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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE  
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Third meeting  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
4 to 15 November 1996  
Item ?? of the provisional agenda

**PROVISIONAL ORGANISATION OF WORK**

**Note by the Executive Secretary**

1. A provisional organisation of work for the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity is attached for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties.
2. The meeting may wish to adopt the suggested organisation of work, bearing in mind the need to retain the flexibility to make such adjustments to the organisation of work as may be needed during the course of the meeting.
3. Should the Conference of the Parties wish to submit a statement to the World Food Summit, organised by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and which takes place from 13 to 17 November 1996 in Rome, it may wish to consider beginning the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole with consideration of item 9 of the provisional agenda (Conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biological diversity).

## Annex

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK  
THIRD MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES  
Monday, 4 November - Friday, 15 November, 1996**

DATE	PLENARY	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
<b>Monday, 4 NOVEMBER</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	1. Opening of the meeting 2.1 Election of officers 2.2 Adoption of the agenda 2.3 Organisation of work 3. Pending issues arising from the work of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties: 3.1 Paragraph 1 of rule 40 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention . 3.2 Paragraphs 4 and 16 of the financial rules for the administration of the Trust Fund of the Convention	
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	4. Consideration of the report and recommendations of the second meeting of the SBSTTA and instructions to the SBSTTA 20.1 Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and budget for the Secretariat 20.2 Budget of the Trust Fund for the Convention	
<b>Tuesday, 5 NOVEMBER</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		9.1 Consideration of agricultural biological diversity within the context of the Convention's three objectives and its provisions 9.2 Report on progress under the FAO Global System and Utilisation of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
3 p.m - 6 p.m.		6.1 Report on the activities of the GEF 6.5 Consideration of the revised draft Memorandum of Understanding

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		<p>Between the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Council of the Global Environment Facility Regarding the Institutional Structure Operating the Financial Mechanism of the Convention”</p> <p>6.6 Endeavour to decide upon institutional structure to be designated in accordance with Article 21 of the Convention</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, 6 NOVEMBER</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>		<p>6.2. Report of the Executive Secretary on the implementation of decision II/6 financial resources and mechanism</p> <p>6.3. Consideration of availability of additional financial resources and consideration of possible suggestions to funding institutions on how to make their activities in the area of biodiversity more supportive of the Convention</p> <p>6.4. Consideration of guidelines for the COP’s review of effectiveness of the financial mechanism</p>
<p>3 p.m. - 6 p.m.</p>		<p>5. Report on assessment and review of the operation of the clearing house mechanism</p> <p>7.1 Implementation of Articles 6 and 8 of the Convention</p> <p>8.1 Consideration of options for implementing Article 7 of the Convention</p> <p>8.2 Appraisal of the SBSTTA’s assessment of biological diversity for the implementation of Article 25(2)(a) and advice on methodologies for future assessments</p>
<p><b>Thursday, 7 NOVEMBER</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>		<p>10.1 Communication of the Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests on progress on issues relevant to forests and biological diversity</p> <p>10.2 Consideration of whether further</p>

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		<p>input to the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests in required</p> <p>10.3 Future programme of work for terrestrial biological diversity in the light of the outcome of the deliberations of the third session of the CSD in 1995</p>
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.		<p>11.1 Implementation of Article 8(j)</p> <p>12.1 Compilation of views of the Parties on possible options for developing national legislative, administrative or policy measures, as appropriate, to implement Article 15</p>
<p><b>Friday, 8 NOVEMBER</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>		<p>13.1 Ways to promote and facilitate access to and transfer and development of technology, as envisaged by Articles 16 and 18 of the Convention</p> <p>14.1 Consideration of impact of intellectual property rights on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and the equitable sharing of benefits derived from its use with a view to better understand the implications of Article 16.5</p> <p>14.2 Possible input into the negotiations taking place within the Committee on Trade and Environment of the World Trade Organisation</p>
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.		<p>15.1 Information and experiences shared on the implementation of Article 11</p> <p>16.1 Report to the special session of the General Assembly to review implementation of Agenda 21 from the perspective of the Convention's three objectives</p> <p>17.1 First report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety</p>
<p><b>Monday, 11 NOVEMBER</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m..</p>		<p>18. Relationship of the Convention with the CSD and biodiversity-related conventions, other international agreements, institutions and processes of relevance</p> <p>19. Medium-term programme of work of</p>

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		the COP for 1996-1997
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.		Informal consultations
<b>Tuesday, 12 November</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Informal consultations
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.		Finalisation of all outstanding issues and adoption of report of the Committee of the Whole
<b>Wednesday, 13 NOVEMBER</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Ministerial segment	
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Ministerial segment	
<b>Thursday, 14 NOVEMBER</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Ministerial segment	
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Ministerial segment	
<b>Friday, 15 NOVEMBER</b> 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	21. Report on the credentials of representatives to the third meeting of the COP 22. Venue and date of the fourth meeting of the COP 23. Other matters	
3 p.m. -6 p.m.	24. Adoption of the report 25. Closure of the meeting	