Secretariat



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Dear Madam/Sir,

NOTIFICATION

Open-ended Expert Workshop on Capacity-building for Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) has the honour to inform Parties and governments that, following consultation with the Bureau and in accordance with decision VI/24B of the Conference of the Parties, the Open-ended Expert Workshop on Capacity-building for Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing will be held from 2 to 4 December 2002 at the International Civil Aviation Organization Conference Center in Montreal, Canada.

In accordance with decision VI/24B, the mandate of the workshop is to further develop the draft elements for an Action Plan on Capacity-building for Access and Benefit-sharing. The Workshop is open to the participation of indigenous and local communities, non-governmental organizations, regional organizations, private sector, as well as intergovernmental organizations.

An invitation letter together with the pre-registration form, Information Note for Participants as well as the documents for the meeting are available at the Secretariat's webpage at www.biodiv.org.

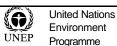
Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention.

Accept Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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