



# Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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## NOTIFICATION

### Nomination of Experts for the Second Meeting of the Second Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the second meeting of the Second Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on biodiversity and climate change will be held from 18 to 22 April 2009 in Helsinki, Finland. The AHTEG is being convened as per decision IX/16 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The second meeting of the AHTEG will address scientific and technical matters concerning the links between biodiversity and climate change, as outlined in annex III to decision IX/16 and including, *inter alia*:

- i. Identifying approaches linking biodiversity and climate change related risk and vulnerabilities, including considerations for the adoption of such approaches;
- ii. Identifying and developing proposals for enhancing the linkages between biodiversity and climate change adaptation;
- iii. Analysing the value and benefits from integrating biodiversity within climate change adaptation;
- iv. Identifying ways and means to apply the ecosystem approach and ecosystem restoration as tools for climate change adaptation and the reduction of climate change related risks and vulnerabilities; and
- v. Identifying measures that enable ecosystem restoration from the adverse impacts of climate change, which can be effectively considered in impact, vulnerability and climate change adaptation strategies.

In light of the above, I am pleased to invite you to provide the Secretariat with the name, coordinates and curriculum vitae of the nominated experts of your government via an official letter addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary. 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](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), and should reach the Secretariat not later than **6 February 2009**.

To: CBD National Focal Points



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In submitting nominations, Parties are requested to note that the expert should have a strong scientific and technical background in the field of climate change and biodiversity. Specific skills or expertise include, *inter alia*:

- Knowledge of the impacts on and vulnerabilities of biodiversity as a result of climate change;
- Understanding of the natural adaptive capacity of biodiversity;
- Experience in ecosystem-based adaptation;
- Familiarity with the scientific and technical links between biodiversity/ecosystem services and climate change adaptation (including economic links);
- Familiarity with the role of biodiversity/ecosystem services in risk management under changing climatic conditions, including knowledge of ecosystem resilience;
- Familiarity with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and other relevant intergovernmental organizations and processes; and
- Ability to work in English.

Parties are also encouraged to nominate experts from indigenous and local communities, where relevant and appropriate.

The selection of country-nominated experts shall be in accordance with the *modus operandi* contained in annex III of decision VIII/10 of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD.

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

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary