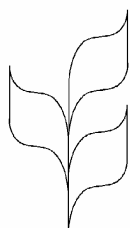




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AMERICAN BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION  
NETWORK: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS  
THROUGH EFFECTIVE NETWORKING**

Cancun, 12-14 August 2003

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1. Election of officers;
  - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
  - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Promoting synergies among clearing-house mechanism national focal points, Inter-American Biodiversity Network national focal points, Global Biodiversity Information Facility nodes and and NatureServe conservation data centres among others.
4. Potential joint initiatives between the clearing-house mechanism and the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network and other international organizations and programmes in support of technical and scientific cooperation across the programme and cross-cutting areas of the Convention:
  - (a) Invasive alien species;

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- (b) Global taxonomy initiative and taxonomic authorities;
  - (c) Ecosystem approach;
  - (d) Protected areas;
  - (e) Pollinators.
5. Regional needs to implement effectively recommendations related to the potential joint initiatives:
- (a) Setting of priorities;
  - (b) Harmonization of initiatives and activities;
  - (c) Potential roles and responsibilities;
  - (d) Planned activities;
  - (e) Strategies for the establishment of joint initiatives by clearing-house mechanism, Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network and other international organizations and initiatives;
  - (f) Strategies for sustainable funding for joint initiatives implemented by the clearing-house mechanism, the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network and other international organizations and initiatives;
  - (g) Standards, formats and protocols to be used for the implementation of the Inter-American Biodiversity Information Network;
  - (h) Modifications to IABIN Project Implementation Plan.
6. Conclusions and recommendations.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.

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