



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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NOTIFICATION

Re: Expert meeting on indicators of biological diversity including indicators for rapid assessment of inland water ecosystems

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to, *inter alia*, convene a meeting of an expert group that is broadly representative of experts from both United Nations and biogeographical regions to further develop the three annexes to the note of the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/12) on:

- a. Principles for developing national-level monitoring and indicators;
- b. A set of standard questions for developing national-level indicators; and
- c. A list of available and potential indicators based on a conceptual framework that has qualitative and quantitative approach.

In response to this request, the Secretariat is convening a meeting of experts on indicators of biological diversity including indicators for rapid assessment of inland water ecosystems, to be held in Montreal, Canada from 16 to 18 December 2002 at the Secretariat's premises. Please find attached as an annex the provisional agenda of the meeting. In this regard, I invite you to nominate, at your earliest convenience **but no later than 30 November 2002**, an expert to participate in the meeting. Nominations should be accompanied by a Curriculum Vitæ that clearly indicates the areas of expertise as well as full coordinates of the nominee.

The selection of experts will be based on expertise, taking into account gender balance and geographical distribution. Please note that the meeting will be held in English only.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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ANNEX

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of Chairperson;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Design of national-level monitoring programmes and indicators, including for rapid assessment of inland water biodiversity.
 - 3.1 Further elaboration of principles for developing national-level monitoring and indicators;
 - 3.2 Further elaboration of a set of standard questions for developing national level indicators;
 - 3.3 Further development of the list of indicators based on a conceptual framework that has qualitative and quantitative approach.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.
6. Closure of the meeting.
