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**NOTIFICATION**

**Ad hoc technical expert group meeting on biological diversity and climate change  
Helsinki, Finland, 21 – 25 January 2002**

At its fifth meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya, in May 2000, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) to consider the impact of climate change on forest biological diversity, and to prepare scientific advice in order to integrate biodiversity considerations into the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto Protocol. This was to be carried out, where appropriate and feasible, in collaboration with the appropriate bodies of the UNFCCC and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

In response to this request, SBSTTA, at its sixth meeting held in Montreal, Canada in March 2001, noted in its recommendation VI/7 the inter-linkages between biological diversity and climate change, and decided to promote, on the basis of the ecosystem approach, a wider assessment of these inter-linkages.

As a first step in this wider assessment, SBSTTA decided to carry out a pilot assessment to prepare scientific advice to integrate biodiversity considerations into the implementation of the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol, and, for this purpose, established an ad hoc technical expert group. The first meeting of the group will take place in Helsinki, Finland, from 21 to 25 January 2002, at the kind invitation of the Government of Finland (the working language of the group will be English only). A second meeting is planned later in 2002.

Further to the notification dated 8 June 2001 inviting Parties to the Convention to nominate experts in the field of climate change and biodiversity, the selection of experts was based on nominations by the Parties and organizations, as well as the roster of experts, taking into account their expertise and experience in the field of biological diversity and climate change, geographical distribution and gender balance.

To: National Focal Points of the CBD



The list of invited experts and organizations for the first meeting of the ad hoc technical expert group on biological diversity and climate change is provided in Annex I; the provisional list of documents is provided in Annex II. The provisional agenda and annotated provisional agenda are available on the Secretariat's website at [www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org)

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

**Annex I****Selected experts for the ad hoc technical expert group on biological diversity and climate change (Helsinki, Finland, 21 – 25 January 2002)****Africa**

Mr. Bob Scholes (South Africa)  
Mr. Samuel Dieme (Sénégal)  
Mr. Paul Desanker (Malawi)

**Asia**

Mr. Mohamed Ali (Maldives), representing the small island states  
Ms Muna Nasser Faraj (Kuwait)  
Mr. Yoshitaka Tsubaki (Japan)

**Latin America and Caribbean**

Ms. Mirna Marin (Honduras)  
Mr. Braulio Dias (Brazil)  
Ms. Sandra Dias (Argentina)

**Central and Eastern Europe**

Mr. Vaclav Burianek (Czech Republic)  
Mr. Alexander Minin (Russian Federation)

**WEOG**

Mr. Matthew McGlone (New Zealand)  
Mr. Olavi Luukkanen (Finland )  
Mr. Allan Douglas Watt (United Kingdom)  
Mr. John Gordon (United States)  
Mr. Robert Lamb (Switzerland)  
Mr. E.D. Schultze (Germany)

**Indigenous and Local Communities**

Mr. Sem Shikongo (Namibia)  
Mr. Joji Carino (The Philippines)  
Mr. Miguel Lovera (Paraguay)

**SBSTTA Bureau**

Mr. Peter Straka (Slovak Republic)

**Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)**

Mr. Avelino Suarez (Cuba)

Ms. Habiba Gitay (Australia)

Mr. Bob Watson (The World Bank)

**Other observers:**

Mr. Ian Thompson (Canada) in his capacity as co-chair of the ad hoc technical expert group on forest biological diversity

**Observers from the following organizations were invited:**

Members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forest (CPF): International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Division for Sustainable Development (DESA), World Bank, Global Environment Facility (GEF) of the World Bank Group, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

IUCN The World Conservation Union  
World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)  
Greenpeace

## Annex II

### Provisional list of documents for the first ad hoc technical expert group meeting on biological diversity and climate change

#### A. Working documents

UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDCC/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDCC/1/1.Add.1.	Annotations to the provisional agenda
IPCC	IPCC Technical Paper on Climate Change and Biodiversity .
UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDCC/1/2	Review of the Impact of Climate Change on Forest Biological Diversity

#### B. Information documents

UNEP/CBD/AHTEG-BDCC/1/INF/1	Information for participants
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#### C. Background documents

COP Decision V/3	Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity (implementation of decision IV/5) <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=03">http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=03</a>
COP Decision V/4	Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work for forest biological diversity <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=04">http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=04</a>
COP Decision V/6	Ecosystem approach <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=06">http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=06</a>
COP Decision V/15	Incentive measures <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=15">http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=15</a>
COP Decision V/21	Cooperation with other bodies <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=21">http://www.biodiv.org/decisions/default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=cop-05&amp;d=21</a>

SBSTTA Recommendation VI/7	Biological diversity and climate change, including cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/recommendations/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=sbstta-06&amp;r=07">http://www.biodiv.org/recommendations/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=sbstta-06&amp;r=07</a>
SBSTTA Recommendation VII/6	Forest biological diversity <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/recommendations/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=sbstta-07&amp;r=06">http://www.biodiv.org/recommendations/Default.asp?lg=0&amp;m=sbstta-07&amp;r=06</a>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/11	Biological diversity and climate change, including cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-06/official/sbstta-06-11-en.doc">http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-06/official/sbstta-06-11-en.doc</a>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/6/INF/13	Biological diversity and climate change, including cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Brief overview of the impact of climate change on forest biological diversity <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-06/information/sbstta-06-inf-13-en.doc">http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-06/information/sbstta-06-inf-13-en.doc</a>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/6	Main theme: Forest biological diversity. Report of the ad hoc technical expert group on forest biological diversity <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/official/sbstta-07-06-en.doc">http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/official/sbstta-07-06-en.doc</a>
UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/7	Main theme: Forest biological diversity. Consideration of specific threats to forest biological diversity: (a) climate change, (b) human-induced uncontrolled forest fires, (c) impact of unsustainable harvesting of non-timber forest resources, including bushmeat and living botanical resources <a href="http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/official/sbstta-07-07-en.doc">http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meetings/sbstta/sbstta-07/official/sbstta-07-07-en.doc</a>
UNEP/UNFCCC/COP7 Decisions	The Marrakech Accords & The Marrakech Declaration. K. Matters relating to land-use, land use change and forestry. Advance unedited version, p. 118-127. <a href="http://www.unfccc.int/cop7/documents/accords_draft.pdf">http://www.unfccc.int/cop7/documents/accords_draft.pdf</a>

**IPCC SPECIAL REPORTS**

Land Use, Land-Use Change, and Forestry.

Summary for Policymakers. IPCC, Geneva  
2000

<http://www.icpp.ch/pub/srlulucf-e.pdf>

The Regional Impacts of Climate Change:  
An Assessment of Vulnerability. 1997

Summary for Policymakers. IPCC, Geneva.

[http://www.icpp.ch/pub/regional\(E\).pdf](http://www.icpp.ch/pub/regional(E).pdf)

Climate Change 2001: Impacts, Adaptation  
& Vulnerability (WG II)

Summary for Policymakers. IPCC, Geneva.

<http://www.icpp.ch/pub/wg2SPMfinal.pdf>

Technical Summary.

<http://www.ipcc.ch/pub/wg2TARtechsum.pfd>

Climate Change 2001: Mitigation (WG III)

Summary for Policymakers. IPCC, Geneva.

<http://www.ipcc.ch/pub/wg3spm.pdf>

Technical Summary.

<http://www.ipcc.cp/pub/wg3TARtechsum.pfd>

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