



TORs for the Local AEGIS Task Force

The ECPGR Steering Committee (SC) decided during its mid-term meeting in Riga in September 2006 to continue the efforts that were initiated by the pilot project of establishing AEGIS as an integral part of the ECPGR programme. Furthermore, the SC decided to provide funds from the current ECPGR budget for the continuation of the AEGIS establishment, including the appointment of a coordinator.

During the period of the aforementioned project implementation a Local AEGIS Task Force (TF) was established to assist the AEGIS coordinator with her responsibilities and to ensure appropriate linkages between the AEGIS bodies, ECPGR Secretariat and Bioversity International. Despite the above mentioned administrative and institutional changes it seems to be opportune to continue with the TF.

In order to reflect the changes in the identified priority areas for the coming two years of the AEGIS establishment process the composition of the TF has been adjusted and includes now:

Jozef Turok (Director Europe Office); Lorenzo Maggioni (ECPGR Coordinator); Ehsan Dullo (Project Coordinator E04); Michael Halewood (Head of RSU policy and legal issues); Jan Engels (AEGIS Coordinator); and Vanessa Alam (PA Regional Director Europe).

The following TORs have been agreed upon:

1. Provide a platform to the AEGIS Coordinator/ECPGR Secretariat that facilitates linkages between the ECPGR Secretariat, the Europe Regional Office and Bioversity's Programmes and Research and Support Units.
2. Provide a discussion forum to the ECPGR Secretariat and the AEGIS Coordinator on general issues relevant to the AEGIS establishment process.
3. In coordination with the AEGIS Advisory Committee, provide technical and policy inputs and advice on the AEGIS implementation process to the ECPGR Secretariat and the AEGIS Coordinator.
4. Assist AEGIS Coordinator and ECPGR Secretariat in the review of proposal, papers and publications relevant to the AEGIS process.

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