



NOTIFICATION

Expert meeting on outcome oriented targets for the programmes of work on the biological diversity of inland water ecosystems and marine and coastal ecosystems

Montreal, Canada, 25 – 27 October 2004

In paragraph 13 of decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice to refine proposals for the integration of outcome-oriented targets into the programmes of work on inland water biodiversity and on marine and coastal biodiversity, according to the framework in annex 2 to the decision and using the approach set out in annex 3. The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice is also to identify more precise targets, including, as appropriate, quantitative elements.

Subject to the availability of voluntary contributions, I am arranging a meeting of a small expert working group to consider further the outcome oriented targets for these programmes of work. Kindly note that this is immediately following the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on indicators to be held from the 19th to the 22nd of October, 2004 (see notification with reference SCBD/STTM/RH/va/43296 dated the 19th May 2004). Although the two events are independent it is expected that some AHTEG members will also participate in the expert meeting to ensure linkages between targets, sub-targets and indicators.

You are hereby invited to submit the names of one or two experts from your country who may be called upon to serve in the expert meeting on outcome oriented targets together with a description of their relevant expertise and full coordinates. Nominees should be contacted by their National Focal Points and their availability verified prior to the submission of their names. A draft provisional agenda is attached to this notification.

The selection of experts will be based on expertise, taking into account gender balance and geographic distribution, and will be carried out using the following criteria:

- A high degree of professional competence and expertise relating to marine and coastal biological diversity, particularly in regards to one or more of the following topics: integrated marine and coastal area management; living resources, including coral reefs and fisheries; marine and coastal protected areas; mariculture; and alien species;

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- A high degree of professional competence and expertise relating to inland water biological diversity;
- Familiarity with targets, monitoring and indicators at the global, regional, national and/or local level; and
- Familiarity with the CBD process or other relevant intergovernmental processes.

Preference would be given to participants who may also be attending the AHTEG on indicators provided they have the required expertise for the expert meeting on outcome oriented targets.

Nominations should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae that clearly indicates the areas of expertise of the nominee. The nomination of experts should be sent to the Secretariat, by fax or electronic mail no later than **25 June 2004**.

The expert meeting will be prepared by an email discussion. Independently of their selection for the meeting, experts may be invited to participate in these discussions.

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

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

Relevant Documents:

Background information on draft outcome oriented targets for these programmes of work submitted to COP7 can be found in documents:

UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.4. Draft outcome oriented targets for the implementation of the revised programme of work on inland water ecosystem biological diversity.

UNEP/CBD/COP/7/20/Add.5. Outcome-oriented targets for the implementation of the elaborated programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity.

Revised versions of these documents will shortly be placed on the CBD web-site for discussion purposes.

Annex

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DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of Chairperson;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Outcome oriented targets for the programme of work on the biological diversity of inland waters.
 - 3.1. Refinement of the proposals for the integration of outcome oriented targets into the programmes of work on:
 - (a) inland water biological diversity;
 - (b) marine and coastal biological diversity.
 - 3.2. Identification of more precise targets, including as appropriate, quantitative elements for the programmes of work on:
 - (a) inland water biological diversity;
 - (b) marine and coastal biological diversity.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.
6. Closure of the meeting.
