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UNCTAD BioTrade Initiative - Linking trade, biodiversity and sustainable development

Second Stakeholder Steering Committee (2 SSC) Meeting
Room XV, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, 7 May 2019

Provisional Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:15 **Welcoming remarks and introduction by the organizers**

Introductory remarks:

- UNCTAD BioTrade
- SECO

9:15 – 11:15 **Session I: Highlights of past activities and plan for upcoming months**

This session will provide an opportunity to update participants on recent developments under the Programme “Linking trade, biodiversity and sustainable development” and planned activities for 2019. It will start with a short introduction by UNCTAD on the Programme, including a brief overview of recent and future activities. Participants will then provide a 2-3-minute highlight of their respective past activities and plan for upcoming months.

Presentations:

- *UNCTAD BioTrade*
- 2-3 minute interventions by the partners

Open discussion

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee

11:30– 13:00 **Session II: BioTrade Principles and Criteria in the post-Aichi and SDG Context**

In 2018, UNCTAD and partners including UEBT and Peruvian counterparts initiated a revision process of the BioTrade Principles and Criteria (P&C) to reflect lessons learned from the experience of BioTrade practitioners or partners and align them with developments in international policy frameworks such as the Aichi Targets and SDGs, as well as the Nagoya Protocol. This session will review progress undertaken by UNCTAD and UEBT to date. The session will conclude with a presentation of the new tool being developed by UNCTAD/ITC to enable companies to carry out self-assessments in the implementation of the new BioTrade P&C.

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Presentations (10 min. each):

- Findings from UNCTAD consultations: *UNCTAD BioTrade*
- Findings from the UEBT standard consultation process: *Union for Ethical BioTrade (UEBT)*
- UNCTAD/ITC self-assessment tool for BioTrade principles and criteria: *International Trade Centre (ITC)*

Open discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Working Lunch - Synthetic Biology: implications for BioTrade (at the Delegates Restaurant)

Building on the first SSC meeting, which identified synthetic biology as a priority issue to be further explored and discussed, this informal session will discuss a draft study commissioned by UNCTAD on synthetic biology. The presentation will be followed by an interactive discussion on practical implications for BioTrade.

Presentation (15-20 min.):

- Synthetic Biology, BioTrade and ABS: *UNCTAD BioTrade Initiative*

Open discussion

14:30 – 15:30 Session III: Financing Mechanisms for BioTrade

Access to finance has traditionally been one of the main challenges hindering the development of BioTrade companies. The available financial instruments are limited and not always adapted to the production cycles and needs of BioTrade and biodiversity-based businesses. This session will provide an opportunity to share lessons and innovations in this critical area. This will include the experience of CAF in green financing and the proposed Biodiversity Pioneer Fund currently being developed by WWF and Triple Jump

Presentations (10-15 min.):

- CAF Green rating tool for companies: *Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)*
- Biodiversity Pioneer Fund: *WWF Switzerland / Triple Jump*

Open discussion

15:30 – 17:00 Session IV: BioTrade under the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework

The CBD Secretariat has initiated a comprehensive and participatory process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. This process aims at defining specific biodiversity targets supported by objective monitoring indicators and will serve as global policy orientation for the next 10 years. The process involves a series of international and regional consultations with a wide range of stakeholders, including Member States, IGOs and non-state actors. UNCTAD has been approached by several of its BioTrade partners to act as a neutral forum for facilitating engagement among SSC Members and coordinate a joint contribution to the definition of the post 2020 framework. This session will present a short state of play of this

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emerging process and discuss possible contributions by BioTrade partners to be coordinated by UNCTAD in the coming months.

Presentations (10-15 min. each):

- State of play and next steps in the definition of the post 2020 framework: *CBD Secretariat (via Skype)*
- BioTrade contribution in the post-2020 framework: *UNCTAD BioTrade*

Discussants (5 min each):

- *CITES Secretariat*
- *Biodiversity Conservation Agency (BCA), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Viet Nam*
- *ABS Initiative*
- *Forum for Law, Environment, Development and Governance (FLEDGE) (via Skype)*

Open discussion

17:00 – 17:30 **Next Steps and Emerging Issues**

17:30 – 17:40 **Closing** – UNCTAD, SECO

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Annex 1 –Participants invited

Programme partners	
UNCTAD	Lucas Assunção
SECO	Christian Robin and Anne Schick
ITC	Mathieu Lamolle and Ana Patrícia Batalhone
UEBT	Rik Kutsch Lojenga
PhytoTrade Africa	Véronique Rossow
ABS-Initiative	Suhel Aljanabi, and Andreas Drews
Helvetas (will also represent SIPPO)	Andrew Wilson
FLEDGE	Balakrishna Pisupati (via Skype) and Sachin Sathyarajan (in person)
Three BioTrade beneficiary countries (one per beneficiary region)	
Asia	Dr. Pham Anh Cuong, Biodiversity Conservation Agency (BCA), Viet Nam
Latin America	Vanessa Ingar, Ministry of Environment (MINAM), Peru (via Skype)
One representative from a financial entity	
CAF	René Gómez García, Head of Green Business Unit (via Skype)
MEA Secretariat	
CITES	Yuan Liu, Martin Hitziger, David Morgan
CBD	Bianca Brasil - will attend Session IV and Next Steps & Emerging Issues (via Skype)
Biodiversity Pioneer Fund	
WWF / iGravity / Triple Jump	Patrick Elmer (iGravity), Zamir Wiget (WWF), Sybille Borner (WWF), Jeffrey Michel (WWF), Nicolas Baumgartner (Triple Jump) - during Session III
Secretariat	
UNCTAD Programme Team Lorena Jaramillo, David Vivas, Lalen Lleander, Anja Zimmermann, Lika Sasaki, Rafe Dent, Paul Kuku, Christophe Bellmann, Frederic Perron-Welch, Mahesh Sugathan	

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