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## NOTIFICATION

### **HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT/MINISTERIAL MEETING** **Sixth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity** **The Hague 17 - 18 April 2002**

During the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-6) which will be held in The Hague 7-19 April 2002, the Government of the Netherlands will organize a High Level Segment/Ministerial Meeting on 17 and 18 April 2002.

The High Level meeting consists of a Ministerial Roundtable Discussion (**ministers only**) scheduled for Wednesday, 17 April 2002 and a Multi Stakeholder Dialogue on Thursday, 18 April 2002.

The purpose of this Notification is to provide additional information, as provided by the Government of the Netherlands, to assist in the preparation for the High Level/Ministerial Meeting.

#### **Ministerial Round Table**

The Government of the Netherlands has taken the initiative to organize a Ministerial Roundtable Discussion (ministers only) on Wednesday, 17 April 2002 to be held in parallel to the normal proceedings of the COP-6 at The Netherlands Convention Center (venue of COP-6). Mrs. Geke Faber, the State Secretary of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries of the Netherlands will chair the ministerial roundtable.

Discussions will focus on the role and contribution of the CBD to the World Summit on Sustainable Development 2002 in Johannesburg. Considering the state of play of discussions on other priority issues during COP-6, other issues could be discussed such as sustainable forest management and the promotion of an action-oriented approach to come to results in the field of forests and biodiversity and the contribution to this process of an enhanced cooperation between CBD, the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF). Ministers are kindly requested to refrain from making statements at this event, since the intention is to place emphasis on achieving a focused and inter-active exchange of views. Ministers may, however, provide their written statements which will be reproduced and distributed at the meeting.

The Ministerial Roundtable is expected to adopt a "Ministers Declaration" which will be considered by the regional groups prior to its submission to the COP-6 Plenary. To assist the ministers in their discussions, draft elements of the Ministerial Declaration will be made available during COP-6 before the convening of the Ministerial Roundtable.

The city of The Hague is pleased to host a lunch in *Madurodam* for the ministers and heads of delegations. Furthermore, Mrs. Faber is pleased to extend a cordial invitation to all ministers participating in the

ministerial roundtable to a dinner which will be held at the *Mauritshuis* (walking distance from The Netherlands Convention Center).

Mrs. Geke Faber is also pleased to invite all COP-6 participants to a reception in the evening of Wednesday, 17 April at the *Ridderzaal* (the former meeting hall of Dutch Parliament).

Mr. Laurens-Jan Brinkhorst, Minister of Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries of the Netherlands is pleased to host a lunch for the ministers and heads of delegations on Thursday, 18 April 2002.

### **Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue**

The Government of the Netherlands is organizing a Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on Thursday, 18 April at the Netherlands Convention Center.

Representatives of Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, indigenous organizations, the private sector and civil society are invited to partake in this event. The main theme shall be access to genetic resources and benefit sharing and the effective role of women in the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The Government of the Netherlands has invited three key speakers to address the meeting.

For your convenience, please find below, in a tabular form, the programme for the High Level Segment/Ministerial Meeting as provided by the Government of the Netherlands:

<b>Planning</b>	<b>High Level/Ministerial meeting</b>
<b><u>Wednesday 17 April 2002</u></b>	
10.00-13.00 hrs.	Ministerial Round Table, in parallel the plenary continues to discuss main items
13.00-15.00 hrs.	<i>lunch Madurodam (heads of delegations)</i>
15.00-16.00 hrs.	(possibly) continuing Ministerial Round Table
18.30 hrs.	<i>reception Ridderzaal (for all delegations)</i>
20.30 hrs.	<i>Dinner in Mauritshuis (ministers only)</i>
<b><u>Thursday 18 April 2002</u></b>	
10.00-13.00 hrs.	Multi Stakeholder Dialogue
13.00-15.00 hrs.	<i>Lunch</i>
15.00-18.00 hrs.	Plenary: Ministers Declaration and conclusions on outstanding issues