

## Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

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24 May 2006

## NOTIFICATION

Subject: Request for Case Studies and Lessons Learned on Capacity Building and Partnerships in Support of the Implementation of the Programme of Work on the **Biological Diversity of Dry and Sub-humid Lands** 

Dear Madam/Sir,

Ref.: SCBD/STTM/JW/VA/54767

In response to paragraph 7 of decision VIII/2 on the biological diversity of dry and subhumid lands (http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/cop/cop-08/cop-08-decision-advance-en.pdf), the Executive Secretary will compile and disseminate, through the clearing-house mechanism, lessons learned and success stories on the implementation of capacity building activities and partnerships to overcome obstacles to the implementation of the dry and sub-humid lands biodiversity programme of work. As such, I would appreciate the submission of:

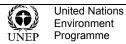
- Case studies and lessons learned on capacity building activities to address one or more of the identified obstacles in dry and sub-humid lands including through: the development/dissemination of innovate technologies, communication, education, and public awareness programmes, stakeholder engagement, monitoring, evaluation, and assessment activities, integrating biodiversity conservation within development plans, building financial capacity and expanding or refining institutional roles and responsibilities;
- Information on partnerships at the local, national, sub-regional, regional, or international level - including public-private partnerships - which address one or more of the identified obstacles in dry and sub-humid lands.

The obstacles to implementation referred to in decision VIII/2 are contained in the indepth review of implementation of the dry and sub-humid lands programme of work presented at the eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/11/4). They include:

- Resource constraints in terms of access to financial and technical resources; b)
- c) Weak institutional frameworks;
- d) A lack of effective partnerships;
- The presence of perverse incentive frameworks; e)
- f) Knowledge gaps regarding biodiversity linkages with affecting processes;
- Limited political support at all levels; g)

To all CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points

To: Intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and indigenous organizations



h) On-going conflicts related to resource access and use rights.

I would like to invite Parties, other governments and relevant organizations to submit to the Secretariat lessons learned and case studies on capacity building and partnerships in support of the implementation of the programme of work on the biological diversity of dry and sub-humid lands.

Parties, other governments and relevant organizations are requested to submit relevant information, along with the completed attached cover form, at their earliest convenience but no later than 1 September 2006.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ahmed Djoghlaf Executive Secretary

## **ANNEX 1 - PARTNERSHIPS**

Cover Form for the Submission of Case Studies and Lessons Learned on Partnerships in Support of the Programme of Work on Dry and Sub-humid Lands

Basic Information		Partnership Type			
Submitting Country:		☐ International			
Name of Partnership:		☐ Regional			
		☐ Sub-regional			
Partnership Lead Agency / Government:		☐ National			
		☐ Local			
Additional Information Available at:		☐ Public-Private			
Addition———	onat information Available at.	☐ Other (please specify)			
	Post cond				
Partnership Activities					
☐ Information / Knowledge Sharing					
☐ Monitoring / Regulation					
Transboundary Management (regional, sub-regional, or international)					
Co-Management (national or local)					
☐ Inter-Agency Collaboration					
	☐ Financing				
	Other (please specify)				
ain Lessons Learned from the Development of or Participation in the Partnership (optional)					
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## **ANNEX 2 – PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES**

Cover Form for the Submission of Case Studies and Lessons Learned on Capacity Building in Support of the Programme of Work on Dry and Sub-humid Lands

Basic Information	Type of Capacity Building			
Submitting Country:	☐ Individual (increasing the capacity of individuals or groups of individuals)			
Name of Project / Programme:		stitutional (increasing the pacity of an institution)		
Additional Information Available at:	□ Sy	rstemic (enabling environment)		
Main Capacity Building Activities		Main Actors		
☐ Technology Development / Dissem	nation	☐ Government Agency		
☐ Communication, Education and Pul Awareness	lic	☐ Private Sector ☐ Educational Institution		
☐ Stakeholder Engagement				
☐ Facilitating Monitoring, Evaluation Assessments	and	□ NGO □ IGO		
☐ Integrating Biodiversity Conservati within Development Plans	n	☐ Indigenous / Local Community		
☐ Financial Capacity Building		☐ Media		
☐ Expanding / Defining Institutional and Responsibilities	oles	☐ Other (please specify)		
Main Lessons Learned from the Development and Implementation of the Project/Programme (optional)				