



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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Dear Madam/Sir,

RE M I N D E R

NOTIFICATION

Workshop on Incentive Measures

I wish to draw your attention to decision VI/15 of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, on incentive measures.

In paragraph 4 of this decision, the Conference of the Parties “*recognizes that further work has to be undertaken on positive incentives and their performance, as well as on perverse incentives and ways and means for their removal or mitigation.*” In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with relevant organizations, “*to elaborate proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at a meeting prior to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*”

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that, subject to the availability of funds, a Workshop on Incentive Measures will be held from 3-5 June 2003. The purpose of the workshop is to elaborate proposals for the application of ways and means to remove or mitigate perverse incentives. The workshop will bring together approximately 40 Government nominated experts and representatives of competent organizations. The conclusions of the workshop will be submitted to the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, in November 2003.

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I would appreciate it if your Government could submit names and curriculum vitae of suitably qualified experts to the Secretariat **no later than 31 March 2003** in order to facilitate the selection of participants in the workshop. In submitting names of experts, governments are invited to bear in mind the need to ensure the availability of expertise to address the social, economic and legal dimensions of the issue under consideration. Participants will be selected on the basis of expertise, the need to ensure equitable geographical representation, as well as gender balance. The Secretariat will cover the cost of the participation of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, subject to the availability of financial resources.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and for your continued support of the work of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary