



CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

SECRETARIAT

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NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Expert Meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
Kerry County, Republic of Ireland
5 to 7 October 2003**

Madam/Sir,

I wish to draw your attention to section E of the annex to decision VI/9 in which the Conference of the Parties (COP) described the further work required to develop and implement the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and in paragraph 19 of the annex, the COP specified that the design, development and implementation of the strategy should involve, in addition to the Parties to the Convention, a range of other actors, including international initiatives, conservation and research organizations, communities and major groups and the private sector. In paragraph 10(b) of decision VI/9, the COP requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to develop ways and means, within the Convention's thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, for promoting implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, and for monitoring and assessing progress; and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

I have the honor to inform you that, to facilitate the further implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is organizing, in collaboration with the Botanic Gardens Conservation International and its five-year partnership funded by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) "Investing in Nature" (other partners include also Earthwatch and WWF), a meeting of experts in Kerry County, Republic of Ireland, from 5 to 7 October 2003, to prepare advice, pursuant to the requests in decision VI/9. The venue of the meeting will be determined in due course.

I hereby invite you to submit the name of an expert who may be called upon to serve in the expert meeting, together with a description of his/her expertise to carry out the tasks mandated to this group (familiarity with the global strategy for plant conservation and with monitoring and assessing progress would be advisable). The nomination of experts should be sent to the Secretariat, by fax or electronic mail, no later than **5 September 2003**.

To: All CBD National Focal Points
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Unfortunately, due to budgetary constraints, the Secretariat is not in a position to cover the participants' costs. Therefore, I invite your government to provide financial assistance, in accordance with paragraph 7 of decision VI/9 and paragraph 19 of the annex to this decision, in support of the participation of your expert, and to the extent possible, other experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

The provisional agenda is attached in the annex to this notification. Other relevant documents and a general information note for participants will be posted on the CBD website in due course.

Sincerely yours,

[signed]

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

Annex

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA¹

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of officers;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Reporting on the stakeholder consultations and other relevant activity.
4. Preparation of advice for the development and implementation of the Strategy.
 - 4.1. Development of sub-targets and milestones for each target;
 - 4.2. Development of national targets and regional components;
 - 4.3. Development of baseline data and indicators to monitor the progress towards achieving the targets by 2010;
 - 4.4. Ways and means, within the Convention's thematic and cross-cutting programmes of work, for promoting implementation of the global strategy for plant conservation, and for monitoring and assessing progress;
 - 4.5. Review of the role of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation in contributing to poverty alleviation and sustainable development, the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit and the Millennium Development Goals; and
 - 4.6. Assessment of the role of the Strategy in facilitating harmony between initiatives and establish gaps where new initiatives are required.
5. Establishment of a flexible coordination mechanism.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
Closure of the meeting.

¹ Expert Meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, Kerry County, Republic of Ireland, 5 to 7 October 2003

