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NOTIFICATION

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

Pacific Islands Workshop 3-5 November 2008, Apia, Samoa

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. The report is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/tour/wstouridg-01/official/wstouridg-01-02-en.doc>

As per Notification 2008-088 (Ref.: SCBD/SEL/OH/cr/64300) dated 22 July 2008, 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 second workshop, with a focus on islands in the Pacific region.

Invitations to nominate participants in the workshop were sent to countries of the Pacific region. Funding has been allocated to the participants listed in Annex 1 according to the following criteria:

- . Participants are indigenous leaders in tourism in the region 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);

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- . Participants, or their constituents or representatives, should have access to internet and worldwide web-based tools for information, marketing, and networking;
- . Participants can reproduce and disseminate the knowledge after the workshop;
- . Geographical and gender balance, 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.

Further information about the workshop, including the provisional agenda, are available on the CBD web site at the following address: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSTOURIDG-02>.

Based on the experience of the first and second workshops, 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

Annex 1

List of Beneficiaries of CBD funding for the Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity Workshop Series: New Information and Web-based Technologies

**Pacific Islands Workshop
3-5 November 2008 - Apia, Samoa**

Cook Island

Mr. Ian Karika

Ms. Te Tika Mataiapo - Ms. Dorice Reid

Federated State of Micronesia

Mr. John Waayana Kawaimapuna Fillmed

Mr. Vincent Tafileluw

Fiji Islands

Mr. Aropiame Cavalevu

Dr. Paulo Vanualailai

Mr. Viliame Koyam

Kiribati

Ms. Ereata Benson

New Zealand

Ms. Melissa Crockett

Ms. Te Urutahi Waikerepuru

Papua New Guinea

Ms. Maxine Nadile

Republic of Palau

Mr. Billy Takamine

Tonga

Ms. Kepreen 'Aho Ve'etutu

Mr. Taki Hausia

Solomon Islands

Mr. Dickson Motui

Dr. Titet Bero

Vanuatu

Ms. Alcina Garae

Mr. Richard Matanik