



Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

Subject: **Nomination of Experts for the Ad hoc Technical Expert group on Biodiversity and Climate Change**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the first meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on biodiversity and climate change will be held from 17 to 21 November 2008 in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The first meeting of the AHTEG will address scientific and technical matters concerning the links between biodiversity and climate change with regards to (i) identifying risks and vulnerabilities and (ii) impacts and opportunities from climate change mitigation.

In light of the above, I am pleased to invite organizations actively participating in issues related to biodiversity and climate change, to provide the Secretariat with the name, coordinates and curriculum vitae of a nominated expert via an official letter. The nomination should be sent to the Secretariat by fax to +1 (514) 288-6588 or scanned and attached to an email addressed to: secretariat@cbd.int and should reach the Secretariat by **22 September 2008**.

Up to fifteen experts will be selected from among the nominations in accordance with the Modus Operandi contained in annex III of decision VIII/10 of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide funding to all nominated experts, however limited funding is available for experts from developing countries and indigenous peoples.

Nominated experts should have a strong scientific and technical background in the field of climate change and biodiversity and should be prepared to contribute to the editing and review of background documents for the workshop. Specific skills or expertise include *inter alia*:

- Knowledge of the impacts on and vulnerabilities of biodiversity as a result of climate change;
- Experience delivering multiple benefits for carbon sequestration, and biodiversity conservation and sustainable use;

To : Relevant organizations



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- Familiarity with the scientific and technical links between reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;
- Familiarity with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and other relevant intergovernmental organizations and processes; and
- Ability to work in English.

We look forward to receiving your nominations and recommendations, and I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary