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**NOTIFICATION**

Madam/Sir,

**Re: Liaison group meeting on review, refinement and elaboration of programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems**

I am pleased to convey herewith the composition of the liaison group meeting on the review, refinement and elaboration of programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems. The meeting will take place in Wageningen, The Netherlands, from 13 to 15 June 2002, in collaboration with the Ramsar Convention Bureau and Wetlands International, and with financial support from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS).

The composition of the liaison group was determined by the Secretariat taking into account the expertise of the invitees; profiles of United Nations, and specialized agencies, and other organizations active in the area of inland water ecosystems; and geographical representation of technical experts.

For the purpose of this meeting an electronic listserv has been established to facilitate the exchange of information in particular concerning preparation of documents related to review, refinement and elaboration of programme of work on inland water ecosystems, which are being prepared for discussions in SBSTTA 8. I request you to inform the Secretariat if your government would like to be included in the listserv. If so, please provide the name and e-mail address of an expert by **16 June 2002**. The members of the electronic listserv will be requested to review, and provide comments on documents in specific deadlines.

Please find attached the provisional agenda and the composition of the liaison group meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points



## Provisional Agenda

### Liaison group meeting on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems 13-15 June 2002, Wageningen, The Netherlands

1. Opening of the meeting:
  - 1.1. Welcome address by a representative of Wetlands International
  - 1.2. Opening address by a representative of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity
  - 1.3. Opening remarks by a representative of the Secretary General of the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1. Mandate and expected outputs
  - 2.2. Election of the Chair
  - 2.3. Adoption of the agenda
3. Review of status and trends of biological diversity of inland water ecosystems
4. Progress report on implementation of programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems
5. Consideration of a draft elaborated and refined programme of work on biological diversity of inland water ecosystems
6. Other matters
7. Closure of the meeting

Composition of the liaison group meeting on  
biological diversity of inland water ecosystems  
13-15 June 2002, Wageningen, The Netherlands

Technical Experts

1. Mr. Adnan Altay Altinors (Turkey)
2. Mr. Christoph Bail (EC)
3. Mr. John Herity (Canada)
4. Mr. Paul Mafabi (Uganda)
5. Mr. John Neville (Seychelles)
6. Dr. Jan Plesnik (Czech Republic)
7. Ms. Aguilar Soledad (Argentina)
8. Ms. Anneke Wevers (The Netherlands, host country)
9. Ms. Christine Whitman (US)
10. Dr. Gert Willemse (South Africa)

Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971)

1. Dr. Nick Davidson
2. Dr. Max Finlayson
3. Dr. Philippe Gerbeaux

United Nations and Specialized Agencies

1. Mr. Herbert Acquay (GEF)
2. Dr. Arthur J. Askew (WMO)
3. Mr. Devin M. Bartley (FAO)
4. Dr. Peter Bridgewater (UNESCO)
5. Mr. Gonzalo Castro (The World Bank)
6. Dr. Mark Collins (UNEP/WCMC)
7. Dr. Dag Daler (UNEP/GIWA)
8. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo (UNCCD)
9. Mr. Salif Diop (UNEP/DEWA)
10. Mr. Andrew Hudson (UNDP)
11. Mr. Arnulf Muller-Helmbrecht (CMS)
12. Ms. Joke Waller-Hunter (UNFCCC)
13. Mr. Gordon Young (WWAP)
14. Mr. Willem Wijnstekers (CITES)

Inter-Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations

1. Dr. Leeanne E. Alonso (Conservation International)
2. Mr. Peter Gardiner (ICLARM)
3. Dr. Bjorn Guterstam (Global Water Partnership)
4. Mr. Ken R. Lum (Commonwealth Science Council)

5. Dr. Anne Larigauderie (Diversitas)
6. Mr. Jamie Pittock (WWF-International)
7. Mr. Dave Pritchard (BirdLife International)
8. Dr. Walter Reid (Millennium Ecosystem Assessment)
9. Prof. Frank Rijsberman (IWMI)
10. Mr. Achim Steiner (IUCN)
11. Mr. Jean-Christophe Vié (IUCN)
12. Dr. Douglas Taylor (Wetlands International)
13. Dr. C. L. Trisal (Wetlands International- South Asia)
14. Dr. Daniel Zimmer (World Water Council)

#### Research Institutes / Universities

1. Dr. Mike Acreman (Center for Ecology and Hydrology, UK)
2. Dr. Vladimir Bocharnikov (Russian Academy of Science)

#### Consultants

1. Dr. Bill Phillips (MainStream Environmental Consulting)
2. Ms. Carmen Revenga (World Resources Institute)