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NOTIFICATION

**Fourth Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity,
Addis Ababa, 6-8 May 2003**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is organizing, with financial support from the Governments of Norway and the Netherlands, a fourth workshop on the sustainable use of biodiversity. The workshop will take place in Addis Ababa, at the kind invitation of the Government of Ethiopia, from 6 to 8 May 2003.

The workshop is being organized in response to paragraph 4 of decision VI/13, adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting, in which the Executive Secretary was requested to organize a fourth open-ended workshop on the sustainable use of biological diversity to synthesize the outcome of the previous three regional workshops organized by the Secretariat in 2001-2002, integrate different views and regional differences and develop a set of practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity. The outcome of the fourth workshop will be submitted to the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice for consideration at its ninth meeting.

The first in this series of workshops was held in Maputo, Mozambique, in September 2001 and focused on the sustainable use of dry-land resources. The workshop produced a set of guiding principles for the sustainable use of biological diversity, which were further developed in the second workshop, held in Hanoi, Vietnam, in January 2002. This second workshop, which focused on forest resources, including timber and non-timber forest resources, also produced a preliminary set of practical implementation guidelines and discussed issues relevant to the measurement of decline of biodiversity components. The third workshop, held in Salinas, Ecuador, in February 2002, focused on marine and coastal resources. It further refined the principles and practical implementation guidelines and continued discussions on the measurement of the decline of the components of biodiversity.

The provisional agenda for the fourth workshop is attached hereto. Other meeting documents will be forwarded to the selected experts in due course.

Parties/Governments in all regions are invited to nominate experts to participate in the fourth workshop. The selection of experts will be based on expertise and experience, taking into account gender balance and geographical distribution. The number of selected government-designated experts from developing countries whose expenses would be covered by the Secretariat is subject to availability of funds.

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Nominations should be accompanied by a *Curriculum Vitae* that clearly indicates the nominee's expertise in the following areas:

- Sustainable use or management of biological resources (plants, animals and microorganisms) in one or more of the Convention's thematic areas (marine and coastal, forest, dry and sub-humid lands, agricultural and inland water biodiversity);
- Traditional knowledge relating to the uses of biological diversity;
- Community-base management of biological resources;
- Valuation of biological diversity;
- Knowledge in social sciences and economics relevant to the Convention's thematic areas;
- Familiarity with the work of the Convention and, in particular, with the ecosystem approach developed by the Convention.

Nominations should also indicate whether the nominee has participated in previous regional workshops on the sustainable use of biological diversity convened under the Convention on Biological Diversity or in similar workshops held by other relevant organizations.

Nominees should be fluent in written and spoken English. Due to financial constraints, the workshop will be conducted in English only and no translation in other United Nations languages will be provided during the workshop.

Nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than **28 February 2003**.

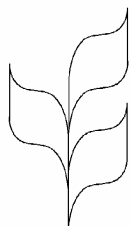
I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support to the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary



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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of officers;
 - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
 - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Introduction to the Convention on Biological Diversity and mandate of the fourth workshop.
4. Outcome of the three regional workshops on the sustainable use of biological diversity held in 2001 and 2002.
5. Synthesis of case-studies and views, including regional differences, submitted to the Secretariat and identification of gaps.
6. Development of practical ways for measuring components of biodiversity and their decline.
7. Further development and finalization of a set of practical principles and operational guidelines for the sustainable use of biological diversity.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting.

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