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NOTIFICATION

**Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity Workshop Series:
New Information and Web-based Technologies
The Arctic Region Workshop
19-22 November 2007, Quebec City, Canada**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Pursuant to paragraphs B.II.13 and C.6.(a) of Decision VIII/5, as well as paragraphs 3.(c).(ii) and 8 of Decision VII/14, I have the honour to inform you that the Secretariat has received, to-date, a total of **US\$ 70,091.30** from donors in support of the participation of indigenous representatives in the Arctic Region Workshop on Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies, to be held in Quebec City, Canada, on 19-22 November 2007. Invitations to nominate participants in the workshop were sent to countries of the Arctic region and Mongolia.

I am pleased to inform Parties that the selection of representatives of indigenous and local communities to receive financial assistance in order to participate in the above-mentioned workshop has been completed. Funding has been allocated to the participants listed in Annex 1 according to the following criteria:

- Participants are indigenous leaders in tourism as entrepreneurs, policymakers or advisors, and active in existing and functioning associations of indigenous people and tourism operators;
- The tourism products they manage include areas with significant biodiversity (parks, community or private protected areas);
- Participants, or their constituents or representatives, should have access to internet and worldwide web-based tools for information, marketing, and networking purposes; and
- Participants are from a country of the Arctic region and Mongolia.

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Funded participants will be contacted directly by the Secretariat with regards to travel arrangements. You will also find in Annex 2 a list of self-funded participants.

Further information about the workshop, including the provisional agenda, will be available soon on the CBD website at the following address: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=WSTOURIDG-01>.

As indicated in Notification SCBD/SEL/OH/JS/CR/59168, dated 2 August 2007, building on the experience of this first workshop, and pending the availability of funds, additional workshops will be organized in other regions and ecosystems.

I look forward to hearing about your interest in contributing to this global initiative and upcoming workshops.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

Annex 1
List of Beneficiaries of CBD funding

Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity Workshop Series:
New Information and Web-based Technologies
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Mongolia

Ms. Bataa Tsetsegee, Tour manager of Batu Co. Ltd
Mr. Dash Chuluunbaatar, Baylag-Ord Tourism Co. Ltd
Mr. Byambaa Dagvadorj, Khovsgol Lake National Park Co. Ltd

Russia

Ms. Natalia Moraleva, President of Russian Ecotourism Association of Russia
Mr. Denis Kirichevskiy, manager of aboriginal tourism in Ecotourism Development Fund
Mr. Rodion Sulyandziga, director of Center for Support of indigenous peoples of the North, Moscow
Ms. Anastasia Chukhman, regional project coordinator "Innovative Model of aboriginal eco-tourism in Russia", Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky city, RF Far East

Canada

Ms. Robin McGinley, Cree Outfitting and Tourism Association
Mr. Dan Paul Bork, Aboriginal Tourism Canada
Ms. Virginia McKenzie, Temagami Anishnabai Tipi Camp
Mr. Rick Macleod Farley, MacLeod Farley and Associates
Mr. Meta Gage Williams, Indian Way Ventures
Mr. John Bass, Northwest Territories Tourism

Annex 2
List of Self-Funded Participants
Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity Workshop Series:
New Information and Web-based Technologies
Arctic Workshop
19-22 November 2007 - Quebec, Canada

Finland

- Inkeri Markkula, Researcher, Arctic indigenous Peoples Research Office, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

Sweden

-Niklas Labba, Swedish Agricultural Ministry and Swedish Sami Council

United States

- David Fetter, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General
- Dominique Nadeau, U.S. Consulate General

Canada

-Ferdinand Weps, International Ecotourism Society
-Louise Seguin, Tourisme Quebec
-Kathleen Wooton, Cree Nation of Mistassini

Denmark

-Beatriz Torres, Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)