

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Project Development Seminar for Addressing Taxonomic Needs

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision VIII/3 on the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to "convene, with support from relevant organizations and donors, a project-development seminar aimed primarily for those countries that have already identified taxonomic needs or that have submitted proposals for pilot projects under the Global Taxonomy Initiative, to promote formulation of country-driven projects based on identified taxonomic needs and to explore potential benefits of developing new, and enhancing existing, regional or global projects to address common taxonomic needs that have already been identified."

This project development seminar has been tentatively scheduled for 22-25 January 2008, subject to the availability of funding.

Parties who wish to participate in this seminar are encouraged to provide to the Secretariat as soon as possible, copies of any assessments of taxonomic needs and any proposals that have been submitted as pilot projects under the GTI.

In order to finalize the preparation of this meeting, donors and organizations may wish to inform the Secretariat of their intention to provide financial support at their earliest convenience and no later than 1 July 2007. In the absence of sufficient financial support, the Secretariat will not be in a position to convene this meeting.

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

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

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