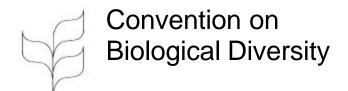
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30 January 2002

NOTIFICATION

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At its seventh meeting in November 2001, the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), adopted recommendation VII/8, which, *inter alia* recommends that the Conference of the Parties, at its sixth meeting, consider for adoption a global strategy for plant conservation, which should include outcome-oriented global targets for 2010, developed on the basis of proposals presented by SBSTTA, and taking into account the results of the inter-sessional work.

As part of this intersessional work, a technical expert meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation will be held from 11 to 13 February 2002 in Gran Canaria, Spain, to refine the quantitative elements of the targets contained in the annex to recommendation VII/8, taking into account the advice received from Parties and international organizations. The expert meeting is also expected to prepare an analysis of the opportunities for implementation of the strategy. Please refer to attachment 1 for additional details regarding the expected tasks of the expert group.

Further to the notification dated 11 December 2001 inviting Parties to the Convention, UN organizations, specialized agencies and International Organizations to nominate experts in the field of Plant Conservation, I am pleased to convey herewith the composition of the group of selected experts, who will participate in the Technical Expert Meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation. The selection was based on nominations by the Parties and organizations, taking into account the participants' demonstrated expertise and experience.

The list of invited experts and organizations for the Technical Expert Meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation is provided in Annex I.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan Executive Secretary



Annex I

Selected Experts for the Technical Expert Meeting on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

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Provisional List of Experts

International Organizations

- Dr. Salvatore Arico (UNESCO, France)
- Mr. J. Esteban Hernandez Bermejo (Jardín Botánico de Cordoba, Spain)
- Dr. Stephen Blackmore (Royal Botanic Gardens, Scotland)
- Dr. David Bramwell (Jardín Botánico Canario Viero y Clavijo, Spain)
- Mr. Asunción Cano (Natural History Museum of Peru, Peru)
- Dr. Margarita Clemente (Jardin Botanico de Corboda, Spain)
- Dr. Dedy Darnaedi (Botanic Gardens of Indonesia, Indonesia)
- Dr. Braulio Dias (Ministry of the Environment, Brazil)
- Dr. Kinsley Dixon (Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority of Australia, Australia)
- Mr. Jacques Eckebil (FAO, Italy)
- Ms. Dalia Salabarria Fernandez (Ministry of Sciences, Technology and Environment, Cuba)
- Dr. David Galbraith (Royal Botanical Gardens of Canada, Canadian Botanical Conservation Network, Canada)
- Dr. David Given (Centre for Nature Conservation Lincoln University, New Zealand)
- Dr. Alan Hamilton (WWF, UK)
- Dr. Toby Hodgkin (IPGRI, Italy)
- Dr. Frédéric Roger Medjo (Ministry of the Environment and Forestry, Cameroon)
- Ms. Monica Morães (Instituto de Ecologia de la Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, La Paz, Bolivia)
- Dr. P. Pushpangadan (National Botanical Research Institute, India)
- Dr. Cristian Samper (The Smithsonian Institute, Panama)
- Dr. Frank Ralf Schumacher (Institute of Botany University of Vienna, Austria)
- Dr. Stella Simiyu (National Museums of Kenya, Kenya)
- Dr. Jane Smart (Plantlife, United Kingdom)
- Dr. Wendy Strahm (IUCN, Switzerland)
- Mr. Nelson Zamora Villalobos (Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidas (INBio) of Costa Rica, Costa Rica)
- Dr. Jeff Waage (GISP, United Kingdom)
- Mr. Christopher Willis (National Botanical Institute of South Africa, South Africa)
- Dr. Peter Wyse Jackson (Botanic Gardens Conservation International, United Kingdom)