared advanced draft reports. To facilitate the finalization and submission of the fifth national reports, the Secretariat sent many reminders including letters to Ministers during this period. The Secretariat also reviewed and provided suggestions on draft reports received;
- (b) Reviewed almost all the fifth national reports received when preparing for the nineteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 19) and other meetings, as well as contributing to the development of regional outlooks as by-products of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook;
- (c) Drafted a document on tools for evaluating the effectiveness of the delivery of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity for 2011-2020, for consideration by SBSTTA 19, as requested in decision XII/1, paragraph 20 (c) .
- (d) Further developed the on-line reporting tool as requested in decision XII/29, with due consideration given to suggestions contained in paragraph 4 of decision XII/6;
- (e) Facilitated access to funding by eligible countries from the Global Environment Facility for the preparation of the fifth national reports and updating national biodiversity strategies and action plans; and
- (f) Updated most of the country biodiversity profiles and sent them to relevant countries for review.

**Decisions XII/29, XII/2, XI/2, XI/3 and X/10: Support to the updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans**

41. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Reviewed a number of draft updated NBSAPs and provided inputs to finalize the updated NBSAPs;
- (b) Worked with UNEP, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, China-ASEAN Environmental Cooperation Centre and the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity in providing support to ASEAN member states for updating their NBSAPs;
- (c) Facilitated the finalization and submission of updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans while pushing for the submission of the fifth national reports; and
- (d) Attended the national workshop of the DPR Lao and helped resume national processes to update its updated NBSAP and prepare its fifth national report as well as provided inputs to these two documents.

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: target 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17.*

**Decisions XII/23, XII/22, XI/18, XI/17 and X/29: Marine and coastal biodiversity**

42. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Attended the Meeting of the ABNJ Regional Leaders Programme on existing authorities and processes related to ABNJ, held on 15 and 16 January 2015 in New York, invited to speak on CBD's work on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity, in particular its work on ecologically or biologically significant marine areas;
- (b) Attended the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction, which took place in New York from 20 to 23 January 2015, to provide updates on COP 12 outcomes on EBSAs and

other scientific issues related to marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction, to organize a side event with relevant partner organizations and to liaise with partner organizations on scientific issues of marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction, in relation to COP 12 decision implementation;

- (c) Attended a global conference on Linking Global and Regional Levels in the Management of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction convened by the Global Ocean Forum and the FAO, held from 17 to 20 February 2015 in Rome, Italy, representing the SCBD in the workshop as a project partner in the GEF-FAO-UNEP Common Ocean project “Strengthening Capacity to Effectively Manage ABNJ” with a view to present CBD’s work on marine and coastal biodiversity that could be relevant for ABNJ, including the capacity building activities within the framework of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative;
- (d) Organized the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-building Workshop for South America, held from 23 to 27 February 2015 in Lima, Peru. Provided about 50 experts from 11 country Parties and relevant organizations with opportunities for exchanging experiences and learning on various technical and governance-related issues on integrated marine and coastal management and marine spatial planning;
- (e) Organized the CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the North-East Indian Ocean Region, and Training Session on EBSAs, held from 22 to 27 March 2015 in Colombo, Sri Lanka;
- (f) Attended the Regional Forum on Solutions for Oceans, Coasts and Human Wellbeing in Latin America and the Wider Caribbean Region, organized by Blue Solutions/GIZ, from 14 to 17 April 2015 in Cancún, Mexico, to represent the SCBD in the workshop in support of the Blue Solutions project, as a global partner of Sustainable Ocean Initiative, with a view to presenting our work on marine and coastal biodiversity including the capacity building activities within the framework of the Sustainable Ocean Initiative;
- (g) Organized the CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the North-East Indian Ocean Region, and Training Session, on EBSAs, held from 19 to 25 April 2015 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates;
- (h) Attended the *Seminaire scientifique sur le thème des Aires marines protégées et du changement climatique*, held from 27 to 29 April 2015 in Paris, France, to contribute to discussions on oceans and climate change in preparation for UNFCCC COP 21 in Paris. The Seminar also developed elements of a synthesis report on “Marine Protected Areas (MPA) and Climate Change (CC);
- (i) Attended the Eighth Conference of the Parties to the Nairobi Convention (COP 8), held from 22 to 24 June 2015 in Mahe, Seychelles, to participate and make a presentation on CBD’s various work on marine and coastal biodiversity, including EBSAs and Sustainable Ocean Initiative. Also liaised with various partners on the organization and technical/logistics arrangements of CBD SOI Capacity Building Workshop for East Africa;
- (j) Prepared draft reports on addressing the impacts of marine debris as well as the impacts of anthropogenic underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity for publication as CBD Technical Series;
- (k) Prepared draft practical guidance document on the integrated coastal management for the achievement of Aichi Biodiversity Targets for publication as CBD Technical Series; and
- (l) Provided contribution of the CBD Secretariat to Part I of the UN Secretary General’s report on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, which will be submitted to the United Nations General Assembly for consideration at its seventieth session. This contribution contained information on the topic of the 16th Meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (the “Informal Consultative Process”), oceans and sustainable development, and was sent to UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea on 6 February 2015.

*The result of these actions has been:*

- *Engaged and enabled a significant number of country Parties in the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets in marine and coastal areas through sharing of scientific and technical information, learning exchanges, training on specific tools and guidelines, etc*
- *Facilitated the description of areas meeting the EBSA criteria in the remaining regions*
- *Engaged various global and regional partners to contribute to long-term capacity development for national implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets*
- *Provided relevant scientific and technical advice to relevant global and regional processes related to conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity.*

#### **Decisions XII/6, XI/16 and X/20: Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives**

43. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Attended the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention, Punta del Este, Uruguay, 31 May to 10th June, 2015. Inputs included assisting: with harmonizing the new Ramsar Strategic Plan with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011 – 2020) and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets; preparation of resolutions on disaster risk reduction, wetland city accreditation, peatlands and climate change, among other issues; and
- (b) Attended an expert workshop on the development of the International Nitrogen Initiative, Lisbon, Portugal, 26 – 29 April, 2015.

*The result of these actions has been: improved coordination between the Ramsar Convention and the CBD; improved attention to ecosystems in the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI).*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 14 and 15.*

#### **Decisions XI/23 and X/28: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters**

44. In response to these decisions the Secretariat attended the 22nd biannual meeting of UN-Water, Nairobi, 02 – 05 February 2015. The Secretariat was confirmed as a member of the working group on the water SDG with particular reference to backstopping proposals related to ecosystems.

*The result of these actions has been: further strengthened cooperation in the UN system regarding ecosystems and water.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Target 14.*

#### **Decision XII/4: Integrating biodiversity into the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and the sustainable development goals**

45. In response to this decision, the Secretariat continued to provide inputs into UN-Water's lead role in the development of a water SDG and in particular a proposed target (Target 6.6) relating to the role of ecosystems in sustainable water. The Secretariat officially joined the UN-Water task force and has also provided extensive inputs regarding monitoring and indicators for SDG Target 6.6.

*The result of these actions has been improved understanding by UN Agencies and negotiators from Member States of the role of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Aichi Biodiversity Targets in achieving sustainable water with regards to sustainable development.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Target 14.*

### **Decisions X/34 and XI/27: Agricultural biodiversity**

46. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Attended the second meeting of the Ad-hoc Technical Committee on sustainable use of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (FAO, Rome, 1-3 March, 2015)
- (b) prepared background information on food systems and agriculture to backstop relevant considerations at SBSTTA-19.

*These actions have strengthened coordination between the CBD and the ITPGRFA and improved attention to the Aichi Biodiversity targets in the ITPGRFA work.*

### **Decision X/35: Biodiversity of Dry and Sub-humid Lands**

47. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) With financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, commissioned a team of experts to assist the Secretariat in re-aligning existing materials on dry and sub-humid lands to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020, in particular Aichi Targets 5, 7, 10, 14, 15, and 17, to support countries to enhance implementation of the Strategic Plan; and II) to assist the Secretariat in developing capacity building materials on dry and sub-humid lands and thereby assist towards capacity development of countries to achieve Aichi Targets 5, 7, 10, 14, 15 and 17. Two innovative capacity building activities were organized during that period:
  - a webinar on mobile drylands biodiversity with Dr Joseph Bull, Imperial College London (27 January 2015).
  - an online conference on soil carbon, organized with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention, Ramsar STRP and Wetlands International (12 February 2015).
- (b) Cooperated with the WMO, FAO, the UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development and the UNCCD Secretariat in the UN-Water Initiative “Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies” to convene the regional workshops for West and Central Africa (4 – 7 May 2015, Accra, Ghana). With financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund, 6 participants nominated by CBD focal points were able to attend the workshop.

*These actions have resulted in drought practitioners at national level being provided with information on the role of biodiversity in national drought management policies. Furthermore, Parties will have a better overview of available resources supporting them in their efforts to achieve Aichi Biodiversity Targets related to dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity and to achieve synergies in the development and implementation of planning instruments. They also highlighted to academics and practitioners from the agriculture and agricultural meteorology sector, besides the negative impacts that climate change is predicted to have on biodiversity, the positive role of biodiversity, including ecosystem services, in mitigating climate change and coping with its inevitable impacts.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Targets 14 and 15.*

### **Decisions XII/6, XI/19 and X/33: Biodiversity and forestry and related issues**

48. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) With the support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund, initiated a project entitled “Developing capacities on forest governance to implement forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets” to assess how national forest governance frameworks are evolving (or changing) to integrate (or support) a country’s national biodiversity and sustainable development priorities and providing guidance to minimize risks due to lack of stakeholder involvement and/or conflict resolution;



- (b) Invited parties and relevant organizations to provide information specifically on possible indicators to assess the contribution of reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, conservation of forest carbon stocks, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries to the objectives of the Convention. As of June 2015, received relevant submissions from thirteen Parties and ten organizations. A document will be prepared summarizing these submissions with the aim to inform on potential of indicators and monitoring mechanisms, considerations to be made in their selection and provide relevant cases of best practices;
- (c) Commissioned a report which covers issues for the mainstreaming of the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity into decision-making processes, including considerations into policies, programmes, strategies and practices of key actors, such that the sustainable flow of forest goods and services can be achieved; and
- (d) Cooperated with relevant partners to compile information on the ways in which international organizations and secretariats with substantial programmes on forests are assisting in implementing the forest-related Aichi Biodiversity Targets and the programme of work on forest biodiversity, through a report that employs surveys and other techniques.

**Decisions XI/25, XII/18: Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management**

49. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Compiled a list of Wildlife terms to be included into the SWM Terminology glossary initiative. The glossary contains 50 terms selected from the around 300 wildlife terms proposed earlier by partner organizations. Each term is presented with equivalents in French, Spanish and German and definitions available from partners and literature;
- (b) In collaboration with relevant partners, launched the Bushmeat E-Sourcebook, an online resource, on the occasion of the second World Wildlife Day. The sourcebook examines bushmeat's vital contribution to food security, local livelihoods, and other aspects of human well-being in many parts of the world. It also shows, however, how unsustainable harvesting can affect the ecological stability of forest ecosystems, as well as human health. Member organizations of the CPW also disseminated a press release on the occasion of World Wildlife Day;
- (c) Participated in the first Retreat of the Collaborative Partnership on Sustainable Wildlife Management (CPW) which was held at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy. The objectives and expectations of the first CPW Retreat included: a review the progress of the Partnership since its establishment in March 2013; define the Vision of the CPW; and discuss the 2015-2016 Work Plan;
- (d) Sent out a notification requesting the submission of information related to sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management. In particular, relevant information, including on activities, experiences, opportunities, and challenges on: (i) The impacts of subsistence use of wildlife on the survival and regeneration of wild species, in the context of growing human populations and pressures on wildlife resources; (ii) The impacts of legal and illegal hunting, and domestic and international trade of specimens of wild species and products on the subsistence hunting and livelihoods of indigenous peoples and local communities, and on other subsistence users of wildlife resources; (iii) Regulatory systems to differentiate among subsistence uses, illegal hunting, and domestic and international trade of specimens of wild species and products; (iv) Incentives that might encourage or discourage unsustainable consumption of bushmeat. We received thirty two submissions whose information has been analyzed and taken into account in the preparation of documentation for the twentieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice; and

- (e) Invasive alien species: management of risks associated with introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food, and related issues.

### **Decisions XII/16, XII/17, XI/28, X/38 – Invasive Alien Species**

50. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Attended at the 10th Session of the Commission for Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures, Rome, Italy, 16-20 March, 2015 and organized an IAS Taxonomy Kiosk at the margins of the meeting; participated in sessions relevant to IAS (Sea containers, waste management), exchanged information on Biocontrol, e-commerce, pet trade and decision making tools with the IPPC and leading NPPO's and experts.
- (b) Organized, in collaboration with the International Maritime Organization, the 6th Meeting of the Inter-Agency Liaison Group on IAS, London, UK from 31 March to 2 April, 2015. The meeting updated collaborative work of the group to address gaps in IAS regulatory frameworks and capacity development of CBD Parties and member states to relevant international agreements in 2015. Its report is accessible at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/ais/iaslg-05/official/iaslg-05-report-en.pdf>
- (c) Prepared for the Capacity-building workshop for the Small Island Developing States of the Pacific and Indian Ocean to support implementation of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) taking place in December 2015.

*The result of these actions has been:*

- *Improved awareness on the work relevant to agriculture sector in conservation of biological diversity in particular for border controls and other risk reduction measures to address invasive alien species;*
- *Engagement of relevant international organizations for the collaborative future work on invasive alien species within their mandates and priority of the organizations, in particular in the areas of international framework setting and support for developing countries to implement the international guidance related to invasive alien species, including pests and pathogens.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: target 9.*

### **Decision X/38 The Global Taxonomy Initiative**

51. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized, in collaboration with the International Barcode of Life networks, an online distance education course on DNA barcoding methodological approaches and technologies, with emphasis on rapid detection and identification of invasive alien species from 2 March 2015 to 24 April with the participation of 22 CBD Parties, including: Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Botswana, Colombia, Ivory Coast, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, India, Malawi, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, Peru, Thailand, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Zambia and France; and
- (b) Organized, in collaboration with the International Barcode of Life networks, for the hands on training course for the trainees selected from the participants of the above mentioned course, for trainers on spreading knowledge and capacity for rapid species identification through DNA barcoding to provide additional hands on training from 20 July to 14 August 2015.

*The result of these actions has been:*

- *Improved knowledge and skills of participants in DNA barcoding for rapid detection and identification of invasive alien species and other species that are of concern by Parties (e.g. CITES listed species).*

- *Trained trainers who participated the course joined a forum on spreading knowledge and capacity for rapid species identification through DNA barcoding to continue the work as trainers on the technology in developing countries/regions.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: target 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 19.*

#### **Decision XI/24 – Protected Areas**

52. In response to this decision, the Secretariat contributed to the 2015 IUCN WCPA steering committee meeting.

#### **Decision XI/16; Decision XII/19: Ecosystem restoration**

- (a) Contributed to the Bonn Challenge 2 high level meeting in March 2015;
- (b) Signed a Memorandum of Understanding in March 2015 between SCBD and the Korea Forest Service agreeing on terms for the SCBD to implement the Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative (FERI);
- (c) Hosted a FERI partnership meeting in March 2015 clarifying the role and modus operandi of FERI toward supporting Parties to achieve many Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and in particular 5, 14, and 15;
- (d) Developed the framework for FERI implementation including concept of providing capacity-building including workshops to developed country Parties, in collaboration with FAO and other partners
- (e) Developed criteria for direct funding of projects through FERI;
- (f) Received project proposals via FERI partners, and had discussions with countries on possible funding of projects;
- (g) Delivered a presentation at UNFF 11 (with FAO, IUCN and governments of Brazil, Colombia, and Ghana) in May on aligning commitments and actions through FERI to achieve broader sustainable development goals;
- (h) Provided an interim report to the Korea Forest Service in June on SCBD implementation of FERI; and
- (i) In June 2015, contributed as member of the first Steering Committee session of the Forest and Landscape Restoration Mechanism of FAO.

#### **Decisions XI/6 (para 29.), XII/21: Biodiversity and Human Health**

53. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) In collaboration with the World Health Organization, launched the Summary of Connecting Global Priorities Biodiversity and Human health, a State of Knowledge Review at the 14th World Congress on Public health, in Kolkata, India and contributed to a parallel session entitled “Public Health in the Anthropocene: Responding to Ecological Determinants of Health” (February 2015). The Summary was intended to engage the public health sector, by drawing attention to the health benefits of biodiversity conservation across numerous thematic areas and by stressing the need to integrate biodiversity in public health policies, plans and programmes, and vice versa.
- (b) The Secretariat also disseminated the findings contained in the Summary of the State of Knowledge Review during a session on “Integrated Approaches to Biodiversity, Health and Development Challenges” at the Annual Conference of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) in Boston, USA (March 2015). A press release on was also prepared and disseminated by the Secretariat on the Occasion of World Health Day (April 2015).
- (c) In collaboration with the WHO, jointly released the full volume of Connecting Global Priorities Biodiversity and Human health, a State of Knowledge Review during a panel discussion on health and

nature in Brussels at Green Week 2015, Europe's biggest annual conference on environmental policy (June 2015). The full report discusses the complex relationships on biodiversity and human health addressing biodiversity-linkages for numerous issue areas including: water and air quality, agricultural biodiversity, food production and nutrition; microbial diversity and non-communicable diseases; infectious diseases; biomedical discovery, traditional medicine; physical and mental health and cultural well-being; as well as a number of cross-cutting issues including climate change, disaster risk reduction; and sustainable consumption and production.

*The findings of the State of Knowledge Review are integral to the vision and mission of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011- 2020, are intended to contribute to the implementation of numerous Aichi targets, in particular targets 14 and 15, to the integration of health considerations in NBSAPs, and to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and a corresponding Post-2015 Development Agenda.*

*Most relevant Aichi Biodiversity targets: Target 14 as well as Targets 4, 7-10, 13, 15 and 18.*

## NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING

### **Decisions of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization**

54. In light of the decisions adopted by COP-MOP 1, relevant developments and activities carried out by the Secretariat during this period (January to June 2015) include the following:

#### *Ratifications*

- Five countries – Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Congo ratified the Nagoya Protocol; and Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan acceded to the Nagoya Protocol during this period.
- Follow-up with CBD, ABS NFPs and other national contacts was continued, seeking information on the status of ratification and encouraging countries to conclude their national processes.
- Funding proposals were prepared to support awareness-raising and capacity-building activities related to the Nagoya Protocol for consideration by the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

#### *Preparatory process*

55. An overview of the preparatory processes and milestones leading up to the second meeting of the COP-MOP of the Nagoya Protocol was prepared and is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/abs/COPMOP2-Preparatory.shtml>.

#### *The ABS Clearing-House*

56. Work was carried out to improve the functionalities and design of the ABS Clearing-House as well as the participation of Parties and non-Parties in the ABS Clearing-House through an outreach and engagement campaign.

57. Progress was made on the online implementation of the interim national report format for the Nagoya Protocol, one of the main new functionalities of the ABS Clearing-House for this biennium.

58. In the context of the outreach and engagement campaign, from January to April 2015, a survey was conducted to collect feedback on the ABS Clearing-House from Parties and other governments and assess the needs for outreach, engagement, training and technical support. The survey method consisted of semi-structured interviews targeted at publishing authorities and national authorized users that were considered

advanced in using the platform (e.g. have published at least one national record). Twenty Parties and five non-Parties participated in the survey.

59. A series of webinars providing "an Introduction to the Access Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House" was carried out to help Parties and other governments to familiarize themselves with the ABS Clearing-House and its main functions. A total of 13 "training webinars" on the ABS Clearing-House presenting its main functions were conducted in different languages (English, French, Portuguese and Spanish) benefiting 117 participants in 52 different countries.

60. During the campaign the team answered queries both on technical and administrative issues using multiple platforms and reached over 100 national focal points in the process.

61. One of the objectives of the campaign was to increase the number of publishing authorities for the ABS Clearing-House, as a first step for Parties to fulfil the information-sharing obligations under the Nagoya Protocol. As a result of those efforts:

- 75% of the Parties designated a publishing authority for the ABS Clearing-House;
- 15 countries included information on competent national authorities;
- 13 countries registered ABS measures;
- 4 countries included information on checkpoints

*Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol*

62. Preparations for the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building to support the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol to be held from 15 to 17 September 2015, in Montreal, Canada, thanks to the generous financial support of the European Union, were initiated, including the preparation of background documentation available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABSCBIAC-2015-01>.

*Participation in meetings and workshops:*

- Attended the Fifteenth Regular Session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, 19-23 January 2015 at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, Italy.
- Participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> ABS Business Dialogue in Copenhagen, Denmark from 28 to 29 January 2015.
- Participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> pan-African Access and Benefit Sharing Workshop, which took place from 23 to 27 February 2015, followed by the meeting of the African Steering Committee from 28 February to 1 March 2015, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Participated in the Inception Workshop for the Project: Ratification and Implementation of Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing in COMIFAC countries, which took place in Kigali, Rwanda from 16 to 17 March 2015.
- Participated in the Informal Expert Meeting on Development of Policy Instruments related to the Implementation of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing (part of the Genetic Resources Policy Initiative 2 project), which took place from 17 to 19 March 2015 in Rome, Italy.

*Notifications issued:*

- 27 May 2015 - REMINDER: Nominations for the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
- 5 May 2015 - Nominations for the Informal Advisory Committee on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Nagoya Protocol
- 5 May 2015 - Submission of views in preparation for the Expert Meeting on the need for and modalities of a global multilateral benefit-sharing mechanism and the first meeting of the Compliance Committee of the Nagoya Protocol

- 26 March 2015 - Decisions of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization: direct actions by Parties and other Governments and planned activities for the next biennium: Designation of national focal point on access and benefit-sharing (ABS-NFP)
- 23 March 2015 - Composition of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Access and Benefit sharing Clearing-House
- 3 March 2015 - Decisions of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization: direct actions by Parties and other Governments and planned activities for the next biennium
- 8 Jan 2015 - Dates and venues of COP 13 to the Convention on Biological Diversity, COP-MOP 8 to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and COP-MOP 2 to the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing, and other upcoming meetings

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION

### Decision XII/2 B.3: Clearing-House Mechanism

63. During the first half of 2015, the main activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) can be summarized as follows:

- (a) On the CBD website, interactive online versions of the decisions made at CBD COP 12, Cartagena Protocol COP-MOP 7 and Nagoya Protocol COP-MOP 1 were prepared and made available at [www.cbd.int/decisions](http://www.cbd.int/decisions).
- (b) The CBD website was updated on an ongoing basis. More than 800 web posting requests were handled and more than 100 records were added or updated in the online library.
- (c) The following working groups were established within the CHM Informal Advisory Committee (CHM-IAC) to deal with major CHM items arising from decision XII/2 B:
  - (i) The *CHM Award Working Group* – To drive the process to grant an award to the Parties that have made the most significant progress in their national CHMs (decision XII/2 B, paragraph 15).
  - (ii) The *Online Reporting Working Group* – To test the online reporting tool developed by the Secretariat and provide feedback on how to improve it (decision XII/2 B, paragraph 18 (a)).
  - (iii) The *Web Strategy Working Group* – To provide advice on the preparation of the web strategy (decision XII/2 B, paragraph 19).
- (d) In collaboration with the CHM Award Working Group, the Executive Secretary issued notification 2015-068 on 17 June 2015 to inform Parties of the modalities of the CHM Award at COP 13, to give an overview of what is expected from a national CHM, and to kindly request them to answer a questionnaire on their national CHM.
- (e) Work is ongoing on the technical implementation of the pilot online reporting system. The Online Reporting Working Group is expected to test this system when it is available.
- (f) In collaboration with the Web Strategy Working Group, the Executive Secretary prepared a working document on the web strategy, including an outline and some elements. Discussions are ongoing within the CBD Secretariat on how to address the fragmentation issue raised in paragraph 19 of decision XII/2 B.
- (g) In line with paragraph 18 (d) of decision XII/2 B, the main MEA and UN partners of the CBD Secretariat were surveyed to learn about their experiences in content management systems, with a view

to improving how to maintain a high-quality CBD website in all six United Nations languages. The outcome of this survey has been shared with staff in charge of the technical infrastructure and discussions are ongoing.

- (h) Collaboration continued between the CBD Secretariat and the UNEP Information and Knowledge Management (IKM) Team in charge of the InforMEA project. A number of working group meetings were held on various topics, including the InforMEA website, thesaurus, e-learning, reporting and interoperability. On this latter topic, progress was made in implementing an interoperability service allowing CBD national reports and NBSAPs to be visible on the InforMEA website, as requested by paragraph 18 (c) of decision XII/2 B.
- (i) Terms of reference were prepared and advertised to establish a roster of translators for the CBD website and to competitively hire them, thanks to the financial support from the Japan Biodiversity Fund. The selection process is ongoing. The applications received so far cover all six United Nations languages, in line with paragraph 18 (d) of decision XII/2 B.
- (j) The planning of the next regional CHM capacity-building workshop has started thanks to the financial support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF). Further to discussions with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), this workshop was included in the 2015-2016 work plan of the cooperation agreement between SPREP and the CBD Secretariat. The workshop is expected to be convened during the last quarter of 2015.
- (k) The Japan Biodiversity Fund also provided funding to develop a tool to facilitate the establishment of national CHMs by countries that have not yet done so. The process to select a consultant was completed and the consultant will start in July 2015.
- (l) Collaboration took place with the the Belgian CHM NFP to review 15 project proposals submitted to the Belgian cooperation by partner developing countries willing to establish or further develop their national clearing-house mechanisms.
- (m) Collaboration also took place with the NBSAP Forum initiative. Content was provided in three United Nations languages to prepare a web page for the CHM theme. A CHM forum thread was initiated. Around 20 requests for CHM assistance were channeled through the NBSAP Forum to the CHM team of the CBD Secretariat.
- (n) A number of tasks were performed to support the ongoing functional review process of the CBD Secretariat. These tasks included identification and review of activities, application of result-based management techniques to identify short- and medium-term results, preparation of reports and presentations, participation in various meetings and coordination with relevant staff.

### **Decision XII/3: Resource mobilization**

64. In the period under review, the Secretariat further implemented the work plan on resource mobilization. As requested by the Conference of the Parties in decision XII/3, the Secretariat made the financial reporting framework adopted by the Conference of the Parties available online for perusal and completion by Parties and other Governments until 31 December 2015 (<https://chm.cbd.int/submit/resourceMobilisation>).

65. The Secretariat also began its programme of workshops as requested by the decision; namely, by organizing a global technical expert workshop as well as a series of sub-regional workshops on financial reporting and resource mobilization in partnership with relevant organizations.

66. The International technical expert workshop on identifying, accessing, compiling and aggregating domestic and international biodiversity-related investments and impacts was held from 5 to 7 May 2015 in Mexico City, Mexico. Hosted by the Government of Mexico, with financial support provided by the European Union as well as, through the UNDP-BIOFIN Initiative, and the Governments of Germany and Switzerland, the workshop analysed methodologies for financial reporting and the preparation of national resource mobilization strategies with a view to provide voluntary guidance to Parties on methodologies available, emerging good practices and lessons learned, as well as to identifying opportunities for achieving methodological convergence.

67. A Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on Resource Mobilization for CARICOM member States was held from 18 to 21 May 2015 in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda. Co-organized by the CARICOM Secretariat and was hosted by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda with financial support provided by the European Union through the Programme for Capacity Building related to Multilateral Environmental Agreements in African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries, the workshop sought to provide technical guidance and capacity-building on methodologies for the identification and integration of biodiversity values and the design and implementation of various biodiversity financing mechanisms, as central ingredients of national resource mobilization plans.

68. A consultant was hired in July 2015 to assist in the preparation and servicing of a series of sub-regional workshops and webinars on financial reporting and resource mobilization to be held from September to December 2015.

69. The Secretariat attended the “Development Cooperation for People and Planet: What will it take?” Conference held on 8-9 April 2015 in Seoul, Republic of Korea, and contributed to the monitoring, review and accountability of development cooperation post-2015 based on examples on how biodiversity is financed and supported by different development cooperation modalities, and how the impact of such support is measured at all levels, involving all relevant actors.

70. The Secretariat attended the Second and Third Drafting Committee of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development held in New York on 13-17 April 2015 and 15-19 June 2015, respectively. The Secretariat participated in the discussions on the zero draft for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development with the aim of scaling up the mobilization of resources from all sources.

71. The Secretariat organized a side-event on 13 July 2015 in the margins of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in collaboration with the Government of Mexico and UNDP. The side-event officially launched the publication of the High-level Panel Report on the Global Assessment of Resources implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

72. The Secretariat attended the Third Annual Conference of the Green Growth Knowledge Platform (GGKP) on Fiscal Policies and the Green Economy Transition: Generating Knowledge – Creating Impact, held in Venice, Italy from 29 to 30 January 2015, with a view to strengthen the biodiversity perspective and inject recent work under the Convention into the Conference. The Secretariat showcased recent COP-12 decisions and guidance on resource mobilization including on environmental fiscal reform, as well as the modalities and milestones for Aichi Target 3, as entry points for take up and policy action.

73. The Secretariat participated at the OECD Workshop on Biodiversity and Development held on 18 February 2015; and the seventh meeting of the OECD Working Party on Biodiversity, Water, and Ecosystems (WPBWE), held from 19 to 20 February 2015 in Paris, France. The workshop on biodiversity



and sustainable development reviewed recent country experiences in mainstreaming biodiversity into development policies and identified challenges and opportunities to further enhance such mainstreaming. The Secretariat presented pertinent work and associated experiences and identified opportunities to further collaborative work; and provided an overview of relevant COP-12 decisions as well as comments on various products with a view to ensure coherence in work programme development.

74. The Secretariat attended the Tenth meeting of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental Accounting, held from 24-26 June 2015 in New York, USA, to which it is now a full members, and briefed the meeting on recent pertinent work including an update on its work on indicators and the potential opportunities for SEEA.

75. The Secretariat posted a notification on 16 April 2015 requesting information on the contribution of collective action to biodiversity conservation, including on experiences and lessons learned in applying pertinent methodologies. Submissions were received from Australia, Canada, Colombia, Nepal and Timor-Leste, as well as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Indigenous Peoples' and Community Conserved Territories and Areas (ICCA) Consortium. These submissions are available at <https://www.cbd.int/financial/collectiveaction.shtml>. The Secretariat also organized an Online Forum on Collective Action of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities which took place from 1 to 15 May 2015.

76. The Secretariat started a project proposal on assessing the potential of using corporate green bonds for biodiversity conservation. The project is intended to scale up resource mobilization from private sector sources. A concept note has been drafted and with stakeholder consultations progressing the project will be further explored in the coming months.

77. The Secretariat organized a Dialogue Workshop on Assessment of Collective Action of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Biodiversity Conservation and Resource Mobilization held from 11 to 13 June 2015 in Panajachel, Guatemala. The Workshop was financed by the European Commission and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency through SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Centre, and also benefited financially from being organized in conjunction with the International Training Workshop on Community-Based Monitoring, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use and Community Protocols within the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, which was financed by the Governments of Guatemala and Japan. The agenda of the workshop included the following items:

- (a) Values and valuation, and measuring the benefits thereof, collective action and the contribution to biological diversity;
- (b) Indicators and equivalents: how can collective action be reported in the financial reporting framework?
- (c) Methods for measuring and aggregating data related to collective action.

78. In addition, the Secretariat organized a series of joint CBD-GEF regional workshops on the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and Financial Reporting from January to June 2015:

- Southern African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting, 16 February 2015, Windhoek, Namibia;
- Central American Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting, 2 March 2015, Managua, Nicaragua;
- Asian Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting, 16 March 2015, Colombo, Sri Lanka;

- South American Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting, 13 April 2015, Asunción, Paraguay;
- Western African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting, 20 April 2015, Cabo Verde;
- Caribbean Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting, 4 May 2015, Bahamas;
- Western African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting, 18 May 2015, Libreville, Gabon; and
- Eastern European Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting, 22 June 2015, Tbilisi, Georgia.

79. The joint CBD-GEF regional workshops on the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols and Financial Reporting had the following agenda:

- a) Provide an overview on the purpose of the workshop by CBD Secretariat and GEF Secretariat
- b) Developments in Implementing the CBD and its Protocols;
- c) Programming Opportunities to Implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity, 2011-2020 through the GEF-6 Biodiversity Strategy and other Programming Windows during GEF-6, by GEF Secretariat;
- d) Financial Reporting.

80. The Secretariat organized, through teleconference, the first meeting of the expert group on the Full Assessment of Funding Necessary and Available for the Implementation of the Convention for the period July 2018 to June 2022.

## MAINSTREAMING, PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH

### **Decision XII/2/B.2: Review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (enhancement of technical and scientific cooperation and technology transfer)**

81. In response to the decision, the Republic of Korea and the Secretariat of the CBD signed a funding agreement on 19 May 2015 for the implementation of the 2015-2020 Bio-Bridge Initiative, launched by the Republic of Korea in 2014 at the margins of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties with the purpose of promoting technical and scientific co-operation and to support achievement of the goals and targets of the Convention. Funding for Phase 1 of the Bio-Bridge Initiative (BBI) comprises an initial investment of more than US\$ 500,000 by the Ministry of Environment of the Government of the Republic of Korea, with five additional contributions for 2016-2020. Activities scheduled for Phase 1 include engaging important partners; preparing a detailed 2016-2020 action plan; compiling and validating technical and scientific cooperation needs and offers of support; organizing scoping exercises and consultations with Parties, agencies and experts; setting up the basic clearing-house mechanism function of the initiative; developing key partnerships and networks for project delivery, and; identifying candidate pilot projects for Phase 2 (2016-2020). More information at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2015/pr-2015-05-19-bbi-en.pdf>.

### **Decision XII/7: Mainstreaming Gender Considerations**

82. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Obtained approval of a grant from the Japan Biodiversity Fund for a gender mainstreaming project, provisionally titled 'Strengthening capacity of developing country Parties to implement the 2015-2020

Gender Plan of Action under the Convention towards the objectives of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020', and has carried out work to commence the implementation of this project;

- (b) Completed the appointment of a full-time Gender Programme Officer, who commenced duty on 16 April 2015, to lead the implementation of the Gender Plan of Action 2015-2020;
- (c) Participated in training sessions on results-based management and gender mainstreaming, consisting of two two-day sessions and an additional one day session on gender mainstreaming, delivered by headquarters staff from the United Nations Environment Programme; and
- (d) Renewed and advanced engagement with UN and partner organisations and networks on gender, in particular related to building a community of practice on gender mainstreaming through UNEP and the Global Environment Facility.

#### **Decision XII/5: Biodiversity for poverty eradication and sustainable development**

83. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared a Roadmap and a draft project document for the next phase of the Initiative "Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development".
- (b) Prepared two regional workshops on Inter-sectoral dialogue for enhancing the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in National and Sectoral Policies, one in Rabat (Morocco 29 September- 2 October), the second in Vietnam (10-12 November).
- (c) Participated in the workshop "Opportunities and obstacles for Natural Capital Accounting" organised by the French ministry of Foreign Affairs and WWF (Brussels 27-28 January 2015) and proposed main directions for the future work of the CBD regarding Ecosystem Accounting and Natural Capital Accounting.
- (d) Participated in the OECD workshop on "Biodiversity and Development: Mainstreaming and managing for results" in Paris, 18 February 2015. The aim of the workshop was to present an update of most recent work in relation to the development-poverty nexus.
- (e) Participated in the Expert Forum on the experimental system of Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA-EEA) organized by UN-DESA, 27-30 April 2015, New York. The objective of this forum was to present and discuss the draft of a Guide for Ecosystem Accounting and perspectives of future developments.

#### **Decision XII/4: Integrating biodiversity into post-2015 UN development Agenda and the SDGs**

84. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Participated and provided support to the post 2015-UN development agenda process, including the SDGs, in collaboration with UN partners with a view to ensure "*the appropriate integration of biodiversity and ecosystem aspects into the Post 2015-UN Development Agenda*". SCBD has taken the lead on integrating biodiversity and ecosystems into the post-2015 process and the establishment of a SDGs framework coherent with the CBD and Strategic Plan for Biodiversity.
- (b) The SCBD liaised and maintained close working relations with UN partners and other agencies, and facilitated the work of the TST "Biodiversity" Working Group so it can provide sound contribution in order to integrate further biodiversity into the proposed goals and targets, thereby strengthening the SDGs framework in alignment with those CBD strategy. In particular, the SCBD prepared :
  - A preliminary list of indicators for the Goal 15 and other Goals directly related to biodiversity (6 February 2015).
  - Reviewed the targets associated to SDGs (10 February and 30 April 2015).
  - Reviewed the accountability mechanisms, reporting and monitoring mechanisms (20 February and 21 May 2015).
  - Prepared a letter of the Executive Secretary addressed to the co-facilitators of the inter-governmental negotiation on the post 2015-UN development agenda process underlining the fact that it is important that biodiversity-related targets in the SDGs retain the 2020 target date (26 May).

- Prepared a notification letter of the Executive Secretary addressed to the Parties of the Convention on the position of the Secretariat regarding the Zero draft of the outcome document for the UN Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda (19 June).
  - Contributed to the drafting of the six Issue Briefs for the interactive dialogue of the UN Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and more specifically on the Issue Brief n°4 on “*Protecting our planet and combatting climate change*” and the Issue Brief n° 1 “*Ending poverty and hunger*” (29 June-7 July).
- (c) The SCBD produced inputs that fed the work of TST and hence the overall Post-2015 process. It drafted a Leaflet on “*Biodiversity and the Post-2015 development agenda*” to be distributed to the participant of the intergovernmental negotiations on the post 2015 UN development agenda in January 2015 and an internal Discussion Paper .
- (d) The SCBD attended all sessions of the intergovernmental negotiations at UN HQ as well as relevant technical workshops and meetings. In particular, it attended:
- The Expert Group Meeting on the indicator framework for the post-2015 development agenda, 25-26 February 2015, New York.
  - The Friday Seminar on the development of an indicator framework for the Post-2015 development agenda, 27 February 2015.

**Decision XII/6 paragraphs 3 and 4: Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives (Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions)**

85. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized a teleconference meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions (BLG) on 23 January 2015 to brief on outcomes of COP 12, amongst other issues;
- (b) Liaised with BLG, prepared and distributed relevant material in preparation for its tenth meeting to be convened in 2015; and
- (c) Liaised with BLG in the context of implementation of paragraphs 6 to 11 (see below).

**Decision XII/6 paragraphs 6 to 11: Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and initiatives (informal advisory group)**

86. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Mobilized and received financial support from the Governments of Switzerland and Finland to enable the implementation of activities related to decision XII/6 paragraphs 6 to 11;
- (b) Issued a notification inviting Parties’ nominations for the informal advisory group on 27 February 2015 and informed Parties of the composition of the informal advisory group via notification 2015-56 of 19 May 2015;
- (c) Prepared briefing materials and organized a first teleconference of the informal advisory group on 30 June 2015;
- (d) Shared relevant background materials to participants, compiled their views on a number of issues; and
- (e) Worked on the organization of an in-person meeting on 17 and 18 September 2015 in Geneva Switzerland, as well as on the workshop to take place in January 2016.

**Decision XII/9: Engagement with subnational and local governments**

87. In response to the decision, the Secretariat signed a letter of agreement on June 18, 2015, with the township of Saint-Laurent and the city of Montreal, to identify brightspots on the integration of urban biodiversity into sustainable development and land-use planning. The agreement focuses on the exchange of knowledge and the development of activities and tools such as St. Laurent’s award-winning Bibliothèque du Boisé, the first to have received LEED Platinum certification for green building in Canada, its Éco-campus Hubert Reeves and its bylaw on greener parking facilities.

### **Decision XII/10: Business Engagement**

88. In response to this decision and other associated duties, the Secretariat:

- (a) Finalized and published a report on the COP 12 CBD Business Forum;
- (b) Began active planning of CBD 2015 Business Forum with host government (Finland) including creation of agenda and selection of speakers;
- (c) Redrafted business engagement strategy for the Secretariat and business unit;
- (d) Drafted project proposal for Business reporting and began gathering and analysis of required information;
- (e) Drafted project proposal for the business case for the Aichi Targets;
- (f) Selected a consultant for the Initiative for Biodiversity Impact Indicators for Commodity Production;
- (g) Began preparation for the next edition of the Business.2020 newsletter;
- (h) Issued first edition of Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity newsletter for 2015;
- (i) Concluded development of a logo for the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Partnership;
- (j) Provided ongoing support to the Global Partnership;
- (k) Undertook planning and development for several regional workshops (South Asia, South America, Africa) which will take place in second half of 2015;
- (l) Prepared and delivered session on business and biodiversity during Americana (Montreal: March 2015);
- (m) Prepared and facilitated ES participation during Economic Forum of the Americas (Montreal: June 2015);
- (n) Participated in National Workshop to Include Aspects of Biodiversity in Business Management (Lima, Peru: 9-11 March 2015), including delivery of presentation and networking;
- (o) Participated in Advancing Natural Capital Accounting in Government, Business and Finance (Washington, DC, USA: 7-9 April 2015), including delivery of presentation and planning for World Forum on Natural Capital to be held November 2015; and
- (p) Significant updating on business website.

### **Decision XII/11: Biodiversity and Tourism Development**

89. In response to this decision, the Secretariat launched, at the end of June, “*Tourism Supporting Biodiversity: A Manual on applying the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development*”, as the result of a collaboration with the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and some 140 experts from around the world, to identify current trends and upcoming issues and opportunities on the links between sustainable tourism development and the CBD agenda. With its emphasis on management and governance, the manual reflects a wider perspective on approaches and experiences in sustainable tourism development and management and complements the more technical User’s Manual on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development, published in 2007. More information at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2015/pr-2015-07-03-tourism-en.pdf>.

### **Decision XII/12: Article 8(j) and related provisions**

90. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared of relevant documentation for 9 WG8 (J). More information at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WG8J-09>
- (b) Organized and serviced the International Training Workshop on Community-based Monitoring, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use and Community Protocols, within the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 held 8 - 10 June 2015, Panajachel, Guatemala. More information is available in this web page <https://www.cbd.int/tk/cb/trainingprogramme/international.shtml>

- (c) Organized and serviced the Expert Meeting on the Repatriation of Traditional Knowledge Relevant to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity held 14 - 15 June 2015, Panajachel, Guatemala. More information is available in this web page <https://www.cbd.int/tk/repatriation/expert.shtml>
- (d) Attended the International Symposium on Biocultural Region “Ishikawa Kanazawa model”, 28 May 2015, held in Kanazawa City, Ishikawa, Japan. The symposium introduced international initiatives and academic trends on the link between biological and cultural diversity, particularly the SCBD-UNESCO joint programme Linking Biological and Cultural Diversity. More information <http://ias.unu.edu/en/news/news/kanazawa-model.html>
- (e) Attended the fourteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) held from 20 April to 1 May 2015, New York, United States
- (f) Facilitated CBD training for indigenous participants at the UNPFII in partnership with Tribal Link, Colombia University and SPFII, on 17 April, for IPs and LCs including FIMI - Indigenous Women Leaders. see <http://www.fimi-iiwf.org/>
- (g) Participated in the UN Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples Issues (IASG) from 20-24 April, New York, including in meetings between and UNPFII members.
- (h) Attended to the “Joint Meeting of IPBES Task Forces on Capacity-building, Procedures and Approaches for Working with Indigenous and Local Knowledge” held 20-23 April 2015, Bonn, Germany.
- (i) Supported indigenous and local community trainers in the organization and facilitation of various national and subnational workshops in El Salvador, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Those national and sub-national workshops were organized through \$5000 USD training grants provided to participants of the Regional workshops based on competitive project proposals thanks to the support of Japan Biodiversity Fund.

*All these activities were relevant to Aichi Biodiversity Target 1, 11,16 and 18.*

### **Report on outreach activities**

#### *International Day for Biological Diversity*

91. The theme of the International Day for Biological Biodiversity (IDB) 2015 was “Biodiversity for Sustainable Development”, to reflect the importance of efforts made at all levels to establish a set of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as part of the United Nations Post-2015 Development Agenda for the period of 2015-2030 and the relevance of biodiversity for the achievement of sustainable development. More details are available at [www.cbd.int/idb/2015](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2015).

92. At least 74 countries and the European Union, as well as 7 other organizations/entities have celebrated the IDB worldwide, hosting a variety of activities: Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, European Union, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Venezuela; Bern Convention, Bioversity International, ICIMOD, Kosovo, National Geographic Society, Society for Wildlife and Nature, World Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

93. It is worthy of noting that National Geographic Society has promoted the IDB to their 4 million followers mobilizing people all over the world through an initiative called the Great Nature Project.

94. In addition to the 6 UN languages, the IDB logo has been translated into 13 languages by partner organisations or individuals: Albanian, Farsi, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Kiswahili, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Polish, Portuguese and Slovenian.

95. The Secretariat of the CBD participated in a number of events:

- 20-22 May 2015 - The Official Celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2015 were hosted by the Republic of Korea, and jointly organized by the Ministry of Environment, the National Institute of Biological Resources (NIBR), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Korea Environment Institute (KEI). Activities included a “Healing talk concert for the Earth and youth” with the Executive Secretary of the CBD; an event and lecture for and with grade 10 students; an International Seminar on Multilateral Cooperation on Biodiversity; as well as an IDB Celebration Ceremony organized by MOE & MOF, with the participation of the Minister of Environment, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, lawmakers, Jeju-do Governor, and Jeju City Mayor. More details at [www.cbd.int/idb/2015/celebrations/kr](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2015/celebrations/kr)
- 22 May 2015 - More than 150 participants attended the IDB celebrations in Beijing, including representatives from relevant government departments, SCBD, UNDP, UNEP, IUCN, WWF, TNC, Conservation International and China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation. H.E. Minister Chen Jining, Vice Minister Li Ganjie, Mr. Braulio Dias, the CBD Executive Secretary and Mr. Hu Deping, Chairman of CBCGDF were present and delivered speeches. At this event the Ministry of Environmental Protection and the Chinese Academy of Sciences launched China’s Red Lists of Animals and Plants. More details at [www.cbd.int/idb/2015/celebrations/cn](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2015/celebrations/cn)
- Also on 22 May in Beijing, the national commemoration of the IDB was organized by the China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF) to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the reintroduction of Père David's deer (*Elaphurus davidianus*). Special guests participating were Mr. Li Ganjie, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Mr. Zhang Xinsheng, IUCN President and Mr. Hu Deping, Chairman of the CBCGDF, and Mr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- 24 May 2015 - The Secretariat of the CBD participated in the 29th Montreal Museums Day held at the Redpath Museum (McGill University).

<b>JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND</b>
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96. During the reporting period, the Secretariat carried out the following activities through the Japan Biodiversity Fund:

### **ITEM I - NBSAP SUPPORT ACTIVITIES**

#### **Analysis of contents of the revised Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)**

The JBF team has developed an ongoing internal analysis of the revised (post-2010) national biodiversity strategies and action plans submitted to the Secretariat. The analysis is based on 52 NBSAPs that were received by 1 July 2015, and considering the following categories: (a) basic information; (b) revision process; (c) mainstreaming; and (d) different components of the NBSAP.

#### **Develop a methodology for voluntary peer review of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) preparation and implementation**

At its 12th meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in its decision XII/29, paragraph 3: “Takes note of the documents prepared by the Executive Secretary on a proposed pilot voluntary peer-review process for the NBSAP, and requests the Executive Secretary, subject to the availability of resources, to develop a

methodology for a voluntary peer-review process and to report to the May 2015 meeting of the CBD Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI), for its consideration”.

The specific objectives of the voluntary peer-review, according to the draft methodology, are: (1) To assess national progress toward the current CBD Strategic Plan and produce specific recommendations for the Parties under review; (2) To provide opportunities for peer learning; and (3) To create greater transparency and accountability to the public and other Parties.

The Secretariat convened the Inception Meeting of the Working Group for the development of a methodology for Voluntary Peer-Review in Tbilisi, Georgia from 11 to 13 February 2015 with the attendance of 17 experts nominated by Parties.

Ethiopia and India have volunteered to be “test countries” for the voluntary peer review process, in order to further develop the methodology. A peer review team for the testing review of Ethiopia, comprising the expert group members from India, Norway and Switzerland had completed a desk study of the final draft revised Ethiopian BSAP, the Ethiopia 5th National Report to the Convention, plus many other documents, as part of the overall draft review process and planned for an in-country mission to Addis Ababa on 28-30 July 2015.

### **Technical support**

Technical support and advice continued to be provided to Parties and regional partners on their national biodiversity strategies and actions plans (NBSAPs). Substantive input and guidance was also provided to partners on developing capacity building materials and initiatives relating to NBSAPs. This support continued to be provided either directly to the Parties or through the NBSAP Forum ([www.nbsapforum.net](http://www.nbsapforum.net)) a partnership between SCBD, UNDP and UNEP-WCMC established in early 2013 to support countries with their activities related to NBSAP revision.

### **CBD NBSAP Webpages**

During this reporting period, 11 post-Nagoya NBSAPs were received from Antigua and Barbuda, Burundi, Denmark, Guyana, Hungary, Jordan, Mali, Mongolia, Namibia, Niger and Peru, bringing the total received to date to 46. These NBSAPs are consolidated at the Latest NBSAPs webpage at <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/about/latest/default.shtml>, accompanied by a summary and a link to the Party's national targets reflected at <https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/targets/default.shtml>, with indication given when these targets have been mapped to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets by the Party concerned. In addition, the Secretariat has further updated country biodiversity profiles at <https://www.cbd.int/countries/>, based primarily on information contained in post-Nagoya NBSAPs and fifth national reports.

### **Pilot projects on the incorporation of spatial biodiversity data into the biodiversity planning process and NBSAP implementation**

The Japan Fund team initiated in late 2014 a series of pilot projects on the incorporation of spatial and socio-economic data into NBSAP processes. This projects aim to implement pilot activities in a minimum of 5 countries on the incorporation of spatial and socio-economic data, into the biodiversity planning process and NBSAP implementation and to disseminate the results for capacity-building purposes.

### **Pilot project on “Incorporating Socio-economic data into biodiversity planning process and NBSAP implementation”**

The Japan Fund team has initiated the above mentioned project and is currently identifying countries to take part of this initiative. This project aims to provide support and work closely with a small group of carefully selected countries, on a pilot basis, to incorporate appropriate socio-economic data into their biodiversity planning, implementation, and monitoring. The purpose is to help developing country Parties maximize the socio-economic benefits of actions aimed (primarily or also) at biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, and document these and use them for ongoing policy development.



### **Documentation of NBSAP Development and Revision Processes**

The Japan Fund Team has decided to extend this pilot project into a second phase whereby a new group of 5-10 countries will document and analyze the process of their NBSAP revision. The results of this second phase will be combined with those of the first phase, managed by IUCN. To date one country – Ecuador – has expressed interest in participating in this project. Additional pilot countries are being identified.

## **ITEM II - JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND SUPPORT TO THE CBD THEMATIC ACTIVITIES**

### **Project Cooperation Agreement between the CBD and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)**

Early 2015, the Secretariat contracted IUCN to deliver a project funded by JBF on “Resilience through investing in ecosystems – knowledge, innovation and transformation of risk management (RELIEF Kit)”. IUCN was committed to the principles of conservation, protection, enhancement as support of nature and natural resources, including biological diversity.

### **Capacity building workshops supported by the Japan Biodiversity Fund**

The JBF has supported thematic capacity building workshops including workshops on resource mobilization, biosafety, Sustainable Ocean Initiative, traditional knowledge. The complete list of these workshops is as follows:

- The Asia Regional Capacity-building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into NBSAPs and Resource Mobilization (9 - 13 February 2015, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)
- Southern African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting (16 February 2015 Windhoek, Namibia)
- SOI regional capacity building workshop for South America and SOI national workshop for Peru convened (23-27 February 2015, Lima Peru)
- Central American Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting (2 March 2015, Managua, Nicaragua)
- The stakeholder workshop on implementing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (4-5 March 2015, Uganda)
- The Caribbean sub-regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into NBSAPs and Resource Mobilization (9 - 13 March 2015, St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda)
- Asian Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting (16 March 2015, Colombo, Sri Lanka)
- CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the North-East Indian Ocean region, and Training Session on EBSAs (23-27 March, 2015)
- The Urban Nature Forum – the biodiversity component of the 2015 ICLEI World Congress (11-12 April 2015, Seoul, Korea)
- CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the North-West Indian Ocean and Adjacent Gulf Areas, and Training Session on EBSAs (19 - 25 April 2015, Dubai, United Arab Emirates)
- •Maldives Biosphere Reserve LifeWeb Partners Roundtable (5 - 6 May 2015, Male’, Maldives)
- •South American Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting (13 April 2015, Asunción, Paraguay)
- Western African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting (20 April 2015, Cabo Verde)
- Caribbean Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting (4 May 2015, Bahamas)

- Western African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting (18 May 2015, Liberville, Gabon)
- International Training Workshop on Community-based Monitoring, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use and Community Protocols, within the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 (8 - 10 June 2015, Panajachel, Guatemala)
- Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms (9 - 11 June 2015, Ispra, Italy)
- Eastern European Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting (22 June 2015, Georgia)
- National workshop on Traditional Knowledge (7 January 2015, Kathmandu, Nepal)
- A total of 8 National and local workshops on traditional knowledge (9 February 2015, 10 February 2015, 11 February 2015, 13 April 2015, El Salvador)
- National capacity-building workshop on traditional knowledge for indigenous peoples and local communities (19-20 March, Honiara Solomon Islands)
- Local Capacity-building workshop for indigenous peoples and local communities (29 April - 2 May 2015, Papua New Guinea)

#### **IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL**

<b>CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY</b>
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##### **BS-V/13: Public Awareness, Education and Participation**

97. The Secretariat continued to implement the programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs (2011-2015). In particular:

- (a) A second draft checklist of key measures required to implement the Aarhus Convention's Lucca Guidelines and the Cartagena Protocol's programme of work available at [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art23/pa\\_main.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art23/pa_main.shtml);
- (b) Preparations for the biosafety theme in the NBSAPs forum at <http://nbsapforum.net/#categories/340>;
- (c) Case studies and other resources on the programme of work made available in the Biosafety Information Resource Center (BIRC) in the BCH; and
- (d) An exhibition on 24 May 2015 at McGill University, in collaboration with the Redpath Museum, highlighting the UN Decade on Biodiversity and the International Day of Biodiversity. The event, which was attended by about 4000 visitors, contributed to raising awareness on the Cartagena Protocol and the Convention on Biodiversity as one of the tools in promoting the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

##### **BS-VI/3: Capacity-building**

98. Two Capacity-building Workshops on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Actions Plans and resource Mobilization were convened by the Secretariat during the reporting period. The first was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 9-13 February 2015; the second was held in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda from 9-13 March 2015.

99. The workshop in Ulaanbaatar included participants from 15 countries in the Asia region (Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Vietnam), and one organization (Mongolian National Council

of Scientists). Participants agreed to further explore the possibility of developing regional and subregional biosafety projects, and were encouraged to develop concept notes for pilot activities to promote the integrated implementation of the Protocol and the CBD at the national level.

100. The workshop in St. John's was attended by participants from 13 countries in the Caribbean (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago) and one organization (University of the West Indies). Participants agreed to continue a dialogue on the possibility of establishing a platform through the NBSAP Forum following the workshop. A Skype conference with 16 of the workshop participants was successfully convened several weeks after the workshop, with plans for a second conference call in the coming months.

101. The overall objective of both workshops was to strengthen the capacity of Parties in the respective regions to integrate biosafety into NBSAPs and national development plans and mobilize resources for the implementation of the Protocol in line with the Strategic Plan for the Protocol and the relevant Aichi Biodiversity Targets. They also aimed to improve understanding of the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress.

### **BS-VII/1: Compliance**

102. The twelfth meeting of the Compliance Committee was held in Montreal from 13-15 May 2015. The Committee considered the outcomes of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety with regard to items relevant to compliance. Members discussed how to raise awareness of the supportive role of the Committee and how they may provide assistance to Parties facing difficulties complying with one or more of their obligations under the Protocol, as they were invited to do in decision BS-VII/1. The Committee developed a brief information note on the role of the Compliance Committee in assisting Parties, which the Secretariat has made available online. With regard to possible difficulties faced by Parties in understanding and completing the reporting format for the third national reports, the Committee requested the Secretariat to advise Parties that they may forward any questions or requests for clarification regarding the reporting format to the Secretariat, and to provide any information and clarifications online for the benefit of all Parties. The Committee also reviewed the information available in the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) with a view to verifying whether it is complete and up to date. The Committee further discussed the scope of its input into the third assessment and review of the Protocol and the mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan and decided to hold its next meeting in conjunction with the meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building in order to achieve consistency in the contributions of the Group and the input of the Committee to be forwarded to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation. For further details, see the report of the meeting in document UNEP/CBD/BS/CC/12/5.

103. The report of the twelfth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol is available at <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/meetings/documents.shtml?eventid=5454>. The Information note on the role of the Compliance Committee in assisting Parties is available at [https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb\\_art34\\_cchelp.shtml](https://bch.cbd.int/protocol/cpb_art34_cchelp.shtml).

### **BS-VII/2: Operations and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing-House**

104. The Secretariat convened online discussions for the FAO-CBD-OECD Biosafety Databases Forum from 27 April to 10 May. The online discussions served as a preparatory session for the second joint Webinar of International Databases on Biosafety. The outcomes of the e-discussion session served as a basis to tailor and further refine the content of the Webinar. The objective of the Webinar, which was held on 27 May 2015, was to facilitate discussions among the focal points of the three biosafety related

databases (FAO, CBD and OECD) and the sharing of experiences and good practices in establishing/improving national communication mechanisms amongst each of them.

#### **BS-VII/10: Unintentional transboundary movements and emergency measures**

105. In working towards implementing elements of this decision, the Secretariat convened a series of online discussions on topics relevant to detection and identification. The following four topics were covered between January and April 2015:

- Current definitions and uses of the terms “unintentional transboundary movement” and “illegal transboundary movement” of LMOs
- Drafting working definitions for “unintentional transboundary movement” and “illegal transboundary movement” of LMOs for consideration of the Compliance Committee and an analysis of the implications on detection and identification of LMOs
- Drafting an outline for capacity-building workshops on sampling, detection and identification of LMOs
- Compilation of didactic material for capacity building on sampling, detection and identification of living modified organisms

106. As a follow-up to the abovementioned discussions, and with a view to achieving the operational objectives of the Strategic Plan for implementation of the Protocol that are relevant to the detection and identification of living modified organisms (LMOs) and implementation of Article 17 on Unintentional Transboundary Movements, the Secretariat organized the Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms, which was held from 9-11 June 2015 at the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre- Institute for Health and Consumer Protection in Ispra, Italy. The objectives were as follows:

- (a) The design of the content for capacity-building workshops on the sampling, detection and identification of living modified organisms;
- (b) The compilation and development of didactic material for the capacity-building activities referred to in (i) above; and
- (c) The continued development of technical tools and guidance as outlined in the operational objectives 1.6 and 1.8 of the Strategic Plan.

107. Twenty-three individuals from 21 Parties and a representative from one organization (Global Industry Coalition) were selected to attend the workshop.

#### **BS-VII/11: Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress**

108. Four additional Parties deposited their instrument of ratification, accession or approval to the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress in the reporting period (Denmark, Estonia, Slovakia, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), bringing the total number of ratifications, acceptances, approvals or accessions to 32. The Supplementary Protocol will enter into force on the 90<sup>th</sup> day after the date of deposit of the 40<sup>th</sup> instrument of ratification, accession, acceptance or approval by the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol. The status of signature, and ratification, acceptance, approval or accession to the Supplementary Protocol is available at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.

#### **BS-VII/12: Risk Assessment and Risk Management**

109. The Open Ended Online Forum and AHTEG on Risk Assessment and Risk Management held several online discussions from February to March 2015 to provide feedback on the Secretariat’s grouping

of the comments that were submitted by Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations as a result of the testing process, established in decision BS-VI/12. Similarly, the AHTEG Sub-group held online discussions from March to June 2015 with the view to streamline the grouped comments by identifying which suggestions may be taken on board and providing justification for those suggestions that may not be taken on board.

### **XII/24: New and Emerging Issues: Synthetic Biology**

110. In response to decision XII/24, a moderated open-ended online forum on the issue of synthetic biology was convened by the Secretariat during the reporting period. The process of nominating participants to the forum, from among which the members of the AHTEG will be selected, took place throughout March 2015. With the view of supporting the work of the AHTEG, seven specific topics were discussed online from 27 April to 6 July:

- Topic 1: “How to address the relationship between synthetic biology and biological diversity”
- Topic 2: “Similarities and differences between living modified organisms (as defined in the Cartagena Protocol) and organisms, components and products of synthetic biology techniques”
- Topic 3: “Operational definition of synthetic biology, comprising inclusion and exclusion criteria
- Topic 4: “Potential benefits and risks of organisms, components and products arising from synthetic biology techniques to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and related human health and socioeconomic impacts relevant to the mandate of the Convention and its Protocols”
- Topic 5: “Best practices on risk assessment and monitoring regimes currently used by Parties to the Convention and other Governments”
- Topic 6: “Adequacy of existing national, regional and/or international instruments to regulate the organisms, components or products derived from synthetic biology techniques”
- Topic 7: “Degree to which the existing arrangements constitute a comprehensive framework in order to address impacts of organisms, components and products resulting from synthetic biology, in particular threats of significant reduction or loss of biological diversity”

111. The list of participants to the online discussions on synthetic biology included 146 nominees representing 52 Parties; 9 observers from other Governments; and 80 organizations.

112. To further supplement and inform the AHTEG on synthetic biology, submissions of information relevant to the work of the AHTEG were accepted from Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant stakeholders from February until the end of April 2015. Thirty documents were received and posted on the BCH website.

### **BS-VII/13: Socio-economic Considerations**

113. During the reporting period, the Secretariat invited views and comments from Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities on the “Elements of a Framework for Conceptual Clarity on Socio-Economic Considerations” contained in the annex to the report of the first meeting of the AHTEG on socio-economic considerations. A total of 24 submissions were received and have been posted online at [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal\\_art26/submissions.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/portal_art26/submissions.shtml).

114. Nominations were received from Parties, other Governments, relevant organizations and indigenous and local communities for representatives to participate in a series of moderated online discussions, which were held from March until May 2015 on the following topics:

- Question 1: In previous discussions on socio-economic considerations under the Protocol, a number of international agreements have been identified as possibly being relevant to the issue. Are there any other agreements, including regional agreements, that could be relevant in this context? How might the agreements and the obligations they contain be relevant to Parties taking socio-economic considerations into account in their decision-making on LMOs pursuant to Article 26 of the Protocol?
- Question 2: What are some concrete examples, besides the intrinsic value, of the value of biological diversity to indigenous and local communities? How are they linked to possible socio economic effects of LMOs? How can an effect, if any, be assessed?
- Question 3: What are possible environment-related aspects of socio economic considerations that could arise from the use of LMOs, and which would be relevant in the context Article 26 of the Protocol? How can they be distinguished from those covered in other processes under the Protocol, e.g. risk assessment and risk management?
- Question 4: Is there any relationship between risk assessment and the assessment of possible socio-economic effects? Are there any concrete examples of links between those assessment areas?
- Question 5: Are there any possible human health-related issues with relevance for socio economic considerations? Are they already dealt with under food safety assessments or the provisions of Articles 15 and 16 (Risk assessment and risk management) of the Protocol? Are there any situations when they could they be dealt with under Art 26 of the Protocol?
- Open discussion

115. With generous financial support from the Government of Norway, preparations began during the reporting period to hire a consultant to compile information on (i) policies, laws, regulations and guidelines providing for definitions of socio-economic considerations; and (ii) practical applications of socio-economic considerations in decision-making on living modified organisms, including cases where positive and negative socio-economic impacts have been considered; and to carry out a study on international agreements that may have relevance to socio-economic considerations as provided for in Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

#### **BS-VII/14: Monitoring and Reporting**

116. The Secretariat reminded Parties early in 2015 to submit their third national reports through the BCH, using the revised format, no later than 31 October 2015. Parties were urged to submit their reports in a timely manner. The third national reports are the primary source of information for the combined third assessment and review of the Protocol and mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety for the period 2011-2020. Parties were also reminded that late submissions would not be included in the compilation and analysis of the reports to be reviewed by the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) in May 2016. The SBI is expected to submit its findings and recommendations to the COP-MOP for consideration at its eighth meeting.

117. Parties were also informed in May 2015 of the availability of GEF funding for eligible Parties for the preparation of their third national reports. Parties may refer to the following notification for further details: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2015/ntf-2015-059-bs-en.pdf>.

#### **Status of Ratification or Accession to the Cartagena Protocol**

118. As of 30 June 2015, 170 countries had ratified or acceded to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. During the reporting period, Côte d'Ivoire and the State of Palestine became Parties to the CPB.

The list of Parties to the Protocol is available on the Protocol's website at:  
<http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/parties/>.

## ANNEXES

### ANNEX I

#### Status of Implementation of the Agreed Administrative Arrangements

##### I. Personnel Arrangements

1. In summary, during the reporting period, the Secretariat had 37 regularized Professional staff members and 30 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 6 Professional posts vacant posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress and no vacant General Services posts. Additionally, 23 professional posts and 16 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigrams (Appendix 1 and Annex III respectively).

##### II. Contributions and Funds

2. During the first half of 2015, 8 pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Korea pledged US\$202,241 for salary costs for P4 staff member for the first year and US\$165,428 for the second year, Korea pledged KRW 350million for implementation of Yeosu project, Korea pledged US\$453,449 for Forest Ecosystem Restoration Initiative, Korea pledged KRW 300million for Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative, Korea pledged KRW 566million for Bio-Bridge Initiative, Switzerland pledged CHF 80,000 for AHTEG on indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and Switzerland pledged CHF 100,000 for Informal Advisory Group Workshops.

3. The Government of Japan has through its Japan Biodiversity Fund contributed a total of US\$50,000,000 to the BE Trust Fund for use over the period 2010-2016 for support to the implementation of the Aichi-Nagoya Outcomes.

4. As at 30 June 2015, a total of US\$1,914,600 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund in 2015 of which 100% has been collected. Additionally, USD 253,254 has been collected in 2015 for prior year pledges. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex III.

5. As at 30 June 2015, the total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2015 is US\$13,244,197. A total of US\$7,791,724 has been received for the 2015 pledges. Of this amount, a total of US\$828,841 was received as advance payments in 2014 and a total of US\$ 6,962,883 has been received in 2015. The total amount received of USD 7,791,724 represents 58.83% of the total pledges for 2015. Additionally, US\$ 1,351,100 has been received in 2015 for prior year pledges and US\$ 458,357 received in 2015 for future years. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

6. As at 30 June 2015, Finland has pledged and paid Euros 10.000 for 2015 as additional voluntary contribution to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). Total pledges of US\$61,609 for prior years still remain outstanding. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

7. As at 30 June 2015, the total amount pledged for the **BG Trust Fund** in 2015 is US\$2,890,455. A total of US\$1,550,650 has been received for 2015 pledges. Of this amount, US\$600,524 was received as advance payments in 2014 and US\$950,126 has been received in 2015. The total amount received of US\$1,550,650 represents 53.7% of the total pledges for 2015. Additionally, US\$78,459 has



also been collected in 2015 for prior years' pledges and a total of US\$136,514 collected in 2015 for future years. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

8. As at 30 June 2015, Republic of Korea has pledged and paid US\$140,000 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (**BH Trust Fund**) in 2015. Details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

9. As at 30 June 2015, the total amount pledged for the Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (**BB Trust Fund**) in 2015 is US\$290,185. A total of US\$85,596 or 29.5% has been received for 2015 pledges and US\$510 has been received as advance payment for future years. Details of the BB Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

10. As at 30 June 2015, Switzerland has pledged and paid US\$70,600 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities (**BX Trust Fund**) in 2015. Details of the pledge and contribution to the BX Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IX.

### III. Accounting and Reporting

#### Status of Expenditure

11. COP-12 approved a budget of US\$14,472,500 for the BY Trust Fund for 2015. As at 30 June 2015, a total of US\$6,149,451 was spent or committed. This represents 42.5% of the approved amount.

12. COP/MOP-7 approved a budget of US\$3,243,500 for the BG Trust Fund for 2015. As at 30 June 2015, a total of US\$926,169 was spent or committed. This represents 28.6% of the approved amount. The under-expenditure for the Biosafety budget is largely a result of 3 vacant posts during the first half of the year.

13. COP/MOP-1 approved a budget of US\$290,200 for the BB Trust Fund for 2015. There are no commitments or expenditures recorded as at 30 June 2015.

#### Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

14. The following nineteen (19) posts are funded by UNEP from the Programme Support funds (PSC): Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (P-5); Budget and Finance Officer (P-4); Administrative Officer (P-3); two (2) Finance and Budget Officers (P-3); Senior Finance Assistant (G-7); two (2) Finance Assistants (G-5); Finance Assistant (G-4); Personnel Assistant (G-6); Personnel Assistant (G-5); Documents Assistant (G-6); three (3) Administrative Assistants (G-6); two (2) Travel Assistants (G-6); Programme Assistant (G6) and Administrative Clerk (G-4).

#### Impact of Umoja

15. Effective 1 June 2015, UNEP changed its operating system (ERP) from the previous Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) to Umoja – a SAP based system.

16. This change of systems has had a wide-ranging effect on the operations of the Secretariat which has resulted in the slowing down of operations and in some cases the postponement or cancellation of planned activities.

17. Some of the problems that are being encountered relate to a number of issues in Umoja's application. Some of these belong in the category of 'inevitable transition problems with any new ERP', some are due to the lack of training (UNEP was unable to provide it in advance and since the launch of

Umoja), others relate to errors that occurred in data migration from IMIS to Umoja and finally there are some systemic challenges with the business processes which have emerged.

18. Of greatest concern to the Secretariat has been the delays in preparations for upcoming meetings as a result of, for example, changes in the way translators and interpreters contracts are issued and problems in registering funded participants to enable their tickets to be purchased and their DSA to be paid – this also affects the costs of the tickets as they are often issued at the last minute. Additionally problems have arisen due to unacceptable delays in the payment of vendors leading to threats of refusal of services. Finally the general centralization of functions in UNEP and UNON which were formerly performed autonomously and independently by the Secretariat has given rise to unnecessary delays and frustration.

19. It is expected that with time and the additional training of staff (both at the Secretariat and at UNEP and UNON) the situation will improve and the benefits of Umoja will be clear for all to see. However in the interim, while the ramp-up is on-going there will inevitably be delays and sometimes cancellations of planned activities.

20. Finally, it should be noted that the UN Secretariat in New York will go-live in Umoja on 1 November 2015, which will have a negative roll-on effect in the short-term on the activities of UNON and UNEP and inevitably on the Secretariat.

**Appendix I**

**Staffing table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

**January to June 2015**

<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Staff member</b>
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. B. Ferreira de Souza Dias
1102	D1	Principal Officer (OES)	Vacant
1103	D1	Principal Officer (SAM)	Mr. D. Cooper
BGL 1101	D1	Principal Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (TSI)	Mr. R. Sharma
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Ms. M. Christin (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (TSI)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	SPO Legal Advice and Support (OES)	Mr. W. Yifru
1109	P5	SPO, Economist (TSI)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (SAM)	Ms. C. Santamaria
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (TSI)	Mr. O. De Munck
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (MPO)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (MPO)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	PO Knowledge Management Officer (TSI)	Ms. K. Koppel
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. Paulo Tagliari
1119	P4	Information Officer (MPO)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (TSI)	Mr. F. Vogel
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (SAM)	Ms. J. Lee
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (TSI)	Mr. A. Rafalovitch
1123	P4	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by UNEP)
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Ms. Jacinta Mukui (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1126/BYL	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety/MPO)	Mr. E. Tamale
BGL 1103	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (TSI)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (SAM)	Mr. D. Coates
1132	P4	PO, Scientific/Tech. Assessments (SAM)	Mr. R. Hoft

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1133	P5	SPO, Access & Benefit Sharing (MPO)	Ms. V. Normand
BGL 1134	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Vacant
1134	P2	Assoc. Information Technology Officer (RMCS)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1135	P4	Editor (OES)	Mr. Orestes Plasencia
1136	P3	Finance and Budget Officer (RMCS)	Post vacant (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (SAM)	Ms. J. Shimura
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (SAM)	Ms. S. Koketso
1142	P3	PO, Reports (TSI)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (MPO)	Mr. O. Hillel
BGL 1102	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
BGL 1105	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Ms. M. Pessoa de Miranda
1145	P3	Special Assistant to the ES (OES)	Ms. A. Rego
1146	D1	Principal Officer (MPO)	Ms. A. Fraenkel
1147	P2	Associate Information Officer (MPO)	Mr. J. Hedlund
BGL 1151	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (Biosafety)	Mr. P. LeBlond
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (SAM)	Mr. V. Gidda
BGL 1104	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (BS)	Ms. U. Nilsson
BGL 1146	P2	Assoc. Systems Information Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. S. Bilodeau
1155	P3	PO, Access and Benefit Sharing (NP)	Ms. K. Garforth
1156	P2	Assoc. Programme Officer - Indigenous Knowledge (MPO)	Ms. V. Figueroa
BBL 1101	P3	Programme Officer – Capacity building – ABS/NP	Vacant
1301	G7	Senior Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. R. Alum (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G6	Senior Staff Assistant to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. F. Blot
1303	G5	Staff Assistant (MPO)	Mrs. D. Ibragimova
1304	G6	Programme Assistant - (SAM)	Ms. A. Cung
1305	G6	Programme Assistant - (SAM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (TSI)	Ms. S. Meehan
BGL 1301	G5	Staff Assistant - (BS)	Ms. M. Willey
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (TSI)	Ms. M. Chiasson

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (MPO)	Mr. D. Monnier
1310	G6	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. M. Lefevbre (Post funded by UNEP)
1311	G7	Conference Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. N. Ibrahim
1358	G6	Programme Assistant (SAM)	Ms. L. Janishevski
1312	G6	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. G. del Carpio (Post funded by UNEP) on loan from ICAO
1313	G5	Staff Assistant - (SAM)	Ms. V. Allain
1314	G5	Staff Assistant - (TSI)	Ms. L. Zemke
1315	G6	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (TSI)	Mr. V. Gopez
1318	G6	Programme Assistant (MPO)	Mr. M. Banski
1319	G6	Programme Assistant, (NP)	Ms. J. Huppé
BGL 1302	G6	Programme Assistant (Biosafety)	Ms. P. Scarone
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (TSI)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G6	Programme Assistant (TSI)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G4	Information Assistant - (CS/TSI)	Ms. L. Allain
1333	G5	Finance Assistant - (RMCS)	Vacant (Post funded by UNEP)
1334	G4	Administrative Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik (Post funded by UNEP)
1335	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. L. Piscopo (Post funded by UNEP)
1336	G5	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. N. Diallo (Post funded by UNEP)
1322	G5	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by UNEP)
1321	G5	Human Resources Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. G. Alexandre (post Funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (OES)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
	G6	Programme Assistant – Japan Fund	Ms. C. Paguaga (post Funded by UNEP)
1338	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb (Post funded by UNEP)
1339	G6	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. G. Sabatini (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	G6	Programme Assistant – (SAM)	Ms. J. Martinez
1351	G6	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo
1352	G6	Programme Assistant – (MPO)	Ms. F. D'Amico
1353	G6	Programme Assistant – (NP)	Ms. A. Bateman
BGL 1353	G6	Programme Assistant – (BS)	Mr. A. Bowers

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1354*	G6	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (MPO)	Ms. C. Robichaud
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (OES)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
1356	G7	Programme Assistant (TSI)	Mr. K. Noonan-Mooney
1357	G6	Meeting Services Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. L. Pedicelli
1359	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS/OES)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1304	G6	Programme Assistant Risk Assess. (BS)	Ms. D. Abdelhakim

\* Post reclassified to P2

#### Temporary Staff

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1125	P4	Programme Officer (OES)	Mr. Y. Lee

#### Staff funded under the Japan Fund

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
BEL 1101	D1	Global Coordinator - OES	Mr. A. Yoshinaka
BEL 1102	P5	Senior Programme Officer - OES	Mr. D. Duthie
BEL 1103	P4	Programme Officer - OES	Mr. N. Van Der Werf
BEL 1104	P4	Programme Officer - OES	Ms. N. Saad
BEL 1301	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Ms. G. Talamas
BEL 1302	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Post vacant
BEL1303	G6	Programme Assistant - OES	Mr. M. Abi Chahine

#### Seconded/Project staff members/JPOs

Name	Nationality	Seconded/Funded from	Arrival date
Beatriz Gomez Castro	Spain	European Union	04.02.10
Arnaud Comolet	France	Government of France	01.12.14
Andre Mader	South Africa	ICLEI – South Africa	22.06.11
Charles Besancon	USA	Government of Germany	28.07.12
Simone Schiele	Germany	Government of Germany	05.10.12
Ji-Youn Kim	Republic of Korea	Government of Korea	01.12.14
Kristina Neuman	Germany	Government of Germany	24.09.13
Matthew Dias	Canada	European Union	01.12.13

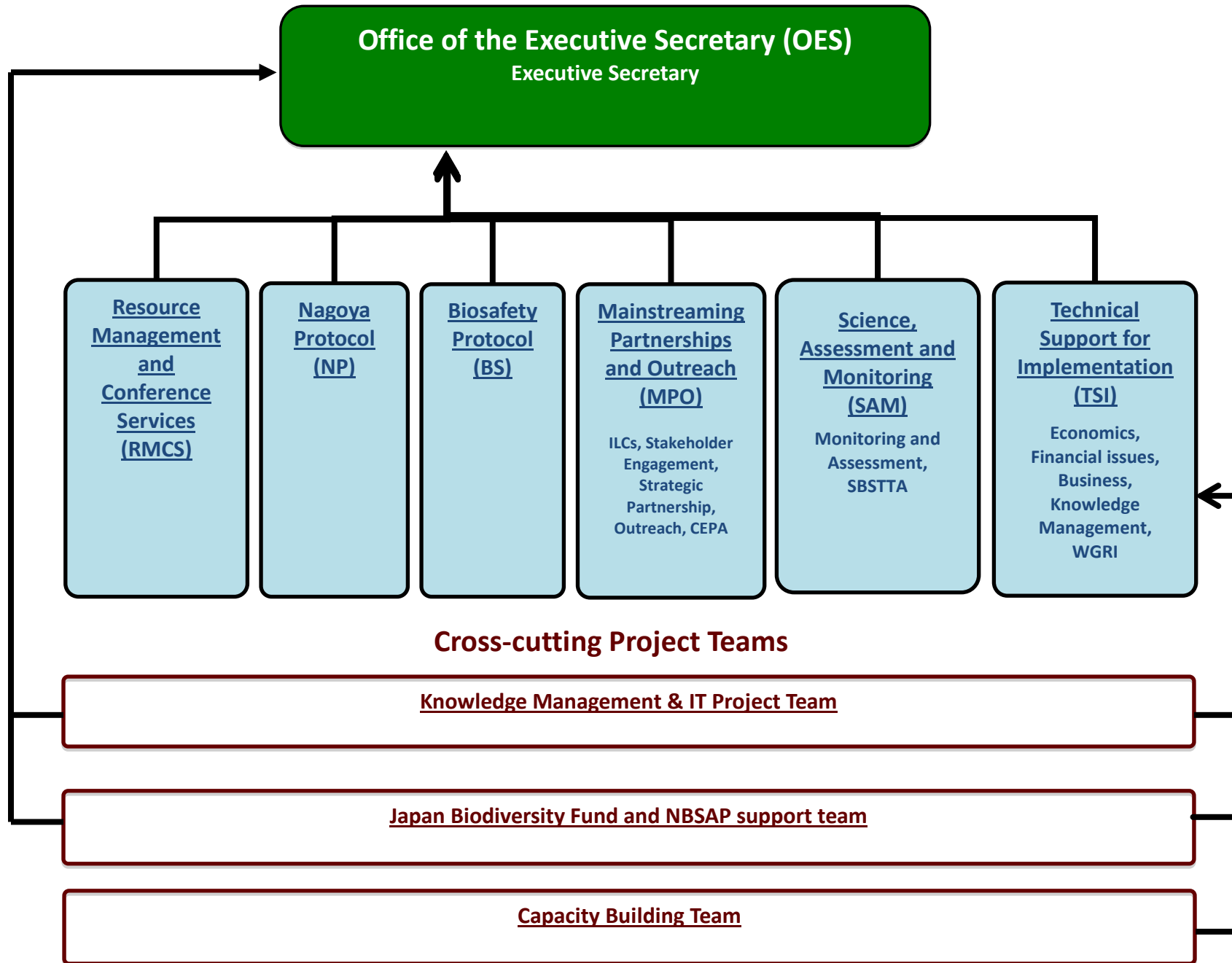
Joseph Appiott	United States	Government of Japan	27.12.13
Blaise Fonseca	India	Japan/Switzerland	10.03.14
Seishu Okuda	Japan	Government of Japan	23.04.14
David Steuerman	Canada	CNI-Brazil	17.06.14
Aleke Stoefen-O'Brien	Germany	Government of Germany	01.10.14
Tanya McGregor	Canada	Government of Finland	16.04.15
Christine Estrada	Honduras	Government of Japan	05.01.15

**Interns working at SCBD during the period of January to June 2015**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Programme Area Worked on</b>	<b>Entry Date</b>	<b>Departure Date</b>
Aline St-Laurent Guerin	Canadian	Australian Maritime College	Business and Biodiversity	17.11.14	18.02.15
Anastasia Tikhonova	Russian	Central European University	National Reports	05.01.15	02.04.15
Wenyan Guo	Chinese	University of Montreal	National Reports	12.01.15	10.04.15
Henrique Mercer	Brazilian / Canadian	University of Montreal	Ecosystem Approach in Cities	01.12.14	28.05.15
Daniel Attard	Canadian	University of Montreal	Partnerships and Special Projects	09.12.14	10.06.15
Christian Morris	USA	Institut d'Etudes Politiques de paris-"Science Po"	LifeWeb	05.01.15	04.06.15
Amanda Arella	Canadian	Concordia University	Media and Communications	04.05.15	03.05.15
Farah Kashaf	Egyptian	Concordia University	Media and Communications	21.04.15	20.07.15
Lisa Andrews	Canadian	McGill University	Poverty Eradication	27.04.15	24.07.15
Alice-Anne Simard	Canadian	Université de Laval	Protected Areas	04.05.15	03.09.15
Rosine Faucher	Canadian/French	McGill University	Protected Areas	01.05.15	05.09.15
Enni Kallio	Finnish	Yale University	Poverty Eradication	08.06.15	07.09.15
Hedy Man	Canadian/Chinese	University of London - London School of Economics and Political Science	Leveraging Integrated Approached for Forests	15.06.15	14.09.15
Lowine Hill	French	McGill University	Marine and Coastal Biodiversity	04.05.15	03.08.15
Manuela Gervasi	Italian	United Nations University	Ecosystem Approach in Cities	20.05.15	19.05.15
Ali Gianni Zia	Canadian /Italian	Université de Laval	National Reports	11.06.15	10.09.15



ANNEX II  
Organizational Chart of the CBD Secretariat  
**OVERALL STRUCTURE**



**Legend:**

Core /OTL budget posts

Project funded posts

Dual reporting with KM/IT (\*)



Dual reporting with TSI (\*\*)



Dual reporting with MPO (\*\*\*)



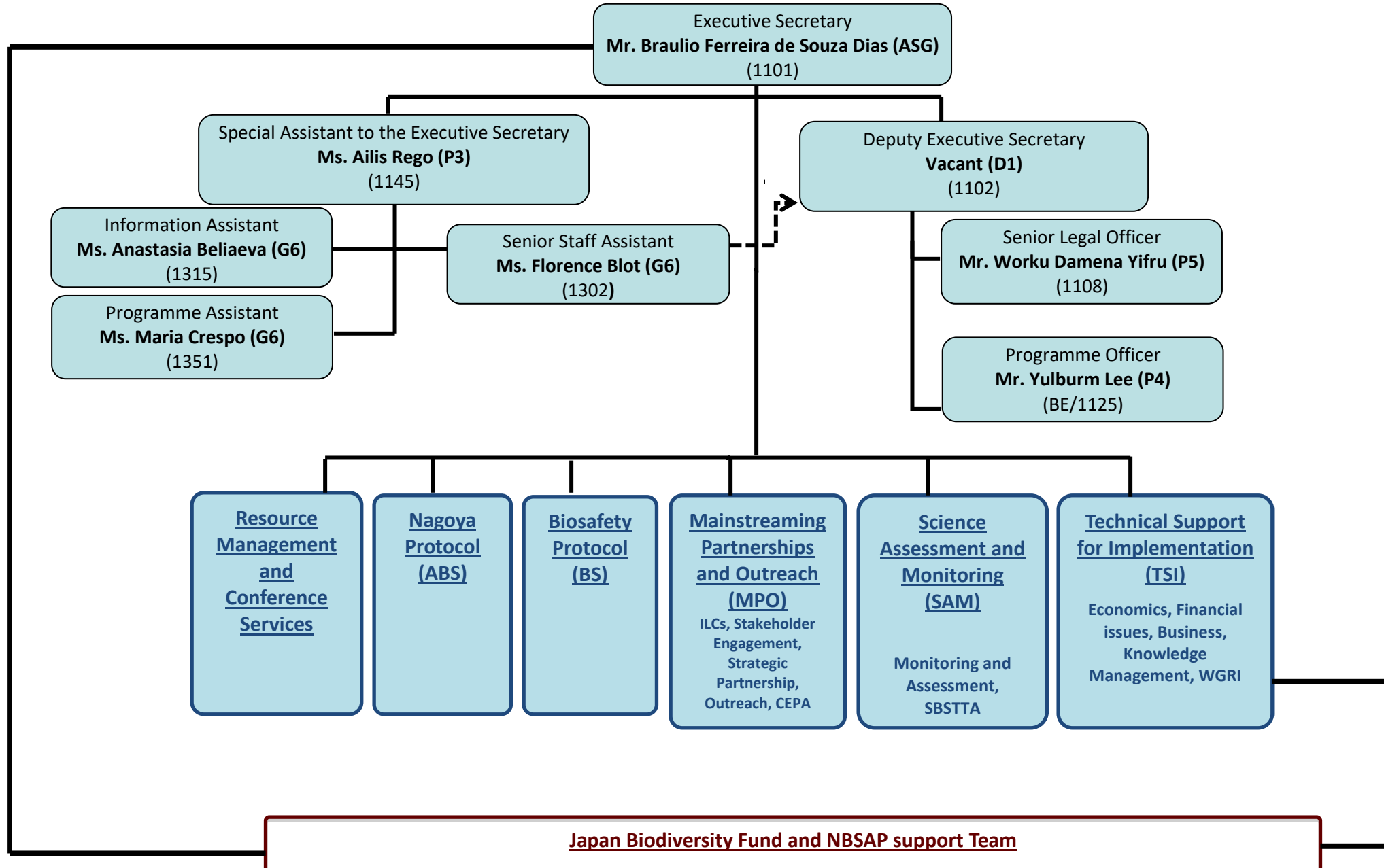
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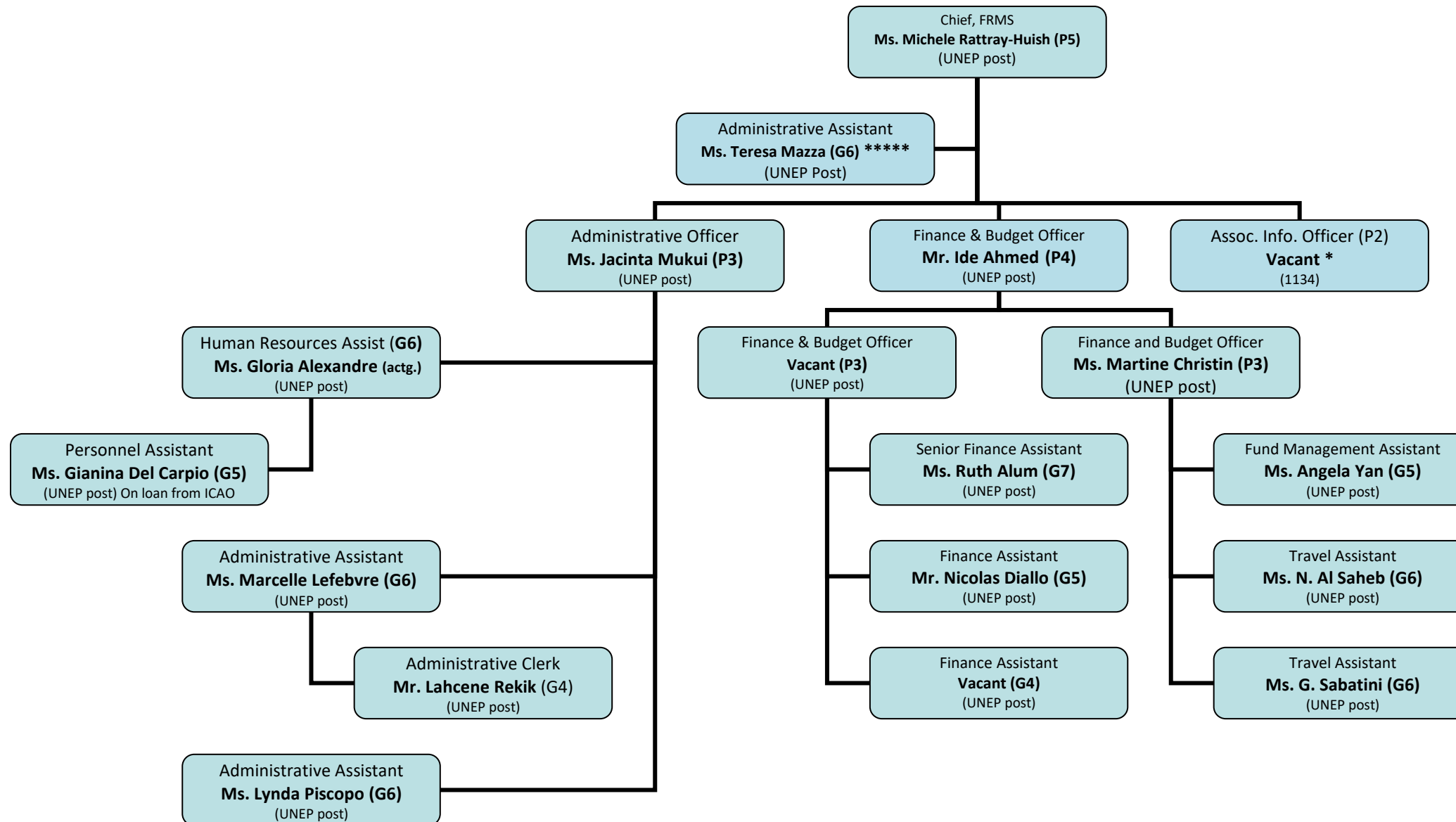
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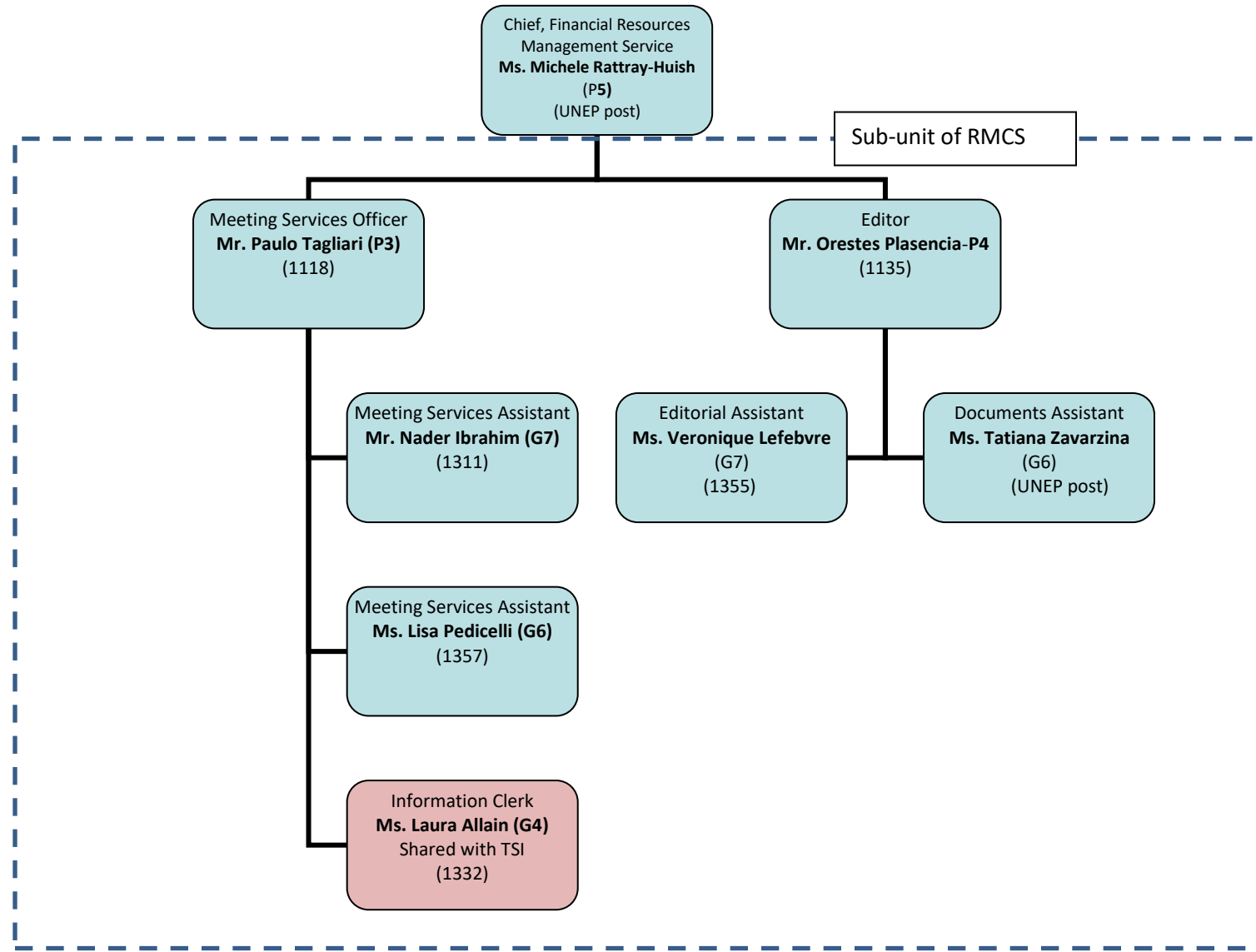
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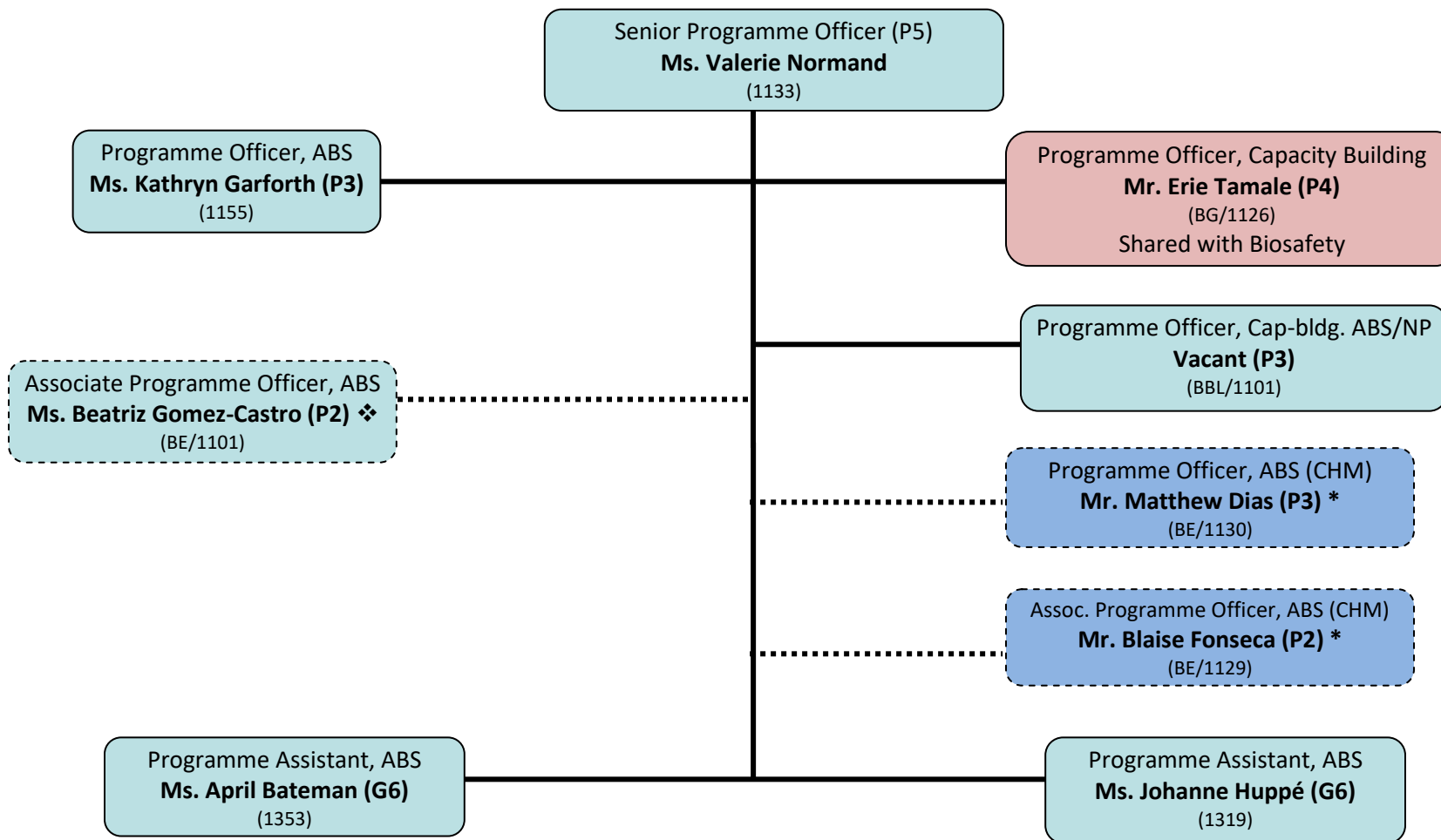
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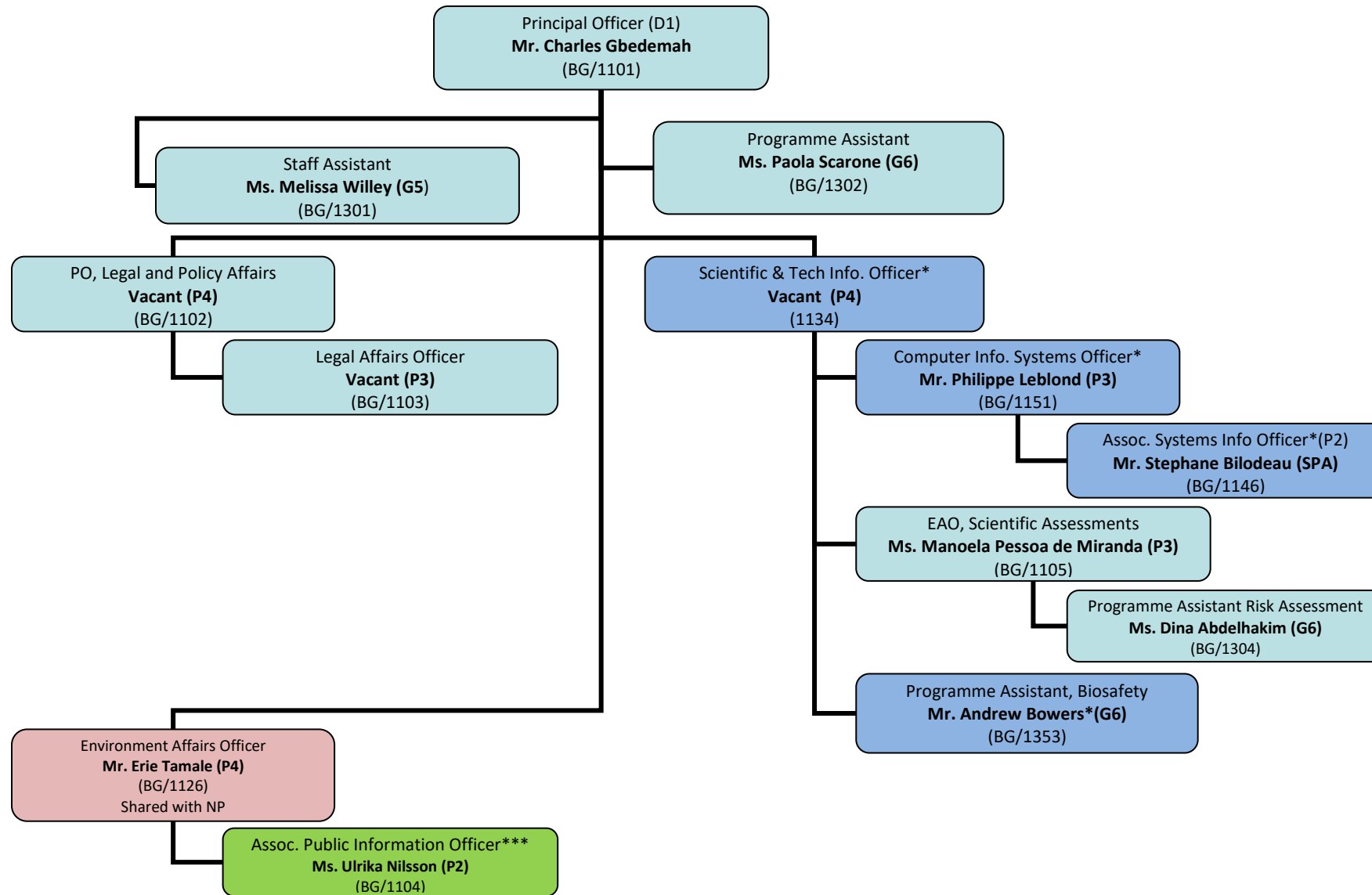


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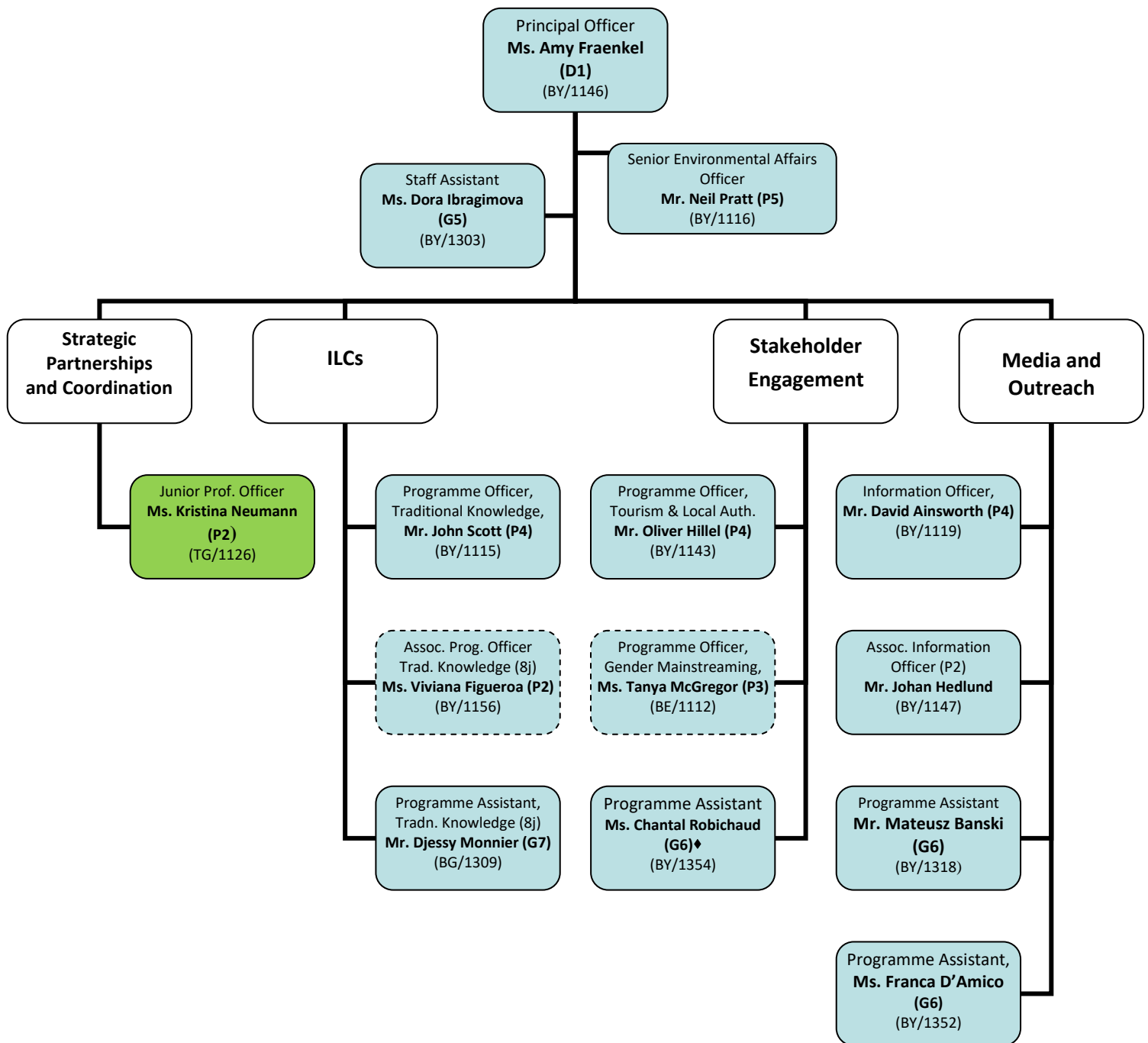


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## BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL (BS)



## MAINSTREAMING, PARTNERSHIPS AND OUTREACH (MPO)

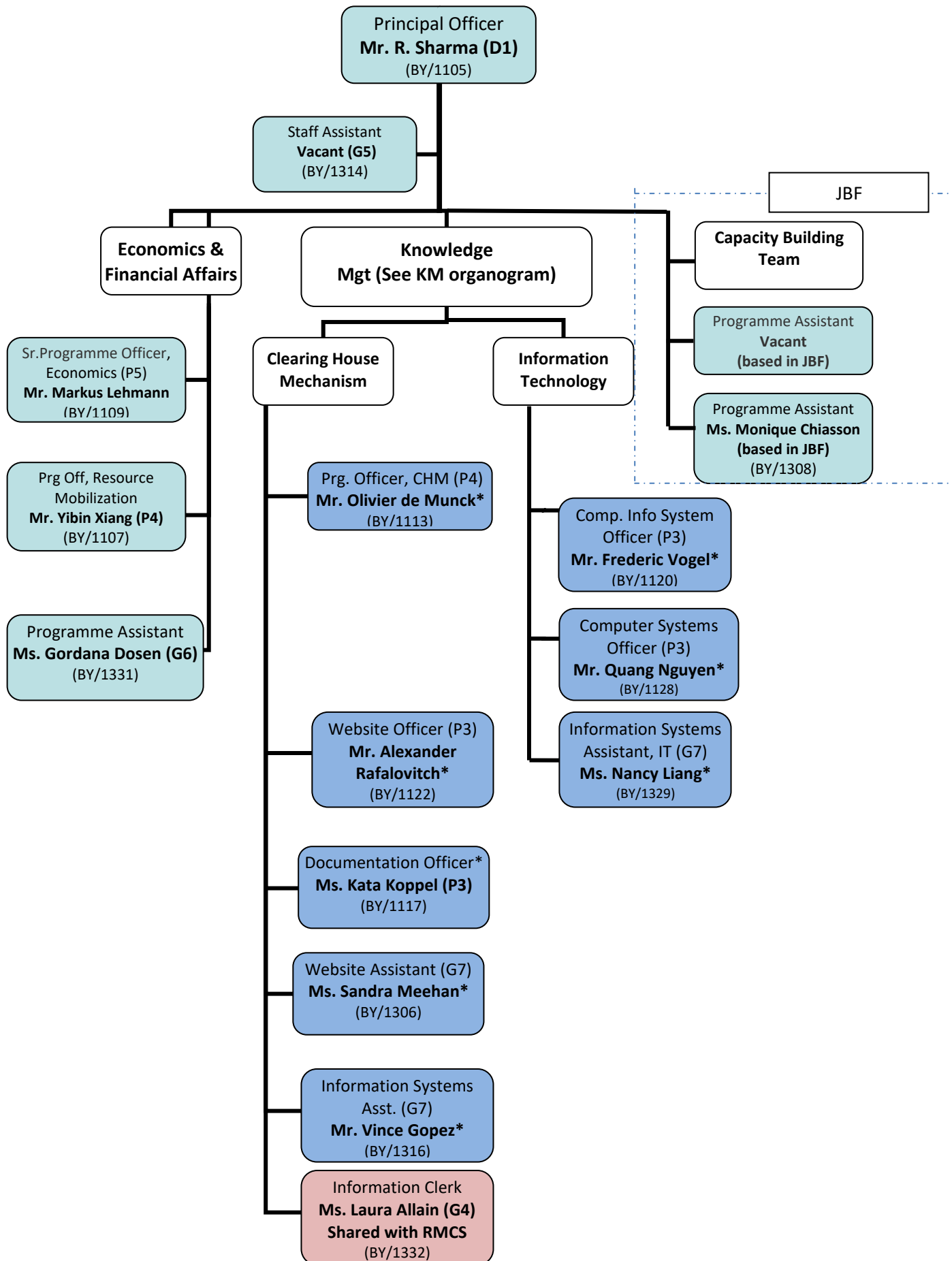


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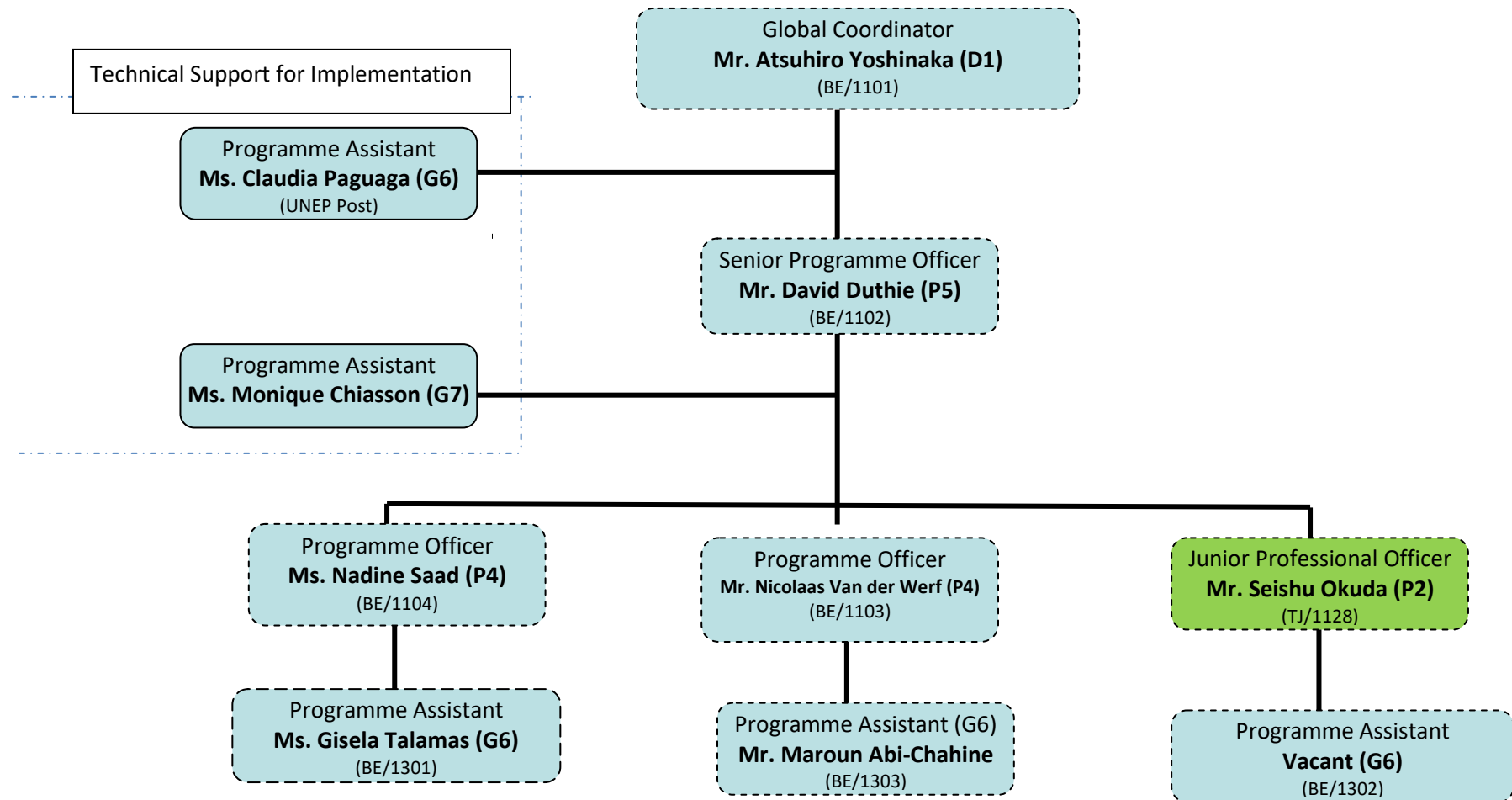




**TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION (TSI)**



### JAPAN BIODIVERSITY FUND AND NBSAP TEAM



## ANNEX III

**General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity (BE)**  
 Status of Contribution as at 30 June 2015 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid pledges as at 31.12 14		Adjustments	Pledges for 2015		Collections in 2015 for prior years US\$	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Unpaid pledges for 2015 & prior years US\$
Canada	1,300	1/						1,300
Canada	308,258	2/				142,962		165,296
COMIFAC	15,872	3/						15872
FAO	20,078	5/				20,078		0
France	27,473	4/						27,473
France	80,214	7/				80,214		0
Global Environment Forum (GEF)	10,000	9/				10,000		0
Global Mechanism	5,000	6/						5,000
India	105,807	8/						105,807
Korea	0			202,241	10/		202,241	0
Korea	0			165,428	11/		165,428	0
Korea	0			120,558	16/		120,558	0
Korea	0			453,449	17/		453,449	0
Korea	0			271,388	19/		271,388	0
Korea	0			512,018	20/		512,018	0
Norway	51,480	12/						51,480
Switzerland	4,343	13/						4,343

COUNTRIES	Unpaid pledges as at 31.12 14		Adjustments	Pledges for 2015		Collections in 2015 for prior years US\$	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Unpaid pledges for 2015 & prior years US\$
Switzerland	0			81,702	18/		81,702	0
Switzerland	0			107,817	21/		107,817	0
UK	41,118	14/						41,118
UK	6,494	15/						6,494
<b>Total</b>	<b>695,801</b>			<b>1,914,600</b>		<b>253,254</b>	<b>1,914,600</b>	<b>424,184</b>

1/Canada pledge CAD 47,000 - Expert Meeting on Marine Biodiversity. Paid CAD 44,650 (US\$ 42,218.23) on 25 November 2009

2/Canada pledge CAD 525,000 - CAD 175,000 annually to 2015 allocated as CAD 473,310 to BE Trust Fund & CAD 51,690 to BZ Trust Fund. Changed to CAD 451,098 for BE Trust Fund & CAD 73,902 to BZ Trust Fund

3/COMIFAC pledge EUR 25,000 - Implementation of CBD in Central Africa

4/France pledge EUR 20,000 - Expert Workshop on Marine Protected Areas

5/FAO pledge US\$ 20,078 - Capacity building workshop

6/Global Mechanism pledge US\$ 5,000 - Eco-pavilion

7/France pledge EUR 200,000 - Memorandum of Understanding (2014-2017) on Sustainable Oceans Initiative. 2014 - EUR 60,000; 2015 EUR 40,000; 2016 EUR 40,000; 2017 EUR 60,000

8/India pledge US\$ 286,443 - ICNP-2

9/GEF pledge US\$ 10,000 towards the support to the participation of journalists to COP 12

10/Korea pledge US\$202,241 - Yulburm Lee - 1st year

11/Korea pledge US\$165,427.58 - Yulburm Lee - 2nd year

12/Norway pledge NOK 350,000 - CBD Expert meetings

13/Switzerland pledge CHF 4,000 - Launch of UN decade

14/UK pledge GBP 25,000 - Geo-engineering

15/UK pledge GBP 4,000 - Production of a Report on Climate-related Geo-engineering

16/ Korea pledge KRW 350,000,000 - Implementation of Yeosu project - paid by Korea Maritime Institute

17/ Korea pledge US\$ 453,449 - SCBD Forest Ecosystem restoration initiative - paid by Korea Forest Services

18/Switzerland pledge CHF 80,000 - AHTEG on Indicators for the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity.

19/Korea pledge KRW 300,000,000 - Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative (PBDI) - 2015-BEL-2592-2797-2661.

20/Korea pledge KRW 566,000,000 - Bio-Bridge Initiative - BEL-2592-2797-2661.

21/Switzerland pledge CHF 100,000 - Informal Advisory Group Workshops

## ANNEX IV

**General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (BY)**  
as at 30 June 2015

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
	US \$	US \$	US \$		US \$			US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	0	766				766		0	0	0
Albania	0	1,532						0	1,532	1,532
Algeria	38,466	20,990			38,466	20,955		0	35	35
Angola	3,546	1,225						3,546	1,225	4,771
Antigua & Barbuda	601	306						601	306	907
Argentina	0	66,186						0	66,186	66,186
Armenia	0	1,072				1,072		0	0	0
Australia	0	317,756				317,756	329,176	0	0	0
Austria	0	122,261				122,261		0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	6,128				6,128	221	0	0	0
Bahamas	2,769	2,605			2,605			164	2,605	2,769
Bahrain	5,998	5,975			5,998	5,975		0	0	0
Bangladesh	1,230	1,225			1,230			0	1,225	1,225
Barbados	0	1,226				1,226		0	0	0
Belarus	16,453	8,580						16,453	8,580	25,033
Belgium	0	152,903						0	152,903	152,903
Belize	244	153						244	153	397
Benin	1,353	460						1,353	460	1,813
Bhutan	0	153						0	153	153
Bolivia	3,072	1,379						3,072	1,379	4,451
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	2,605				2,605		0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Botswana	0	2,605				2,605	2,698	0	0	0
Brazil	196	449,516						196	449,516	449,712
Brunei Darussalam	0	3,983						0	3,983	3,983
Bulgaria	0	7,201						0	7,201	7,201
Burkina Faso	1,311	460						1,311	460	1,771
Burundi	588	153						588	153	741
Cambodia	1,270	613						1,270	613	1,883
Cameroon	2,554	1,839						2,554	1,839	4,393
Canada	0	457,177	457,177			0		0	0	0
Cape Verde	316	153						316	153	469
Central African Rep.	1,079	153						1,079	153	1,232
Chad	1,173	306						1,173	306	1,479
Chile	0	51,172				51,172		0	0	0
China	0	788,722				529,727		0	258,995	258,995
Colombia	0	39,681						0	39,681	39,681
Comoros	3,972	153						3,972	153	4,125
Congo	2,263	766						2,263	766	3,029
Congo Dem.Rep	8,709	460						8,709	460	9,169
Cook Islands	0	153				153	159	0	0	0
Costa Rica	2,181	5,822			2,181	508		0	5,314	5,314
Cote d'Ivoire	10,446	1,685						10,446	1,685	12,131
Croatia	0	19,304				19,304		0	0	0
Cuba	90,182	10,571						90,182	10,571	100,753
Cyprus	0	7,201				7,201		0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	59,139	59,139					0	0	0
Denmark	0	103,416				103,416		0	0	0
Djibouti	281	153						281	153	434

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Dominica	0	153						0	153	153
Dominica Rep.	23,131	6,894			4,916			18,214	6,894	25,108
Ecuador	0	6,741		100		6,741		0	0	0
EEC	0	306,340				306,340		0	0	0
Egypt	0	20,530						0	20,530	20,530
El Salvador	11,149	2,451						11,149	2,451	13,600
Equatorial Guinea	5,855	1,225						5,855	1,225	7,080
Eritrea	0	153				153	159	0	0	0
Estonia	0	6,128				6,128		0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	1,225						0	1,225	1,225
Fiji	0	460	346					0	114	114
Finland	0	79,516				79,516		0	0	0
France	0	856,900				856,900		0	0	0
Gabon	0	3,064	3,064	7,949				0	0	0
Gambia	0	153						0	153	153
Georgia	0	1,072				1,072		0	0	0
Germany	0	1,094,069				1,094,069		0	0	0
Ghana	3,521	2,145			3,521	2,145	2,202	0	0	0
Greece	106,280	97,748						106,280	97,748	204,028
Grenada	858	153			858			0	153	153
Guatemala	28,378	4,137			28,378			0	4,137	4,137
Guinea	0	306						0	306	306
Guinea-Bissau	3,493	153						3,493	153	3,646
Guyana	0	153						0	153	153
Haiti	0	460				460	456	0	0	0
Honduras	2,435	1,226			1,360			1,075	1,226	2,301
Hungary	0	40,754				40,754		0	0	0



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Iceland	0	4,137				4,137	4,225	0	0	0
India	0	102,037						0	102,037	102,037
Indonesia	0	53,010						0	53,010	53,010
Iran	185,798	54,543						185,798	54,543	240,341
Iraq	0	10,418						0	10,418	10,418
Ireland*	0	64,042	64,042					0	0	0
Israel	0	60,671						0	60,671	60,671
Italy	0	681,476				681,476		0	0	0
Jamaica	4,232	1,685			4,232	1,685	1,771	0	0	0
Japan	0	1,659,718						0	1,659,718	1,659,718
Jordan	0	3,371						0	3,371	3,371
Kazakhstan	0	18,538				18,513		0	25	25
Kenya	3,607	1,992						3,607	1,992	5,599
Kiribati	0	153						0	153	153
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	1,077	919						1,077	919	1,996
Korea, Rep. of	228,602	305,500			228,602			0	305,500	305,500
Kuwait	0	41,826						0	41,826	41,826
Kyrgyzstan	0	306						0	306	306
Lao PDR	0	306				306	317	0	0	0
Latvia	0	7,201	7,201				7,460	0	0	0
Lebanon	30,526	6,435						30,526	6,435	36,961
Lesotho	0	153						0	153	153
Liberia	858	153						858	153	1,011
Libya	87,555	21,756						87,555	21,756	109,311
Liechtenstein	104	1,379			104	1,379		0	0	0
Lithuania	0	11,184				11,184		0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	12,410	3,770			8,640		0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Macedonia, TFYR of	4,812	1,226						4,812	1,226	6,038
Madagascar	760	460						760	460	1,220
Malawi	858	306						858	306	1,164
Malaysia	0	43,052	43,052				44,599	0	0	0
Maldives	0	153						0	153	153
Mali	2,012	613						2,012	613	2,625
Malta	0	2,451						0	2,451	2,451
Marshall Islands	971	153						971	153	1,124
Mauritania	2,803	306						2,803	306	3,109
Mauritius	0	1,992				1,992		0	0	0
Mexico	0	282,212				282,212		0	0	0
Micronesia, Fed. States	1,073	153						1,073	153	1,226
Moldova, Rep. of	0	460						0	460	460
Monaco	0	1,839				1,839		0	0	0
Mongolia	0	460				460	475	0	0	0
Montenegro	20	766			20	725		0	41	41
Morocco	0	9,499	610					0	8,889	8,889
Mozambique	0	460	460	441				0	0	0
Myanmar	1,829	1,225						1,829	1,225	3,054
Namibia	0	1,532				1,532	1,587	0	0	0
Nauru	613	153						613	153	766
Nepal	33	919						33	919	952
Netherlands	0	253,408				253,408		0	0	0
New Zealand	0	38,762	38,762					0	0	0
Nicaragua	0	460				460	476	0	0	0
Niger	4,413	306						4,413	306	4,719
Nigeria	0	13,789						0	13,789	13,789

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Niue	0	153						0	153	153
Norway	0	130,381				130,381		0	0	0
Oman	0	15,627				15,627		0	0	0
Pakistan	22,962	13,023			4,458			18,503	13,023	31,526
Palau	866	153						866	153	1,019
Panama	0	3,983				3,983		0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	619	613			619	613	635	0	0	0
Paraguay	76	1,532						76	1,532	1,608
Peru	1,168	17,926			1,168	10,130		0	7,796	7,796
Philippines	0	23,594				14,952		0	8,642	8,642
Poland	0	141,106	141,106					0	0	0
Portugal	153,565	72,621			74,970			78,595	72,621	151,216
Qatar	0	32,021				32,021		0	0	0
Romania	0	34,625						0	34,625	34,625
Russian Federation	0	373,525				373,525		0	0	0
Rwanda	25	306						25	306	331
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	3,143	153						3,143	153	3,296
Samoa	0	153				153		0	0	0
San Marino	0	460				460		0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	1,645	153						1,645	153	1,798
Saudi Arabia	0	132,373				132,373		0	0	0
Senegal	2,179	919						2,179	919	3,098
Serbia	0	6,128				6,128		0	0	0
Seychelles	0	153				153	159	0	0	0
Sierra Leone	0	153						0	153	153
Singapore	0	58,832				58,832	60,947	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Slovak	0	26,199				26,199		0	0	0
Slovenia	15,842	15,321			15,842	15,321		0	0	0
Solomon Islands	0	153						0	153	153
Somalia	737	153						737	153	890
South Africa	0	56,994				56,994		0	0	0
South Sudan	0	613						0	613	613
Spain	0	455,492						0	455,492	455,492
Sri Lanka	0	3,830						0	3,830	3,830
St. Lucia	19	153				153	159	19	0	19
St.Kitts &Nevis	40	153						40	153	193
Sudan	2,747	1,225						2,747	1,225	3,972
Suriname	544	613						544	613	1,157
Swaziland	0	460				460	476	0	0	0
Sweden	0	147,081				147,081		0	0	0
Switzerland	0	160,410				160,410		0	0	0
Syria	14,731	5,516						14,731	5,516	20,247
Tajikistan	1,006	460						1,006	460	1,466
Thailand	4,107	36,617			4,107	29,730		0	6,887	6,887
Timor - Leste	0	306						0	306	306
Togo	25	153						25	153	178
Tonga	868	153			610			258	153	411
Trinidad & Tobago	0	6,741						0	6,741	6,741
Tunisia	0	5,516				5,516		0	0	0
Turkey	0	203,462						0	203,462	203,462
Turkmenistan	7,814	2,911						7,814	2,911	10,725
Tuvalu	301	153						301	153	454
U. K.	0	793,472				793,472		0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections during 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Uganda	25	919						25	919	944
Ukraine	13,381	15,168						13,381	15,168	28,549
Un. Rep. of Tanzania	0	1,225	1,225	9,286				0	0	0
United Arab Emirates	0	91,160				91,160		0	0	0
Uruguay	0	7,967	7,967	3,919				0	0	0
Uzbekistan	12,216	2,298			1,538			10,678	2,298	12,976
Vanuatu	858	153						858	153	1,011
Venezuela	141,665	96,062						141,665	96,062	237,727
Viet Nam	0	6,435						0	6,435	6,435
Yemen	8,686	1,225						8,686	1,225	9,911
Zambia	0	919	919	952				0	0	0
Zimbabwe	901	306						901	306	1,207
Sub Total	1,360,668	12,253,599	828,840	22,647	425,783	6,962,883	458,357	934,885	4,461,876	5,396,761

Additional Contributions										
Canada	925,316	742,948			925,316			0	742,948	742,948
Quebec	0	247,649						0	247,649	247,649
Grand Total	2,285,985	13,244,197	828,840	22,647	1,351,100	6,962,883	458,357	934,885	5,452,474	6,387,359

## ANNEX V

## General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Process of the Convention on Biological Diversity (BZ)

Status as at 30 June 2015 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.14		Adjustments		Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2015 for prior years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Unpaid pledges for 2015 & prior years
Canada	34,533			1/				34,533
Denmark	27,076			2/				27,076
Finland				3/	10,886		10,886	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,609</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>10,886</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,886</b>	<b>61,609</b>

1/Canada pledge CAD 525,000 - CAD 175,000 annually to 2015 allocated as CAD 473,310 to BE Trust Fund & CAD 51,690 to BZ Trust Fund. Changed to CAD 451,098 for BE Trust Fund & CAD 73,902 to BZ Trust Fund.

2/Denmark pledge DKK 150,000 - SBSTTA-12 and WGRI-2 meetings

3/Finland pledge Euros 10,000 - Art 8(J)-9/ SBSTTA-19

## ANNEX VI

## General Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BG)

as at 30 June 2015

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
	US\$	US\$	US\$		US\$			US\$	US\$	US\$
Afghanistan	0	187				187		0	0	0
Albania	362	374						362	374	736
Algeria	0	5,127				5,127		0	0	0
Angola	257	263						257	263	520
Antigua and Barbuda	0	75						0	75	75
Armenia	0	262				262		0	0	0
Austria	0	29,864				29,864		0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	1,497				1,497		0	0	0
Bahamas	9	636			9	636		0	0	0
Bahrain	1,413	1,460						1,413	1,460	2,873
Bangladesh	0	263				263	275	0	0	0
Barbados	576	299			576	299		0	0	0
Belarus	0	2,096						0	2,096	2,096
Belgium	0	37,349						0	37,349	37,349
Belize	36	37						36	37	73
Benin	323	112						323	112	435
Bhutan	0	37				37	39	0	0	0
Bolivia	0	337						0	337	337
Bosnia Herzegovina	0	636						0	636	636
Botswana	0	636				636	666	0	0	0
Brazil	90,624	109,801						90,624	109,801	200,425
Bulgaria	0	1,759						0	1,759	1,759
Burkina Faso	175	112						175	112	287

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Burundi	198	37						198	37	235
Cambodia	406	150						406	150	556
Cameroon	947	449						947	449	1,396
Cape Verde	87	37						87	37	124
Central African Republic	194	37						194	37	231
Chad	0	75				75	78	0	0	0
China	0	192,656				124,781		0	67,875	67,875
Colombia	0	9,693						0	9,693	9,693
Comoros	169	37						169	37	206
Congo, P.R.	553	187						553	187	740
Costa Rica	0	1,422				1,422		0	0	0
Croatia	0	4,715				4,715		0	0	0
Cuba	18,301	2,582						18,301	2,582	20,883
Cyprus	0	1,759				1,759		0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	14,445	14,445	10				0	0	0
Democratic Republic Of Congo	527	112						527	112	639
Denmark	386	25,261			386	25,261		0	0	0
Djibouti	136	37						136	37	173
Dominica	322	37						322	37	359
Dominican Republic	0	1,684	221			1,463	330	0	0	0
Ecuador	0	1,647	179			1,468	100	0	0	0
Egypt	3,406	5,015			3,406	5,015	5,246	0	0	0
El Salvador	1,366	599						1,366	599	1,965
Eritrea	0	37				37	75	0	0	0
Estonia	0	1,497				1,497		0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	263	263	929				0	0	0
European Community	0	65,753						0	65,753	65,753
Fiji	320	112				320	112	82	0	0



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Finland	0	19,423				19,423		0	0	0
France	0	209,310				209,310		0	0	0
Gabon	488	748						488	748	1,236
Gambia	0	37						0	37	37
Georgia	0	262				262		0	0	0
Germany	0	267,241	267,241					0	0	0
Ghana	811	524						811	524	1,335
Greece	25,035	23,876						25,035	23,876	48,911
Grenada	322	37			322			0	37	37
Guatemala	3,008	1,010			3,008			0	1,010	1,010
Guinea	72	37						72	37	109
Guinea Bissau	149	37						149	37	186
Guyana	0	37						0	37	37
Honduras	174	299						174	299	473
Hungary	0	9,955				9,955		0	0	0
India	38,468	24,924						38,468	24,924	63,392
Indonesia	0	12,949						0	12,949	12,949
Iran	25,027	13,323						25,027	13,323	38,350
Iraq	0	2,545				2,545		0	0	0
Ireland	0	15,643						0	15,643	15,643
Italy	0	166,460				166,460		0	0	0
Jamaica	0	412						0	412	412
Japan	0	405,409				63,911		0	341,498	341,498
Jordan	0	823						0	823	823
Kazakhstan	25	4,528			25	4,503		0	25	25
Kenya	435	487						435	487	922
Kiribati	0	37						0	37	37
Korea, Democratic Republic	182	225						182	225	407
Korea, Republic of	0	74,623	74,623					0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	75						0	75	75

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	0	75				75	78	0	0	0
Latvia	0	1,759				1,759	1,840	0	0	0
Lebanon	1,966	1,572						1,966	1,572	3,538
Lesotho	36	37						36	37	73
Liberia	92	37						92	37	129
Libya	28,767	5,314						28,767	5,314	34,081
Lithuania	0	2,732						0	2,732	2,732
Luxembourg	0	3,031				3,031		0	0	0
Macedonia, TFYR of	1,253	299						1,253	299	1,552
Madagascar	0	112	112	474				0	0	0
Malawi	187	75						187	75	262
Malaysia	0	10,516	10,516					0	0	0
Maldives	0	37						0	37	37
Mali	104	150						104	150	254
Malta	1,826	599			1,826			0	599	599
Marshall Islands	322	37						322	37	359
Mauritania	293	75						293	75	368
Mauritius	0	487				487		0	0	0
Mexico	0	68,934				68,934	72,111	0	0	0
Mongolia	15	112			15	97		0	15	15
Montenegro	0	187				187	196	0	0	0
Morocco	0	2,320						0	2,320	2,320
Mozambique	0	112						0	112	112
Myanmar	465	263						465	263	728
Namibia	0	374				374	391	0	0	0
Nauru	322	37						322	37	359
Netherlands	0	61,899				61,899	48,000	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	9,468				9,468		0	0	0
Nicaragua	0	112				112	117	0	0	0
Niger	456	75						456	75	531

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Nigeria	2,826	3,368						2,826	3,368	6,194
Niue	0	37						0	37	37
Norway	0	31,847				31,847		0	0	0
Oman	0	3,817				3,817		0	0	0
Pakistan	14,088	3,181						14,088	3,181	17,269
Palau	322	37						322	37	359
Panama	0	973				973		0	0	0
Papua New Guinea	67	150						67	150	217
Paraguay	671	374						671	374	1,045
Peru	0	4,379	4,379	1,026			2,663	0	0	0
Philippines	0	5,763				3,526		0	2,237	2,237
Poland	0	34,467	34,467					0	0	0
Portugal	36,759	17,739			18,245			18,514	17,739	36,253
Qatar	0	7,822						0	7,822	7,822
Republic of Moldova	0	112				112	117	0	0	0
Romania	0	8,458						0	8,458	8,458
Rwanda	61	75						61	75	136
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	37						0	37	37
Saint Lucia	0	37				37	39	0	0	0
Saint Vincent & Gren.	322	37						322	37	359
Samoa	0	37				37	39	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	30,071	32,334			30,071			0	32,334	32,334
Senegal	854	225						854	225	1,079
Serbia	0	1,497						0	1,497	1,497
Seychelles	0	37				37	39	0	0	0
Slovakia	0	6,399						0	6,399	6,399
Slovenia	0	3,742				3,742	3,915	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	108	37						108	37	145
Somalia	142	37						142	37	179
South Africa	0	13,922				13,922		0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
Spain	0	111,260						0	111,260	111,260
Sri Lanka	2,041	936						2,041	936	2,977
Sudan	2,009	374						2,009	374	2,383
Suriname	317	150						317	150	467
Swaziland	109	112						109	112	221
Sweden	0	35,927						0	35,927	35,927
Switzerland	0	39,182				39,182		0	0	0
Syria	3,905	1,347						3,905	1,347	5,252
Tajikistan	292	112						292	112	404
Thailand	19,476	8,944			19,476			0	8,944	8,944
Togo	72	37						72	37	109
Tonga	0	37	37	2,650				0	0	0
Trinidad and Tobago	0	1,647						0	1,647	1,647
Tunisia	6	1,347				1,347		6	0	6
Turkey	0	49,698						0	49,698	49,698
Turkmenistan	2,052	711						2,052	711	2,763
Uganda	0	225	225	2,732				0	0	0
Ukraine	3,152	3,705						3,152	3,705	6,857
Uruguay	978	1,946						978	1,946	2,924
United Arab Emirates	774	22,267			774	22,267		0	0	0
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	193,816	193,816					0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	926	263						926	263	1,189
Venezuela	48,010	23,465						48,010	23,465	71,475
Viet Nam	0	1,572						0	1,572	1,572
Yemen	1,204	263						1,204	263	1,467
Zambia	0	225						0	225	225
Zimbabwe	0	75				75	78	0	0	0
Sub Total	423,005	2,630,307	600,524	7,821	78,459	950,126	136,514	344,545	1,079,657	1,424,202

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/14	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2014 for 2015	Collections in 2014 for future years	Collections in 2015 for Prior Years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections during 2015 for Future Years	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2015	Unpaid Pledges for 2015 & Prior Years
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Additional Contributions										
Canada		195,111						0	195,111	195,111
Quebec		65,037						0	65,037	65,037
Grand Total	423,182	2,890,455	600,524	7,821	78,459	950,126	136,514	344,545	1,339,804	1,684,350

## ANNEX VII

**Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BH)**

Status as at 30 June 2015 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.14		Adjustments	Pledges for 2015		Collections in 2015 for prior years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Unpaid pledges for 2015 & prior years
Republic of Korea				140,000	1/		140,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>140,000</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>140,000</b>	<b>0</b>

1/Korea, Republic of, pledge US\$ 140,000 - Implementation of the Ministry of Trade and Energy (MOTIE) project

## ANNEX VIII

## General Trust Fund for the Nagoya Protocol (BB)

Status as at 30 June 2015 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2015 for prior years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections in 2015 for future years	Unpaid pledges for 2015
Albania	300		0	0	300
Belarus	1,680		0	0	1,680
Benin	29		0	0	29
Bhutan	30		0	0	30
Botswana	510		510	510	-
Burkina Faso	29		0	0	29
Burundi	30		0	0	30
Comoros	30		0	0	30
Cote d'Ivoire	330		0	0	330
Denmark	20,245		20,245	0	-
Egypt	4,019		0	0	4,019
Ethiopia	29		0	0	29
European Union	7,255		7,255	0	-
Fiji	90		0	0	90
Gabon	600		0	0	600
Gambia	30		0	0	30
Guatemala	810		0	0	810
Guinea	0		0	0	-
Guinea-Bissau	30		0	0	30
Guyana	30		0	0	30
Honduras	240		0	0	240
Hungary	7,978		7,978	0	-
India	19,975		0	0	19,975
Indonesia	10,378		0	0	10,378

COUNTRIES	Pledges for 2015	Collections in 2015 for prior years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Collections in 2015 for future years	Unpaid pledges for 2015
Jordan	660		0	0	660
Kenya	390		0	0	390
Lao People's Democratic Republic	29		29	0	-
Madagascar	29		0	0	29
Malawi	29		0	0	29
Mauritius	390		0	0	390
Mexico	55,248		0	0	55,248
Micronesia	30		0	0	30
Mongolia	90		0	0	90
Mozambique	29		0	0	29
Myanmar	29		0	0	29
Namibia	300		300	0	-
Niger	29		0	0	29
Norway	25,524		0	0	25,524
Panama	780		0	0	780
Peru	3,509		0	0	3,509
Rwanda	29		0	0	29
Samoa	30		0	0	30
Seychelles	30		30	0	-
South Africa	11,157		0	0	11,157
Spain	63,840		0	0	63,840
Sudan	29		0	0	29
Switzerland	31,403		31,403	0	-
Syrian Arab Republic	1,080		0	0	1,080
Tajikistan	90		0	0	90
Uganda	29		0	0	29
United Arab Emirates	17,846		17,846	0	-
Uruguay	1,560		0	0	1,560



<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Pledges for 2015</b>	<b>Collections in 2015 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2015 for 2015</b>	<b>Collections in 2015 for future years</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2015</b>
Vanuatu	30		0	0	30
Viet Nam	1,260		0	0	1,260
<b>Total</b>	<b>290,185</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85,596</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>204,589</b>

**ANNEX IX****Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Nagoya Protocol on  
Access and Benefit-Sharing of Genetic Resources (BX)**

Status of Contributions as at 30 June (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.14		Adjustments	Pledges for 2015		Collections in 2015 for prior years	Collections in 2015 for 2015	Unpaid pledges for 2015 & prior years
Switzerland				70,600			70,600	0
								0
Total	0		0	70,600		0	70,600	0

1/Switzerland pledge USD 70,600 for half of salary costs for P2 ABS - CH

**ANNEX X**

**List of meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity  
(as at 30 June 2015)**

**February 2015**

23 - 27 February Lima, Peru	Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-building Workshop for South America
16 February 2015 Windhoek, Namibia	Southern African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting
11 - 13 February Tbilisi, Georgia	Inception Meeting of the Working Group for the development of a methodology for Voluntary Peer-Review of the Convention on Biological Diversity Implementation
9 - 13 February Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	Asia Regional Capacity-building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization

**March 2015**

22 - 27 March Colombo, Sri Lanka	CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the North-East Indian Ocean region, and Training Session on EBSAs
16 March Colombo, Sri Lanka	Asian Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting
9 - 13 March St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda	Caribbean Sub-regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization
2 March Managua, Nicaragua	Central American Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting

**April 2015**

20 April Cabo Verde	Western African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting
19 - 25 April Dubai, United Arab Emirates	CBD Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the North-West Indian Ocean and Adjacent Gulf Areas, and Training Session on EBSAs
13 April Asunción, Paraguay	South American Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting

**May 2015**

27 - 28 May Guatemala City, Guatemala	Pacific Central American Expert Workshop for Marine Conservation and Sustainability
22 May Multiple Venues	International Day for Biological Diversity 2015
18 - 21 May St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda	Sub-regional Capacity-building Workshop on Resource Mobilization for CARICOM member States
18 May	Western African Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting

Libreville, Gabon	
13 - 15 May Montreal, Canada	Twelfth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
5 - 7 May Mexico City, Mexico	International technical expert workshop on identifying, accessing, compiling and aggregating domestic and international biodiversity-related investments and impacts
4 - 7 May Accra, Ghana	West Africa Regional Workshop of the UN-Water Initiative “Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies

**June 2015**

22 June Georgia	Eastern European Workshop on CBD Implementation and Financial Reporting
14 - 15 June Panajachel, Guatemala	Expert Meeting on the Repatriation of Traditional Knowledge Relevant to the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity
11 - 13 June Panajachel, Guatemala	Dialogue Workshop on Assessment of Collective Action of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Biodiversity Conservation and Resource Mobilization
9 - 11 June Ispra, Italy	Workshop of the Network of Laboratories for the Detection and Identification of Living Modified Organisms
8 - 10 June Panajachel, Guatemala	International Training Workshop on Community-based Monitoring, Indicators on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use and Community Protocols, within the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

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