

17 May 2001

**NOTIFICATION****Workshop on Financing for Biodiversity  
Havana, Cuba  
16-17 July 2001**

The Workshop on Financing for Biodiversity is being organized in accordance with Decision V/11, paragraph 2, in which the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity:

*“Invites the Global Environment Facility to assist the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the relevant international organizations and institutions, to convene a workshop on financing for biodiversity with a view to sharing knowledge and experience among funding institutions, and to explore the potential of the Global Environment Facility to act as a funding catalyst”*

In paragraph 3 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties also requested the workshop to provide further advice to the Executive Secretary on *“developing a format for standardized information on financial support from developed country Parties for the objectives of the Convention”*.

The purpose of the workshop is, therefore, to consider the implementation of these provisions contained in decision V/11. It will be held in Havana, Cuba, on 16-17 July 2001, immediately after the Experts Meeting on Implementation of Capacity building Provisions of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Workshop on Financial support for National Biosafety Frameworks.

Funding institutions and organizations that are active in financing for biological diversity are invited to designate representatives to participate in the workshop.

The letter of invitation for this workshop is attached in the annex to this notification.

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary





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## **Workshop on Financing for Biodiversity**

**Cuba, 16 -17 July 2001**

2 May 2001

Dear Sir/Madam:

It is our pleasure to invite your organization to attend a Workshop on Financing for Biodiversity, to be held on 16-17 July 2001 in Havana, Cuba, in conjunction with the Experts Meeting on Implementation of Capacity Building Provisions of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Workshop on Financial Support for National Biosafety Frameworks.

In accordance with decision V/11 adopted by the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which was held in May 2000 in Nairobi, the Secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Global Environment Facility will collaboratively hold the workshop on financing for biodiversity. The objectives of the Workshop are as follows:

- (i) to share knowledge and experience among funding institutions;
- (ii) to review the potential of the Global Environment Facility as a funding catalyst;
- (iii) to explore opportunities for information sharing and data exchange on financing for biodiversity.

The Workshop's outcome will be brought to the attention of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, at its sixth meeting, to be held in the Hague in April 2002. The Conference of the Parties will review the progress made in the implementation of Articles 20 and 21 of the Convention on financial resources.

Given the interest and importance of your organization in financing for biological diversity, you are kindly requested to inform the CBD Secretariat, by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2001, of your organization's representatives for this Workshop. Details on the agenda and logistics will be forwarded subsequently. All communications concerning the Workshop should be sent to the CBD secretariat, 393 St. Jacques, Suite 300, Montreal, Canada H2Y 1N9; tel.: +1 514 288 2220, fax: +1 514 288 6588, email: [secretariat@biodiv.org](mailto:secretariat@biodiv.org).

Please accept the assurance of our highest regard and consideration.

(Signature on Record)

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