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NOTIFICATION

Anglophone Africa sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity building for, the implementation of the CBD programme of work on Protected Areas, from 13-15 August 2007, Cape Town, South Africa

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, with the generous financial support of the European Union and WWF, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is organizing from 13 to 15 August 2007 in Cape Town, South Africa, an Anglophone Africa sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity building for, the implementation of the CBD programme of work on Protected Areas. The workshop is organized in response to a request by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 10 of Decision VIII/24 on Protected Areas.

The provisional agenda for the workshop is annexed to this notification. Other meeting documents will be posted on the CBD website in due course. The workshop will be conducted in English.

I invite you to nominate two representatives, at your earliest convenience but not later than **15 July 2007**, to participate in the workshop. The Secretariat will be in a position to finance the participation of only **two representatives from eligible Parties** to the Convention. Parties are requested to use the following criteria while submitting the nominations:

- the representatives should preferably be those involved in the implementation of the programme of work on Protected Areas;
- they should be in a position to prepare and present the progress made in the implementation of the programme of work in their country, focusing on (i) what needs to be achieved, (ii) what has been achieved, and (iii) opportunities and actual constraints to the implementation. Draft progress reports and presentations should be submitted prior to the workshop, as per Notification SCBD/STTM/SBG/VA/56696 (2006-125), dated 30 November 2006; and
- after the workshop, representatives should be in a position to translate the capacity gained into concrete actions.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

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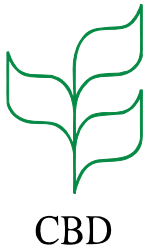


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**Anglophone Africa sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity building for,
the implementation of the CBD programme of work on Protected Areas,
from 13-15 August 2007, Cape Town, South Africa**

Draft Provisional Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Exchange of experiences on (i) conducting ecological gap analysis; (ii) developing sustainable financing; and (iii) using guidelines for improving / assessing management effectiveness.
3. Overview of progress on country-level implementation of the programme of work on protected areas, identification of constraints and opportunities to promote implementation.
4. Drafting inputs to the second meeting of the Open - ended Working Group on Protected Areas to be held in February 2008 at FAO Headquarters in Rome.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.