



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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Dear Madam/Sir,

NOTIFICATION Biodiversity and Tourism

I wish to remind you of the Secretariat's notification of 30 January 2001 inviting Parties to nominate experts to participate in the Workshop on Biological Diversity and Tourism, to be held from 4 to 7 June 2001.

In paragraph 2 of decision V/25, the Conference of the Parties accepted the invitation to participate in the international work programme on sustainable tourism development under the Commission on Sustainable Development process, in particular, "*with a view to contributing to international guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems and habitats of major importance for biological diversity and protected areas, including fragile riparian and mountain ecosystems, bearing in mind the need for such guidelines to apply to activities both within and outside protected areas, and taking into account existing guidelines...*"

To facilitate the development of such guidelines, the Conference of the Parties further requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a proposal, "*for example by convening an international workshop*".

Thanks to the generous support of the Government of Germany, a workshop on biological diversity and tourism will be held on 4-8 June 2001 at a venue yet to be determined. The purpose of the workshop will be to draft the guidelines contemplated in decision V/25. It will bring together approximately 50 Government nominated technical experts and observers from competent organizations.

In this regard, the notification of 30 January invited Parties to nominate experts by 28 February 2001. As the Secretariat will be selecting experts for the workshop in the very near future, **I wish to reiterate the invitation to submit names and curriculum vitae of suitably qualified experts to the Secretariat as soon as practicable.** In submitting names of experts, governments are invited to bear in mind the need to ensure an adequate representation of the various stakeholders, including in particular experts directly involved in the management of parks and other vulnerable areas. Please note that the workshop will be held in English. The Government nominated experts will be selected on the basis of their expertise, the need to ensure adequate regional balance, as well as gender balance.

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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