

IGC 19

Chair's proposed working methodology

and

programme for the week for July 19 to 22, 2011

The following is an informal written summary of the Chair's proposed working methodology and work programme. This is subject to change.

Working methodology

Future work

The plenary would be invited to make initial statements on this item (this took place on July 18 and will continue on July 19). Thereafter, "Friends of the Chair" would meet in the margins of the session to draft a decision on this item. Friends of the Chair would comprise Regional Coordinators plus two selected by them. The "Friends of the Chair" would consult with delegations informally throughout the week. The plenary would receive the draft decision on Friday July 22, 2011, and be invited to adopt it.

Substance

The IGC Chair would suggest key issues for discussion on each of the three themes. The plenary would discuss those issues. Relevant articles would be up on the screen and the plenary may make concise textual proposals. Thereafter, a "facilitator" selected by the Chair would attempt to reduce the number of options in the relevant article and/or generally make the text clearer and easier to read. The facilitator would work informally and consult interested delegations during the week. Formal meetings are not necessarily envisaged. The facilitator would then, later in the week, present his/her draft articles to the plenary and the plenary would be invited by the Chair to accept them as the next draft of the articles. In the event that Member States prefer the text that was on the screen before the work of the facilitator began, that text (the "original text") is maintained, and the facilitator's text is simply included in the report of the session.

Work Program

Day 2 – Tuesday, July 19, 2011

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| 10.00 am to 1.00pm | Future work (<i>continued</i>) |
| 1.00 pm to 2.00pm | Shortened lunch break |
| 2.00 pm to 4.30pm | Traditional Cultural Expressions (<i>Plenary session</i>) |
| From 4.30pm | Time for facilitator on TCEs to work and consult |

Day 3 – Wednesday, July 20, 2011

- 10.00am to 1.00pm Traditional Knowledge (*Plenary session*)
- 3.00am to 6.00pm Genetic Resources (*Plenary session*)
- 6.30pm to 9.30pm Time for facilitator on TK to work and consult

Day 4 – Thursday, July 21, 2011

- 10.00am to 1.00pm Time for facilitator on GRs to work and consult
- 3.00pm to 6.00pm Reporting to plenary by the facilitators on TCEs, TK and GRs (*Plenary session*)
- 6.30pm to 9.30pm Final meeting of the "Friends of the Chair" on Future Work

Day 5 – Friday, July 22, 2011

- 10.00am to 1.00pm Contribution of the IGC to Implementation of the Development Agenda
Recommendations (*Plenary session*)

3.00pm to 6:00pm (*Plenary session*)

- Future work (cont'd)
- Any other business
- Adoption of decisions
- Closing of the session