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NOTIFICATION

Workshop for Indigenous and Local Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean on Information Technologies, Tourism and Biodiversity in Forest Ecosystems

Workshop III: Forest Ecosystems, Latin America and the Caribbean Region Panama City, Panama, 6-8 April 2010

Dear Madam/Sir,

Decision IX/13 E, paragraph 7 on Article 8(j) and related provisions, requested the Executive Secretary to convene, subject to the availability of financial resources, further regional and sub-regional workshops on community-friendly communication tools on traditional knowledge related to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The series on “Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies” began in November 2007 with the Arctic Region workshop in Quebec, Canada, and was followed in November 2008 by the Pacific Region workshop in Apia, Samoa. The reports are available, respectively, at: www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/tour/wstouridg-01/official/wstouridg-01-02-en.doc and www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/tour/wstouridg-02/official/wstouridg-02-02-en.doc.

As per Notification 2009-114 (Ref.: SCBD/SEL/OH/cr/cm/68036) dated 15 September 2009, and thanks to the generous financial contribution of the government of Spain, I am pleased to inform Parties of the selection of representatives of indigenous and local communities to receive financial assistance in order to participate in the third workshop, with a focus on forests in the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) region. The workshop was made possible by the support of Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (ROLAC) of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The workshop will take place in Panama City, Panama, from 6 to 8 April 2010.

Invitations to nominated participants in the workshop were sent to countries of the LAC region. Participants from the region will receive funding to travel to and/or participate in the workshop and an additional number of selected experts will participate at their own expenses.

To: CBD National Focal Points
Indigenous and Local Community Organizations

Funding has been allocated to the participants listed in Annex 1 according to the following criteria:

- The participants must come from a country of the Latin America and Caribbean region;
- Participants are indigenous or local community leaders in tourism from the region as entrepreneurs, policymakers or advisors, and active in existing and functioning tourism operations. The tourism products they manage include areas with significant biodiversity (parks, community or private protected areas in forest ecosystems);
- Participants, and their constituents or representatives, should have access to Internet and use the Web for information, marketing, and networking; and
- Participants can disseminate the methodology and results of the workshop within existing networks and their region of origin, after the workshop.

Geographical balance, gender, cost of transportation, and significance of indigenous tourism in each area, were also used as additional criteria. Funded participants will be contacted directly by the Secretariat with regards to travel arrangements.

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

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Annex 1

LIST OF BENEFICIARIES OF CBD FUNDING

Workshop for Indigenous and Local Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean on
Information Technologies, Tourism and Biodiversity in Forest Ecosystems

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NAME	COUNTRY	ORGANIZATION
1. Mr. Jorge Omar Ramos	Argentina	Organización Nacional de Pueblos Indígenas
2. Mr. Freddy Limaco Navi	Bolivia	Chalalán Ecolodge
3. Mr. Alancay Morales G.	Costa Rica	Finca Educativa Kan Tan
4. Ms. Elena Brito Herrera	Guatemala	Fundación Maya
5. Mr. Julio Rolando Tzirin Batzin	Guatemala	Consejo Nacional de Áreas Protegidas de Guatemala
6. Mr. Elmor Carlos Matute Wood	Honduras	La Alianza La Ruta Moskitia
7. Mr. José Antonio Medina	Mexico	Red Indígena de Turismo de México
8. Mr. José Andrés García Bazán	Mexico	Red de Turismo Alternativo Totaltikpak
9. Ms. Veronica Djoehari	Surinam	Foundation Nature Conservation Surinam
10. Mr. Salvador Cazar	Ecuador	Conservación Internacional
11. Mr. Patricio Fernando Yucta Aucancela	Ecuador	RainForest Alliance
12. Mrs. Rosa Manuela Montero	Colombia	Organización Indígena Kankuama
13. Mr. Eladio Beitia	Panama	Weckso Lodge
14. Mrs. Nadili Alvarado	Panama	Yandup Island Lodge
15. Mrs. Dineida Garrido	Panama	Congreso General Kuna
16. Mr. Adolfo Mezua	Panama	Organización de Jóvenes Emberá y Wounnan de Panamá
17. Mr. Neldo Tocamo	Panama	Congreso General de la Cuenca Hidrográfica del Canal de Panamá-Pueblo Embera