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Madam/Sir,

**NOTIFICATION****Re: African Regional Meeting to Share Experiences in the Implementation of the  
Convention and Prepare for the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties,  
Nairobi, Kenya, 19 to 21 March 2002**

Further to the Secretariat's Notification dated 31 January 2002 sent to National Focal Points concerning the Regional Preparatory Meetings for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, I have the honour to transmit herewith the Provisional Agenda and the Annotated Provisional Agenda for the African Regional Preparatory Meeting, as well as the Information Note for Participants.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention.

Accept Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points





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FOR THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE  
OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON  
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
Nairobi, 19–21 March 2002

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1 Officers;
  - 2.2 Adoption of the agenda;
  - 2.3 Organization of work.
3. Issues for in-depth consideration at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
  - 3.1 Forest biological diversity;
  - 3.2 Invasive alien species;
  - 3.3 Access and benefit-sharing;
  - 3.4 Strategic Plan, national reporting, and implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
4. Selected cross-cutting and implementation issues:
  - 4.1 Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity;
  - 4.2 Financial resources and mechanism;
  - 4.3 Biological diversity and tourism;
  - 4.4 Biodiversity education and public awareness.

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5. Issues of special concern to the region.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.

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**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA****INTRODUCTION**

1. In paragraph 33 of decision V/20, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity recognized that activities at the subregional and regional levels have an important role to play in preparing for meetings under the Convention and enhancing its implementation, and called upon Parties to participate actively in suitable subregional and regional activities, as well as on the Executive Secretary, subject to necessary voluntary contributions, to facilitate the involvement in such subregional and regional activities of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and small island developing States, and other Parties with economies in transition.
2. The Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and Implementation of the Convention, convened in Montreal from 19 to 21 November 2001, pursuant to paragraph 38 of decision V/20, also acknowledged the important role that regional and subregional mechanisms and networks play in promoting the implementation of the Convention and providing forums for the preparation of regional inputs to meetings of the Convention and for translating decisions of the Conference of the Parties into regional actions.
3. Accordingly, the Executive Secretary is convening an African regional preparatory meeting for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Nairobi from 19 to 21 March 2002.

**ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

4. The meeting will take place at the United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON). It will be opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 19 March 2002. Registration of participants will commence on Monday, 18 March 2002 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. and will continue on Tuesday, 19 March 2002 at 8 a.m.

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## **ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

### *2.1. Officers*

5. Participants will be invited to elect a Chairperson and a Rapporteur for the meeting.

### *2.2. Adoption of the agenda*

6. The meeting is invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda contained in document UNEP/CBD/Prep.Cop6.Afr/1, which has been prepared by the Executive Secretary.

### *2.3. Organization of work*

7. The meeting may wish to consider carrying out its deliberations only in plenary. The languages of the meeting will be English and French.

8. Participants are invited to consider the suggested timetable for its deliberations as proposed in the provisional organization of work annexed to the present document.

9. The documents prepared for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in particular draft decisions recommended by inter-sessional meetings and proposals by the Executive Secretary, will form the basis of discussions at the meeting. All national focal points for the Convention on Biological Diversity have been sent the relevant pre-session documents for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and participants are, therefore, requested to bring their own copies of these documents. These documents can also be down-loaded from the Secretariat's website at <http://www.biodiv.org>.

## **ITEM 3. ISSUES FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION AT THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

10. At its fourth meeting, the Conference of the Parties by its decision IV/16 adopted a programme of work for the period from the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties until the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties as contained in annex II to the decision. In accordance with the decision, the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will focus on the following as issues for in-depth consideration: forest biological diversity; alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species; and access and benefit-sharing. In addition, the Conference of the Parties will consider the report and recommendations of the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and the Implementation of the Convention as one the key issues. The regional preparatory meeting may wish to further review the respective recommendations contained on these issues in documents prepared for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The following pre-session documents for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be relevant to the discussions:

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/3	Report of the sixth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/4	Report of the seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/5	Report of the Open-ended Inter-Sessional Meeting on the Strategic Plan, National Reports and Implementation of the

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Strategic Plan, National Reports and Implementation of the  
Convention on Biological Diversity

UNEP/CBD/COP/6/6	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/17	Forest biological diversity
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/18	Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/19	Access and benefit-sharing as related to genetic resources

**ITEM 4. SELECTED CROSS-CUTTING AND IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES**

11. The Conference of the Parties will also be considering a number of cross-cutting and implementation issues. Most of these issues have been discussed in inter-sessional meetings held under the Convention. Specific recommendations have been made by such meetings for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties. The Executive Secretary has also proposed several recommendations regarding the way forward on these agenda items for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties. Cross-cutting and implementation issues of specific interest to the region on the agenda of the Conference of the Parties include: Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention; financial resources and mechanism; biological diversity and tourism; and biodiversity education and public awareness. Under this agenda item, the meeting may wish to further consider the various proposals regarding these agenda items as contained in the documents prepared for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The following pre-session documents for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be relevant for the discussions:

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/7	Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Inter-Sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/12	Progress report on cross-cutting issues
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/13	Progress report on mechanisms for implementation
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/13/Add.2	Education and Public Awareness
UNEP/CBD/COP/6/14	Financial resources and mechanism

**ITEM 5. ISSUES OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO THE REGION**

12. Under this agenda item, the meeting may wish to identify and underline specific issues of concern to the region and possible action by the Conference of the Parties to be drawn to the attention of the Conference at its sixth meeting.

**ITEM 6. OTHER MATTERS**

13. Under this item, the meeting will have the opportunity to consider any other items proposed and accepted for discussion.

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**ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

14. At the end of the meeting, the meeting will be invited to adopt its report, which will be presented to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting for consideration.

**ITEM 8. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

15. The African regional preparatory meeting for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be closed on Thursday, 21 March 2002.

*Annex*

**PROVISIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE AFRICAN REGIONAL  
PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON  
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

<i>Tuesday</i> <i>19 March 2002</i> 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening of the meeting</li> <li>2. Organizational matters:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Officers;</li> <li>2.2 Adoption of the agenda;</li> <li>2.3 Organization of work.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Issues for in-depth consideration at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Forest biological diversity;.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
3 – 6 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.2. Alien species that threaten ecosystems, habitats or species;</li> <li>3.3. Access and benefit-sharing.</li> </ol>
<i>Wednesday,</i> <i>20 March 2002</i> 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.4. Strategic Plan, national reporting and implementation of the Convention</li> <li>4. Selected cross-cutting and implementation issues:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
3 – 6 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.2. Financial resources and mechanism;</li> <li>4.3. Biological diversity and tourism;</li> <li>4.4. Biodiversity education and public awareness.</li> </ol>
<i>Thursday</i> <i>21 March 2002</i> 10 a.m to 1 p.m	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Issues of special concern to the region.</li> </ol>
3 p.m to 6 p.m	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Other matters</li> <li>7. Adoption of the report</li> <li>8. Closure of the meeting</li> </ol>

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AFRICAN REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR  
THE SIXTH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE  
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Nairobi, Kenya  
19 to 21 March 2002

**Information for Participants**

The African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Sixth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held from Tuesday, 19 March to Thursday, 21 March 2002. The meeting shall be held at the United Nations Environment Programme Conference Centre, Gigiri Compound, Nairobi, Kenya.

Venue: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)  
United Nations Avenue, Gigiri  
Tel.: (254-2) 62-12-34  
Fax: (254-2) 22-68-86/62-26-24

**Registration**

Registration will commence on Monday, 18 March 2002 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm and will continue on Tuesday, 19 March from **8:00 am to 9:45 am. Participants are kindly requested to pre-register using the attached form (Annex I) in order to facilitate the registration process**

**Participants are reminded that they should wear their name badges at all times during the meeting.**

**Documents**

The pre-session documents for the meeting have already been dispatched to the National Focal Points.. These documents are also accessible at the Secretariat's web page at [www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org). **Delegates are kindly reminded to bring their documents, as they will only be available in Nairobi in limited quantities for reasons of economy.**

**Working languages of the meeting**

Simultaneous interpretation facilities in English and French languages will be provided at all sessions

of the Meeting (10:00 to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm).

### **Services to Delegates**

Gigiri Compound offers a variety of services to delegates. There is a post office (where delegates can purchase stamps and telephone calling cards), a bank, telephones and computers for delegates, a cafeteria and a medical unit.

### **Access to Kenya**

The international airport in Nairobi is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Delegates are advised to allow for at least two hours for departure from the Airport.

### **Hotel Information**

As March is a high season month in Kenya, it is **highly recommended** to arrange for your hotel bookings as soon as possible. **Delegates are responsible to make their own hotel accommodation arrangements.** Please see Annex II for a list of hotels in Nairobi. **The quoted rates are subject to change** and do not include the applicable taxes (15 percent Value Added Tax (VAT) and 10 percent service charge). **The hotels in *Italics (bold)* indicate those that have offered special room rates and transport to and from the airport, and UNEP.**

### **General Information**

Kenya is located on the eastern coast of Africa, right on the equator. It is a land of striking landscapes, ranging from snow-capped Mount Kenya to rich farmlands, barren deserts and tropical beaches. It borders Somalia, Ethiopia and the Sudan in the north, Uganda in the west, Tanzania in the south, and the Indian Ocean in the east. Kenya's capital city is Nairobi. Other major cities are Mombasa, the main port on the Indian Ocean and Kisumu on Lake Victoria. The eight provinces of Kenya range in geographical size from the small Nairobi Province to the much larger eastern and Rift valley provinces.

Kenya's national parks are wildlife and botanical sanctuaries set aside to conserve their unique species and for educational and recreational enjoyment by Kenyans and tourists.

### **Time Zone**

Kenya is GMT + 0300 hours.

### **Weather**

The temperature for March ranges between 20°C and 30°C.

### **Electricity**

240 Volts.

### **Visas**

Please find attached Annex III, which lists the countries whose nationals require an entry visa for

Kenya. You are kindly requested to check with your Ministry of Foreign Affairs for entry visa requirements into Kenya. Nationals from the East African region (Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia) do not need a visa.

### **Official Language**

The official language of the Republic of Kenya is English and the national language is Kiswahili.

### **Currency**

The official currency of the Republic of Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling (Ksh). The current exchange rate vis-à-vis the US dollar stands at approximately Ksh. 78 for one US dollar.

### **Credit Cards**

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in the city.

**Annex I**

**AFRICAN REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE SIXTH CONFERENCE OF THE  
PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

**Nairobi, Kenya, 19-21 MARCH 2002**

**Pre-Registration Form (Please print)**

Mr. /  Mrs. /  Ms. /  Amb. /  Dr. /  Prof.

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing:

GOVERNMENT : \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry/department/agency : \_\_\_\_\_

Official

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone : + (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax : + (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Telex : + (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL : \_\_\_\_\_

URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return duly filled by 28 February 2002 to:**

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

World Trade Center

393 Saint-Jacques St., Suite 300

Montreal, Quebec, Canada

H2Y 1N9

Fax : + 1 (514) 288-6588

E-mail: [secretariat@biodiv.org](mailto:secretariat@biodiv.org)

URL: <http://www.biodiv.org>



**Annex II**  
**LIST OF HOTELS IN NAIROBI**  
**THE QUOTED HOTEL RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

NAME	ROOM RATE (SINGLE)	ROOM RATE (DOUBLE)	REMARKS
<b>5-star hotels</b>			
Grand Regency/CTC Tel.: 211-199 Fax: 217-120	US\$ 110.00	US\$ 130.00	5-star hotel Breakfast cost US\$ 16.00
Nairobi Serena Tel.: 725-111 Fax: 725-184	US\$ 145.00	US\$ 159.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
Holiday Inn Tel.: 740-970 Fax: 248-823	US\$ 70.00	US\$ 80.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
<b>Nairobi Hilton</b> <b>Tel.: 250-000</b> <b>Fax: 250-099</b>	<b>US\$ 85.00</b>	<b>US\$ 105.00</b>	<b>5-star hotel</b> <b>Bed &amp; Breakfast</b>
The Stanley Tel.: 713-333 Fax: 718-700	US\$ 105.00	US\$ 120.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
The Norfolk Tel.: 250-900 Fax: 336-742	US\$ 130.00	US\$ 155.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
<b>The Nairobi Safari Club</b> <b>Tel.: 251-333</b> <b>Fax: 224-625</b>	<b>US\$ 85.00</b>	<b>US\$ 95.00</b>	<b>5-star hotel</b> <b>Bed &amp; Breakfast</b>
Hotel Inter- Continental Tel.: 261-000 Fax: 210-675	US\$ 115.00	US\$ 135.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
Windsor Club Tel.: 862-300 Fax: 802-322	US\$ 167.00		5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
Safari Park Tel.: 802-493 Fax: 802-477	US\$ 107.00	US\$ 122.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
<b>3 &amp; 4-star hotels</b>			
<b>Panafric Hotel</b> <b>Tel.: 720-822</b> <b>Fax: 721-878</b>	<b>US\$ 74.00</b>	<b>US\$ 85.00</b>	<b>Bed &amp; Breakfast</b> <b>Transfers only</b> <b>to meeting and</b> <b>back to hotel</b> <b>but at a fee</b> <b>from and to the</b> <b>airport</b>
Lenana Mount Tel.: 717- 044/46/48 Fax:	US\$ 40.00	US\$ 58.00	Bed & Breakfast

Marble Arch Tel.: 245-656 Fax: 245-724	US\$ 46.00	US\$ 70.00	Bed & Breakfast
Six Eighty Tel.: 332-680 Fax: 332-908	US\$ 50.00	US\$ 65.00	Bed & Breakfast
Ambassadeur Tel.: 336-803 Fax: 336-860	US\$ 27.00	US\$ 35.00	Bed & Breakfast
Meridian Court Tel.: 333-916 Fax: 333-658	US\$ 39.00	US\$ 47.00	Bed & Breakfast
Ngong Hills Tel.: 566-684 Fax: 571-750	US\$ 38.00	US\$ 53.00	Bed & Breakfast
Sagret Hotels Tel.: 720- 933/934/939 Fax:	US\$ 25.00	US\$ 35.00	Bed & Breakfast
Utalii Tel.: 802-540/47 Fax: 803- 094	US\$ 90.00	US\$ 104.00	Bed & Breakfast
Fairview Tel.: 711-321 Fax: 721-320	US\$ 62.00	US\$ 88.00	Bed & Breakfast
Oakwood Tel.: 220-592 Fax: 332-170	US\$ 50.00	US\$ 60.00	Bed & Breakfast
Land Mark (Jacaranda) Tel.: 540-780 Fax: 543-810	US\$ 110.00	US\$ 126.00	Bed & Breakfast
Sport View Kasarani Tel.: 803-890 Fax: 803-495	US\$ 27.00	US\$ 32.00	Bed & Breakfast
Boulevard Hotel Tel.: 337-221 Fax: 334-071	US\$ 57.00	US\$ 76.00	Bed & Breakfast
Silver Springs Tel.: 722-451 Fax: 720-545	US\$ 51.00	US\$ 71.00	Bed & Breakfast
Hotel Country Tel.: 226-190 Fax: 213-889	US\$ 15.00	US\$ 18.00	Bed & Breakfast

### ANNEX III

#### **VISA REQUIREMENTS for delegates attending the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Africa in Preparation for the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity**

**1. Nationals of the following countries must send their visa applications with the first pages of their passports to the UNEP/Regional Office for Africa; Fax No: 254-2-623928: Attention: Teresa Khasakhala, in advance of travel.**

Cameroon  
Mali

Libya  
Nigeria  
Senegal  
Somalia  
Sudan

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**2. Nationals of the following countries may obtain an entry visa from Kenyan embassies/consulates or upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.**

Algeria  
Angola  
Benin  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi

Liberia  
Madagascar  
Malawi  
Mauritania  
Mauritius

Cape Verde  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
Comoros  
Congo Brazzaville

Morocco  
Niger  
Rwanda  
Sao Tome and Principe  
Seychelles

Cote d'Ivoire  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Djibouti  
Egypt  
Equatorial Guinea

Togo  
Tunisia

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Gabon  
Gambia  
Ghana  
Guinea Bissau  
Guinea Conakry



3. **Nationals of the following countries do not require a visa.**

Botswana  
Eritrea  
Ethiopia  
Lesotho  
Mozambique

United Republic of Tanzania  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

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Namibia  
Sierra Leone  
South Africa  
Swaziland  
Uganda