Discussions on Item 4(b)

4. Implementation of the Fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law

(b) Priority areas for implementation

Following the discussions, the following options were prioritized on **biodiversity**

A. Build the capacity of various stakeholders

(a) Training for the **judiciary** and other actors (lawyers, the enforcement e.g. customs) to ensure implementation of existing legislation on biodiversity

(b) Strengthen the capacity of **legal drafters** (parliamentarians) and relevant government officials.

(c) Strengthen environmental law **education** /education of legal practitioners in general/ develop curricula / legal clinics

(d) Strengthen international **cooperation** /partnerships with key partners, including the scientific community

B. Address knowledge gaps, conduct research, and promote tools to provide guidance to stakeholders on biodiversity law

(a) Conduct research / develop legal **guidance materials** and tools (enforcement, sentencing, etc.)

(b) Develop model laws on biodiversity

C. Develop and strengthen biodiversity-related laws

(a) Develop and support legislation upon carrying out assessment of existing legislation, based on national needs and circumstances, and available data and the unique needs of each region.

(b) Support **MEAs implementation** under the guidance/with consultation of those secretariats

(c) Develop and strengthen legislation and its implementation **on criminal activities that adversely affect the environment** or biodiversity, including areas affected by conflict

(d) Enhance approaches to engage **local communities,** and integrate their **knowledge on** biodiversity conservation/management

4. Implementation of the Fifth Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law

(b) Priority areas for implementation

Following the discussions, the following options were prioritized on **climate**

A Enhance capacity-building and awareness to increase the effectiveness of law

(a) Build **capacity** for all stakeholders (parliamentarians, judiciary, etc) on climate governance;
(b) Organize targeted capacity-building initiatives based on **regional needs**;
(c) Strengthen environmental/**climate law education** – with a focus on train-the-trainers

B Research and knowledge development

(a) Develop materials to promote deeper knowledge **on emerging issues** of climate-related law **including on climate litigation** (e.g. online learning)
(b) Develop materials for improved **understanding of the linkages** between climate change, biodiversity, pollution and other areas.
(c) Strengthen the role of **academia** in supporting research on climate governance.
(d) Build capacity for countries to prepare and make **submissions to international fora**

C Develop and strengthen legal and institutional frameworks

(a) Develop and support legislation that better integrates **mitigation and adaptation** considerations – based on national needs and circumstances
(b) Improve **procedural and substantive rights**, with a focus on access to information for making climate-related data disseminated and accessible
(c) Improve domestic institutional **coordination** (agencies and stakeholders) for effective monitoring and enforcement