



NOTIFICATION

**Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group meeting on indicators for assessing progress on,
and communicating the 2010 biodiversity target**

Montreal, Canada, 19 - 22 October 2004

In paragraph 6 of decision VII/30, the Conference of the Parties requested the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, with the assistance of an ad hoc technical expert group (AHTEG), subject to the availability of the necessary voluntary contributions, to:

- (a) review the use of the indicators adopted for immediate testing (listed in annex I, column B, of the same decision), *inter alia*, by reviewing a draft of the second Global Biodiversity Outlook;
- (b) to identify or develop indicators that require further development (listed in annex I, column C); and
- (c) to report on the results to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.

To prepare the work of the expert group, I have established task forces to work on the focal areas and indicators listed in annex 1 of this decision in accordance with decision VII/30. I have also established a liaison group comprising focal points from key collaborating organizations whose task will be to ensure consistency between the indicators.

Pursuant to this decision, I am pleased to inform you that, subject to confirmation of availability of voluntary contributions, a meeting of the AHTEG will be held from **19 to 22 October 2004**. You are hereby invited to submit the name of an expert from your country who may be called upon to serve in the AHTEG, together with a description of his/her relevant expertise and full coordinates. Nominees should be contacted by their National Focal Points and their availability verified prior to the submission of their names. A draft provisional agenda is attached to this notification.

The selection of experts will be based on expertise, taking into account gender balance and geographic distribution, and will be carried out using the following criteria:

To: National Focal Points of the CBD



- Familiarity with monitoring and indicators at the global, regional, national and/or local level
- Familiarity with available data relevant to the set of indicators identified by COP
- Familiarity with the CBD process or other relevant intergovernmental processes

In this view, nominations should be accompanied by a curriculum vitae that clearly indicates the areas of expertise of the nominee. The nomination of experts should be sent to the Secretariat, by fax or electronic mail, no later than **20 June 2004**.

The AHTEG meeting will be prepared by an email discussion. Independently of their selection for the AHTEG, experts may be invited to participate in these discussions. In addition, the AHTEG meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the liaison group comprising focal points from collaborating organizations on the same subject, to be held on 18 October 2004.

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

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

Annex

Expert meeting on indicators for assessing progress on, and communicating
the 2010 biodiversity target

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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. Indicators for assessing progress towards, and communicating the 2010 target at the global level.
 - 3.1 Review the use of the indicators adopted for immediate testing, listed in column B of annex I to decision VII/30;
 - 3.2 Further develop the indicators requiring further work, listed in column C of annex I to decision VII/30;
 - 3.3 Review of a draft outline of elements on global indicators for the second issue of the Global Biodiversity Outlook.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report.
6. Closure of the meeting.
