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NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Joint Calendar of the three Rio Conventions

I am pleased to inform you that the three Rio Conventions - the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) - have established an electronic joint calendar of events and meetings to promote sustainable development partnerships and synergies. The calendar is available on the web at: <http://unfccc.int/calendar/rioconv/index.html>.

This joint calendar is the result of collaborative efforts between the CBD and its two partner Conventions-strengthened since the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) last year. Its purpose is to inform all those concerned about the main activities and events organized by the CBD and its two Rio partners, aiming to increase the involvement of Parties and assist them in better planning and meeting their pledges to the three Conventions.

The calendar will be updated on a regular basis thus providing accurate and up-to-date information on meetings, as well as facilitating navigation by supplying useful links to the websites of each Convention.

The joint calendar was supported with generous contributions from several sponsors to which the Secretariat of the CBD would like to express its gratitude.

The Secretariat trusts that the calendar will be a useful tool to assist the work of Parties to the Convention.

Sincerely yours,

[signed]

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