



**NOTIFICATION**

**Subject: Establishment of an ad hoc technical expert group on the review of the implementation of the programme of work on forest biological diversity**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 26 of decision VI/22, the Conference of the Parties agreed to establish an ad hoc technical expert group (AHTEG) to provide advice to the Executive Secretary and to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) in the review of the implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity with the following tasks:

- (i) To provide advice on the way in which the review of the implementation of the programme of work would be undertaken;
- (ii) To provide technical input to the review of the implementation of the programme of work;
- (iii) To provide scientific and technical information on successes, challenges and obstacles to implementation of the programme of work;
- (iv) To provide information on the effects of the types of scientific and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work.

To this end, the first meeting of the AHTEG will be held from 24 to 27 November 2003 in Montpellier, France, with the financial support of the Government of France.

Further to Notification 2003-064 of 10 July 2003, Notification 2003-065 of 10 July 2003 and Notification SCBD/STTM/JM/IA/39079 of 22 September 2003, Parties to the Convention, other Governments, UN Organizations and Specialized Agencies, Inter-governmental Organizations and Non-governmental Organizations have nominated experts to participate in the AHTEG. Based on these nominations, the Secretariat has compiled a list of selected experts which is contained in Annex I to the present notification. Organizations of indigenous and local communities have also been invited to participate. The name(s) of their selected expert(s) will be notified as soon as they are received.

To: All CBD National Focal Points  
cc: SBSTTA Focal Points



The provisional agenda is contained in Annex II. The annotated provisional agenda and other documents will be available shortly at the following address:  
<http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.asp?lg=0&mtg=TEGFOR-01>

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

## **Annex I**

### **List of experts selected for the *ad hoc* technical expert group on the review of the implementation of the programme of work on forest biodiversity 24 to 27 November 2003, Montpellier, France**

#### Africa

1. Mr. Betti Jean La Garde, Cameroon
2. Ms. Ebby Mmbone Chagala, Kenya
3. Mr. Michel Omer Laivao, Madagascar

#### Asia

4. Mr. Michel Khouzami, Lebanon
5. Ms. Uelbil Puanani Michael, Palau
6. Mr. Takayuki Kawahara, Japan

#### CEE

7. Mr. Mart Külvik, Estonia
8. Mr. Kazimierz Rykowski, Poland
9. Mr. Georgiy Bondaruk, Ukraine

#### LAC

10. Mr. Paulo Yoshio Kageyama, Brazil
11. Mr. Modesto Fernandez Diaz-Silveira, Cuba
12. Mr. Ramon A. Diaz Beard, Dominican Republic

#### WEOG

13. Ms. Francine Dumont, Canada
14. Mr. Stefan Leiner, European Commission
15. Ms. Taina Veltheim, Finland

#### Members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

16. Ms. Suzan Braatz, UNFF
17. Mr. Henri-Félix Maitre, IUFRO
18. Ms. Lera Miles, UNEP (UNEP-WCMC)
19. Mr. Pierre Sigaud, FAO

#### Other organisations

20. Mr. Martin Kaiser, Greenpeace International
21. Representative of indigenous peoples

#### Resource persons

22. Mr. Robert Nasi, France
23. Mr Gordon Patterson, United Kingdom

## **Annex II**

### **PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

- 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 Substantive issues:
  - 3.1 Provision of advice on the way in which the review of the implementation of the programme of work would be undertaken.
  - 3.2 Provision of technical input to the review of the implementation of the programme of work.
  - 3.3 Provision of scientific and technical information on successes, challenges, and obstacles to implementation of the programme of work.
  - 3.4 Provision of information on the effects of the types of scientific and technical measures taken and tools used in implementing the programme of work.
- 4 Other matters
- 5 Adoption of the report
- 6 Closure of the meeting