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Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to invite the SBSTTA Focal Points as well as the Focal Points of the Clearing-house Mechanism under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CHM) who will participate in the ninth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-9) to a lunchtime meeting with the members of the Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) of the clearing-house mechanism on 12 November 2003.

The purpose of this lunchtime event is to report on CHM accomplishments made in support of objectives identified by the Conference of the Parties in decisions V/14 and VI/18. The meeting will also report on activities made in support of recommendations made by the informal advisory committee during its meetings held on 9 April 2002 and 9 March 2003.

In the event that you will not attend SBSTTA-9, your officially designated country representative to the meeting may wish to attend this meeting on your behalf.

I look forward to meeting with you in November 2003.

Sincerely yours,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive SecretaryTo: SBSTTA Focal Points
CHM Focal Points

IAC Members