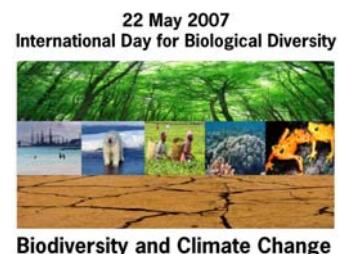




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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, Montreal, Canada, 15 to 19 October 2007

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that pursuant to Decision VIII/5 of the Conference of the Parties, the Fifth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions will be held in Montreal, Canada, from 15 to 19 October 2007. The provisional agenda is attached for your information. The annotated provisional agenda and the Information Note for Participants will be available shortly on the CBD web site at the following address:
<http://www.cbd.int/meetings/default.shtml>

I am also pleased to inform you that, subject to the availability of funds in the Voluntary Trust Fund to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Secretariat will support the participation of a number of indigenous and local community representatives to the meeting. For those organizations seeking financial assistance, nominations should include a recent *Curriculum Vitae* and an official letter of recommendation from the organization, addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat and submitted by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by email as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int, as soon as possible but no later than **15 July 2007**. The selection of funded participants will be made in consultation with the Advisory Selection Committee, as per Annex to Decision VIII/5 D, and will be based on expertise and experience, taking into account fair and equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.

I look forward to the participation of your organization in the meeting and your continued contribution to the work of the Convention.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Fifth meeting
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Officers;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Organization of work.
3. Progress reports on the programme of work for Article 8(j) and related provisions:
 - (a) Implementation of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions;
 - (b) Integration of relevant tasks of the programme of work on Article 8(j) and related provisions into the thematic areas of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
4. Composite report on the status and trends regarding the knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities, relevant to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.
5. Plan of action for the retention of traditional knowledge.
6. International regime on access and benefit-sharing.
7. Mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in matters related to the objectives of Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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8. Development of elements of *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.
9. Elements of an ethical code of conduct to ensure respect for the cultural and intellectual heritage of indigenous and local communities.
10. Indicators for assessing progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target: status of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices
11. Recommendations of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
12. Other matters
13. Adoption of the report
14. Closure of the meeting
