



Concept Note

Joint briefing for Second Committee mandated by UNGA resolution [67/212](#)

Date: 30th October 2013

Duration: 10 am – 1 pm

Venue: Conference Room 2 (CB) United Nations Headquarters, New York

Background

The UN General Assembly, in its resolution [67/212](#) of 21 December 2012, decided that one of the special events of the Second Committee at the 68th session of the UN General Assembly would be devoted to a joint briefing by UNEP, WIPO, UNESCO, UNCTAD and CBD, on the implementation of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including actions undertaken to promote access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization and associated traditional knowledge. (The objectives of the Convention are the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their use.)

Objective of the briefing

The objective of the joint briefing is for the invited agencies to provide information on their work relevant to implementation of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including actions undertaken to promote access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization and associated traditional knowledge.

The joint briefing will also offer an opportunity to engage in a dialogue with the Member States to respond to their specific interests and queries on these issues.

Format

The joint briefing will be organised by DESA and the Convention on Biological Diversity secretariat, under the auspices of the Chairman of the Second Committee. In accordance with OP22 of resolution [67/212](#), the following agencies have been invited to take part in the joint briefing: UNEP, WIPO, UNESCO, UNDP and UNCTAD. The Secretariat of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) has also been invited to take part, given the close links among the Treaty, the CBD and the Nagoya Protocol.

Since this is an event mandated by the UN General Assembly, it is expected that each agency will be represented at a high level, preferably Head of Agency. Representatives of each agency will have 10-15 minutes to present the work of their agency, relevant to the theme "implementation of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, including actions undertaken to promote access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization".

Framework, and implementation of GEF-funded projects to facilitate ratification and support implementation of the Nagoya Protocol.

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