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NOTIFICATION

REMINDER AND CHANGE OF DATES: Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop for West Africa (4 to 8 February 2013) and South-Eastern Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) (8 to 12 April 2013)

Dear Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to the earlier notification (2012-133), dated 2 October 2012, regarding the nomination of experts to two upcoming CBD workshops in West Africa. The purpose of this notification is to remind Parties to nominate experts to participate in these workshops and to inform you that the dates of these workshops have been changed, as follows:

- The Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-Building Workshop for West Africa, 4 to 8 February 2013, Senegal; and
- The South-Eastern Atlantic regional workshop to facilitate the description of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs), 8 to 12 April 2013, Namibia.

In order to organize the workshops and prepare necessary scientific inputs to them in a timely manner, I seek your kind cooperation to nominate, at your earliest convenience, but no later than **7 December 2012**, experts who can participate in these workshops.

The Secretariat will be in a position to finance the participation of experts from each eligible developing country Party, as follows:

- Two experts to attend the SOI workshop in Senegal
- One of the above experts to attend the EBSA workshop in Namibia

Please be reminded that selection of the two experts should meet the criteria specified in my previous notification, which is in line with COP-10 guidance.

CBD primary focal points should provide the name and contact details of their nominees via **official signed letter** addressed to the Executive Secretary at their earliest convenience but no later than **7 December 2012**, (faxed to +1 (514) 288-6588, or scanned and attached to an email addressed to secretariat@cbd.int). Nominations must include full contact details and be accompanied by a curriculum vitae clearly indicating the areas of expertise and experience of the nominee. Nominations should also clearly indicate the workshop/s for which the experts are being nominated.

To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points of West African coastal and island Parties



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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.

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