

**JOINT Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network (IABIN) —
Clearing-house Mechanism (CHM) MEETING**
“Building Partnerships through Effective Networking”

(constituting the Third IABIN Council Meeting and the
GRULAC Regional Meeting of the Clearing-house Mechanism)

DRAFT AGENDA
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Tuesday, August 12, 9 a.m. — “Complementary Visions”

1. Opening of the Meeting (*G. Cotter, IABIN Council Chair, and M. Silva, CHM Program Director*)
 - 1.1 Welcome by representative of the Mexican Government (*invited*)

2. Organizational Matters
 - 2.1 Election of CHM Meeting Chair and Rapporteurs
 - 2.2 Objectives of the meeting
 - 2.3 Adoption of the agenda
 - 2.4 Organization of work

3. Implementation of biodiversity networking in the Americas
 - 3.1 Update on the IABIN GEF Project process (*D. Graham, World Bank*)
 - 3.2 Background on accomplishments to date as part of Project Preparation (*E. Van Praag, OAS Consultant*)
 - 3.3 Presentation of the IABIN Project Implementation Plan (*A.Oriza, OAS Consultant*)

Tuesday, 1-2 p.m. — Lunch

- 3.4 Integration of CHM requirements to support scientific and technical cooperation in the Americas (*M. Silva, CBD Secretariat*)

- 3.5 Integration of Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) requirements
 “Overview of GBIF” (*C. Haeuser, Chair, GBIF Governing Board*)
 “GBIF information architecture and data standards” (*H. Saarenmaa, Deputy Director for Informatics, GBIF Secretariat*)
- 3.6 Discussion

Tuesday, 5:30-7:00 p.m. — Reception

Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. — IABIN Invasives Information Network (I3N) side meeting

Wednesday, 8:00-8:45 a.m. — Extra-sessional presentations (3 @ 10 minutes each)

Wednesday, August 13, 9 a.m. — “Areas of Common Interest”

4. Development of a joint work plan in support of technical and scientific cooperation in areas of common concern (*addressed in break-out groups*)

Tentative list of themes to be discussed:

- a. Invasive alien species
- b. Global taxonomy initiatives and taxonomic authorities
- c. Ecosystems
- d. Protected Areas
- e. Pollinators

Note: GBIF requirements (species and specimen data) will be a cross-cutting point of discussion in each of the break-out groups.

Wednesday, 1-2 p.m. — Lunch

5. Regional needs to implement effectively recommendations related to the joint work plan
- 5.1 Reports from thematic break-out groups
 - 5.2 Discussion
 - a. Setting of priorities
 - b. Harmonization of initiatives and activities
 - c. Roles and responsibilities
 - d. Planned activities

6. Establishing a secretariat for IABIN
 - 6.1 Concurrence on a process for the selection of a Hub host
 - 6.2 Presentations by candidate IABIN Hub hosts (10 minutes each)

Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. — Extra-sessional presentations (5 @ 10 minutes each)

Thursday, 8:00-8:45 a.m. — Extra-sessional presentations (3 @ 10 minutes each)

Thursday, August 14, 9 a.m. — “Moving Forward”

7. Adoption of a first set of biodiversity data standards and protocols for IABIN
 - 7.1 Presentation of a Proposal by the IABIN Ad Hoc Standards Working Group (*J. C. Bello, Instituto Humboldt*)
 - 7.2 Discussion
 - 7.3 Adoption by the IABIN Council

8. Conclusions and recommendations
 - 8.1 Implementing a financial sustainability strategy for IABIN and CHM support
 - 8.2 Recommendations for modifications to IABIN Project Implementation Plan
 - 8.3 Recommendations for joint work plan(s)

Thursday 1-2 p.m. — Lunch

9. Election of new IABIN Executive Committee members
10. Adoption of the CHM meeting report
11. Closure of the meeting

Friday, August 15, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm GBIF Training (proposed)