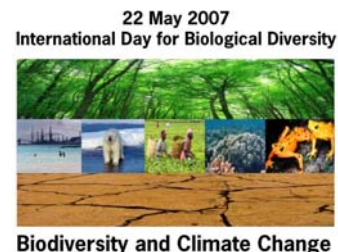




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NOTIFICATION

Decision VIII/12: Technology transfer and cooperation

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please refer to Notification 2006-057 of 5 June 2006 and Notification 2006-127 of 6 December 2006, inviting Parties and organizations to nominate experts for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation and inviting the submission of views on proposals and options to apply measures and mechanisms to technology transfer and cooperation. The notifications are available on the CBD web site at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/notifications/default.aspx>.

I am pleased to inform you that the funding necessary for the organization of this meeting and to support the participation of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition has been secured. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place from 10 to 12 September 2007.

In this regard, I would like to bring to your kind attention that only 19 nominations of experts from Parties and 2 nominations from observer organizations have been received so far. As you will appreciate, it is of the utmost importance for a successful meeting to ensure a balanced geographical and gender representation, as well as to ensure the availability of highest standard of expertise. I therefore wish to renew my invitation to those Parties which have not yet done so, to submit nominations of experts for the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group at their earliest convenience but not later than **30 March 2007**.

I also wish to recall that, in accordance with the referenced notifications, the deadline for the submission of views on the proposals and options to apply measures and mechanisms to technology transfer and cooperation, contained in document UNEP/CBD/COP/8/19/Add.2, is **1 May 2007**.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

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