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9 January 2003

NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Africa regional meeting on the clearing-house mechanism

I am writing in connection with paragraph 4, of decision VI/18 of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties which urged the Executive Secretary to convene additional capacity-building workshops at the national, subregional and regional levels referred to in decision V/14 of the Conference of the Parties for clearing-house activities and training in support of national capacities to implement the Convention.

In support of this decision, a regional meeting will be convened for the African region, with the generous support of the Government of Belgium, to provide countries of the region with the opportunity to express their needs in regard to the implementation of recommendations arising from work completed in support of the thematic areas and cross-cutting issues of the Convention. The meeting will also offer countries of the region the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the use of new information technologies and to discuss possible collaboration with established international thematic focal points.

This regional meeting will be held on **31 March to 2 April 2003** at the United Nations Environment Programme Headquarters, in Nairobi, Kenya. I would like to invite Parties and Governments to nominate one participant for this meeting, preferably qualified in one of the following fields: information management (such as notifications for decision-making); information-sharing systems and database-management; and/or experience with the clearing-house mechanism of the CBD. The provisional and annotated agendas for the meeting are attached. Please note that the meeting will be held in English and French.

The Secretariat will support the participation of **one** representative from each African country Party to the Convention. This includes a round-trip air ticket on the most economical and direct route and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the meetings. Countries that wish to solicit such assistance are requested to provide the required information on the enclosed nomination form and forward it to the Secretariat before **28 February 2003**.

To: CBD National Focal Points – Africa Region
Cc: CHM National Focal Points – Africa Region
International thematic focal points



Informal Advisory Committee
Relevant international organizations

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention and the clearing-house mechanism.

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

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

Nomination form for the African regional meeting on the clearing-house mechanism,
31 March-2 April 2003, Nairobi, Kenya

This form must be returned to the CBD Secretariat before Friday, 28 February 2003
Please return by fax to +1 514 288-6588

Participant details:

Family Name:	First Name:
Title (Mr / Ms / Dr / etc.):	Sex:
Job title:	Employer:
Address for correspondence:	
Telephone number (business hours):	Telephone number (after hours):
Facsimile number:	E-mail address:
Areas of expertise (please indicate any that apply): Clearing-House Mechanism / Information-sharing / technical and scientific cooperation / bioinformatics / Other (please specify):	

To be completed by the CBD National Focal Point making the nomination:

Nominated by Government of: _____

Name of CBD National Focal Point: _____

Signature of CBD National Focal Point: _____ Date: _____

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