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**THE 7TH MEETING OF THE  
SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF  
THE  
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#### **Background**

1. The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) was established to provide scientific guidance for the Joint Research Initiatives (JRI) through the European Union (EU) support for the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB). Under the EU Project with ACB (2005–2010), JRI were supported to carry out science-policy initiatives in support of the ASEAN Member States (AMS). The initiative was carried over to the Biodiversity and Climate Change Project (BCCP) implemented by ACB and GIZ, and the SAC served as the scientific panel, which reviewed the proposals and project results to ensure that these generate mutual benefits to the AMS and the region.

#### **Updates**

2. The 21st Meeting of the Governing Board of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity held in Bangkok, Thailand from 8 to 9 July 2019 stressed the need to fully utilise the SAC to support ACB's work. The meeting requested the ACB Executive Director to reactivate and reform the SAC and enhance its role as a science-policy advisory body to ACB.

3. As the ACB informed the Meeting that the current direction of the ACB is to reactivate the SAC and enhance its role as a science-policy advisory body, the current functions of the ACB SAC should be enhanced and strengthened. The proposed enhanced Terms of Reference of the reconstituted ACB SAC appears as **Attachment 1** to this document.

**Attachment 1:** Terms of Reference of the Reconstituted ACB SAC

#### **Recommended Action:**

The ACB SAC may wish to consider the attached TOR in particular on the expansion of the SAC membership to a Roster of Experts mechanism.