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Dear Madam/Sir,

**NOTIFICATION**

**Open-ended Expert Workshop on Capacity-building for Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing**

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) has the honour to inform Parties and governments that, following consultation with the Bureau and in accordance with decision VI/24B of the Conference of the Parties, the Open-ended Expert Workshop on Capacity-building for Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing will be held from 2 to 4 December 2002 at the International Civil Aviation Organization Conference Center in Montreal, Canada.

In accordance with decision VI/24B, the mandate of the workshop is to further develop the draft elements for an Action Plan on Capacity-building for Access and Benefit-sharing. The Workshop is open to the participation of indigenous and local communities, non-governmental organizations, regional organizations, private sector, as well as intergovernmental organizations.

An invitation letter together with the pre-registration form, Information Note for Participants as well as the documents for the meeting are available at the Secretariat's webpage at [www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org).

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

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