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**Item 11 of the Provisional Agenda:**  
**Mid-term (2010) evaluation of the Madrid Action Plan (MAP): a progress report**

1. At its 21<sup>st</sup> session, held from 25 to 29 May 2009 in Jeju Island, Republic of Korea the International Coordinating Council of the MAB Programme (MAB-ICC) approved a time table of activities for the conduct of the interim-evaluation of the Madrid Action Plan (MAP) scheduled for the end of 2010. The time table foresees the review of the interim evaluation of the MAP by the ICC at its 23<sup>rd</sup> session to be convened in mid-2011.
2. In accordance with the time table of activities (see annex 1 to this document), the Secretariat developed a template for target-specific evaluation sheets for review by the International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves (IACBR) at its meeting held at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris from 27 to 29 January 2010. The template had been designed so as to minimize time needed for its completion as much as possible. IACBR endorsed the template proposed without any changes.
3. The IACBR recommended that the evaluation sheet (see annex 2 of this document) be sent to different actors who are responsible for different actions, i.e. individual biosphere reserves, National MAB Committees, National Commissions for UNESCO, regional and thematic networks. In the cover letter that should accompany the evaluation sheets the targets and actions whose deadlines are 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively, need to be clearly highlighted. Furthermore, IACBR suggested that electronic evaluation sheets be filled on line, space available for the responses be limited and a dedicated space to describe possible failures to meet specific targets be provided. The Committee pointed out that information from some biosphere reserves would have to be translated into English by MAB National Committees, which can cause delay in receiving timely responses for the interim evaluation of MAP. Finally, the IACBR proposed that the summary of responses from different actors be included as an agenda item at its next meeting.
4. According to the timetable in annex 1, the target specific evaluation sheets are due for circulation in May 2010. The Secretariat decided to delay its circulation until after the 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the ICC so as to incorporate ICC decisions and recommendations in the circular letter and/or target specific evaluation sheets.
5. Given the low rate of response to questionnaires sent out for assessing effectiveness of the implementation of the Seville Strategy (MAP target 1; see the table of progress with respect to MAP targets included in document SC-10/CONF.201/INF.3 for details), the

Secretariat would have to depend on the concerted support of the Permanent Delegations of UNESCO Member States in Paris, National Commissions for UNESCO and MAB National Committees in order to obtain timely and a representative sample of responses from actors and partners so as to make a comprehensive evaluation of the implementation of MAP during 2008-2010.

6. The ICC is invited to express its views on the template for the target-specific evaluation sheet, the recommendations of the IACBR, and on any future activity foreseen in the time table, e.g. groups, individuals and organizations, other than the IACBR and the Bureau of the ICC who may be sent the draft evaluation for peer review in early 2011 before the submission of the evaluation to the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the ICC in mid-2011. The ICC may wish to call upon all ICC and Observer Member States to take necessary measures to support the Secretariat efforts to ensure a high return rate of target-specific information as requested in the template from National Commissions for UNESCO, MAB National Committees, biosphere reserve managers and co-ordinators and other partners and collaborators. The ICC may wish to also comment on the possibility of the interim evaluation report and the observations of the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the ICC on that report together constituting the report on the implementation of MAP to the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference due to be held at UNESCO Headquarters (Paris) in the autumn of 2011, as requested by the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference in adopting a resolution on MAB and WNBR (please see document SC-10/CONF.201/4).



Annex 2: Proposed template for target-specific evaluation sheets for the interim evaluation of MAP at the end of 2010.

**Note:** For items a - e, and g, please use only those targets, action(s) and success indicators that are described in the Madrid Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves (2008-2013) available in all six UN languages at the UNESCO-MAB website: [www.unesco.org/mab/](http://www.unesco.org/mab/). Please be as brief and clear as possible in your responses. Wherever feasible use quantitative measures to justify your statements and claims.

a. **Target number and description:**

b. **Action number(s) and description(s):**

c. **Organizations responsible for implementing action(s):**

d. **Partner(s) contributing to implementation of action(s):**

e. **Success indicators:**

e.i. **Quantitative measures of indicators reflecting success:**

e.ii. **Qualitative descriptions relevant to meeting success indicators:**

f. **Lessons learnt:**

g. **Will action(s) related to this target be continued 2011-2013?**

**NO: please explain why you intend to discontinue the action(s)**

**YES: please provide a brief explanation of planned activities including how lessons learnt during 2008-2010 will be integrated in the design of action(s) for 2011-2013**

h. **Any other comments and suggestions for the implementation of MAP during 2011-2013?**