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## NOTIFICATION

### **Expert workshop on scientific and technical guidance on the use of biogeographic classification systems and identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction in need of protection, Ottawa, Canada, 29 September – 2 October 2009**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, with financial support from the Governments of Canada and Germany, the Secretariat is convening an expert workshop on scientific and technical guidance on the use of biogeographic classification systems and identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction in need of protection, in Ottawa, Canada from 29 September to 2 October 2009. This workshop was called for by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its ninth meeting (decision IX/20, paragraph 19).

In this regard, I invite you to nominate, at your earliest convenience but no later than **31 March 2009**, an expert who can participate in the workshop. The selection of experts will be based on expertise and experiences, taking into account balanced regional and sectoral participation as well as gender balance, and will be carried out using the following criteria:

- Good knowledge of issues related to, and/or experiences on the development and use of scientific criteria for identifying ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in need of protection, as adopted by the Conference of the Parties (decision IX/20, paragraph 14);
- Good knowledge of issues related to, and/or experiences on the development and use of biogeographic classification systems of global open oceans and deep seabed, as noted by the Conference of the Parties (decision IX/20, paragraph 6); and
- Good knowledge of issues related to, and/or experiences on the establishment and management of marine and coastal protected areas as well as the implementation of the CBD programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity and the programme of work on protected areas.

To: CBD National Focal Points, Other Governments, relevant organizations



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A draft provisional agenda is annexed to this notification for your reference. Meeting documents will be forwarded to the selected experts and posted on the CBD website in due course. The workshop will be conducted in English.

The nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat ([secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) or fax +1-514-288-6588) together with a curriculum vitae that clearly indicates the areas of expertise and experiences of the nominee.

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

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

Ahmed Djoghla  
Executive Secretary

*Annex*

**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of the chairperson, adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Review and synthesis of progress on the identification of areas beyond national jurisdiction which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20.
4. Review and synthesis of experience with the use of the biogeographic classification system.
5. Development of scientific and technical guidance on the use and further development of biogeographic classification systems, and guidance on the identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction in need of protection.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.

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