



Convention on Biological Diversity

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NOTIFICATION

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

Montreal, Canada, 10 – 12 February 2003

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 in the Executive Secretary's note on indicators and environmental impact assessment (ref.: UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/7/12):

- 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, I am pleased to advise that 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 10 to 12 February 2003 at the Secretariat's premises with the financial support of the Government of the United Kingdom.

I am pleased to convey herewith the composition of the group of selected experts and the list of invited organizations (Annex I). The selection of experts was based on nominations by the Parties and organizations, as well as the CBD Roster of Experts, taking into account the participants' demonstrated expertise and experience in the field of indicators and/or inland water ecosystems, geographical distribution and gender balance.

The provisional agenda of this meeting is provided in Annex II and is available on the Secretariat's website at www.biodiv.org.

Sincerely yours,

[signed]

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Executive Secretary

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Annex I

Selected experts for the Expert meeting on indicators of biological diversity including indicators for rapid assessment of inland water ecosystems

Africa

Mr. Waheed Salama HAMEID (Egypt)
Ms. Louisa Ogry NAKANUKU (Namibia)
Ms. Solange Bako Safi MODY HAINIKOYE (Niger)

Asia

Mr. Sok VONG (Cambodia)
Dr. Aref DIA (Lebanon)
Ms. Tatyana NOVIKOVA (Tajikistan)

Latin America and Caribbean

Ms. Diann BLACK LAYNE (Antigua and Barbuda)
Ms. Sara B. SVERLIG (Argentina)
Mr. Gerardo UMAÑA VILLALOBOS (Costa Rica)
Ms. Teresita BORGES HERNANDEZ (Cuba) (representing the expert group on rapid assessment of Inland Water Biodiversity, to make the link between the 2 meetings)

Central and Eastern Europe

Mr. David VACKÁR (Czech Republic)
Ms. Maria SANDU (Republic of Moldova)
Dr. Vassyl PRYDATKO (Ukraine)

WEOG

Mr. Richard H. NORRIS (Australia)
Ms. Risa B. SMITH (Canada)
Mr. Sylvain DOLÉDEC (France)
Mr. Bernard Johan ten BRINK (The Netherlands)
Ms. Victoria FROUDE (New Zealand)
Dr. Andrew STOTT (United Kingdom)

SBSTTA Bureau

Ms. Grace THITAI (Kenya)

Other observer:

Jean-Pierre DRAPEAU, (Province of Quebec, Canada)

Observers from the following organizations were invited:

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), United Nations Forum on Forests, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations (DESA), Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, UNEP-WCMC, Global Environment Facility (GEF), International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), IUCN - The World Conservation Union, World Resources Institute (WRI), Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, European Centre for Nature Conservation (ECNC), Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO), German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) in Mauritania

Annex II

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of Co-Chairs;
 - 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 ecosystems.
 - 3.1 Further development of the principles for developing national-level monitoring and indicators;
 - 3.2 Further development 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.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.
6. Closure of the meeting.
