



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

Ref.: SCBD/STTM/JM/va/46039

17 January 2005

NOTIFICATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

**Re: First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (PAs WG-1),
13 to 17 June 2005, Montecatini, Italy**

I am pleased to inform you that the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (PAs WG-1) will be held in Montecatini, Italy from 13 to 17 June 2005.

Please find attached herewith the provisional agenda and the pre-registration form for the meeting. The document "Information Note for Participants" is currently being finalized and will be made available on the Secretariat's website in due course. The pre-session documents together with the annotated provisional agenda will be made available as soon as they are finalized. These documents will also be accessible at the Secretariat's website at www.biodiv.org.

Subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ) established by decision VII/34 for facilitating participation of Parties in the Convention process, the Secretariat will be in a position to finance the participation to the meeting of **only one representative** from each of the developing country Parties to the Convention, including in particular the least developed countries and the small island developing States, and countries with economies in transition. The participation of additional representative(s) will have to be funded directly by your Government.

Please advise the Secretariat of the name(s) and coordinates of your government's officially designated representative(s) to this meeting at your earliest convenience but no later than **15 March 2005** to enable travel arrangements to be made for eligible participants in good time. In view of the budget constraints and in order to allow the maximum number of countries to participate in the meeting, the Secretariat would be using special air fare tickets for sponsored delegates, which impose restrictions with respect to the changing of passenger's name, travel dates and itinerary.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Hamdallah Zedan
Executive Secretary

To: All CBD National Focal Points



United Nations
Environment
Programme

Tel.: (514) 288-2220
Fax: (514) 288-6588

**PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW
ADDRESS EFFECTIVE 06 DEC.
2004 !**

website: www.biodiv.org
e-mail: secretariat@biodiv.org

World Trade Centre Building
413 Saint-Jacques Street, Suite 800
Montréal, Québec, Canada H2Y 1N9

FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON PROTECTED AREAS 13-17
JUNE 2005 (Montecatini, ITALY)

Pre-Registration Form (Please print)

Due to the number of forms involved, the Secretariat will not be able to acknowledge receipt of individual applications. Pre-registered participants will only be contacted in cases where further information is needed.

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Amb. / Dr. / Prof. Female Male

FAMILY NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

FUNCTION/TITLE: : _____

Have you attended CBD meeting(s) before?: Yes No

Representing:

GOVERNMENT: _____

Ministry/department/agency: _____

OR

ORGANIZATION: _____

(SHORT NAME / ACRONYM): _____

(Check one) UN/ Specialized Agency Inter-governmental organization Non-governmental organization Indigenous and local community organization Media Industry Other

Official Address: _____

Telephone : + (_____) _____

Fax : + (_____) _____

Telex : + (_____) _____

E-MAIL : _____

URL: _____

Signature : _____ Date: _____

Preferred languages :

- English
- French
- Spanish
- Russian
- Arabic
- Chinese

Please return duly completed no later than 15 March 2005 to:

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
World Trade Center
413 Saint-Jacques St., Suite 800
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
H2Y 1N9
Fax : + 1 (514) 288-6588
E-mail: secretariat@biodiv.org

Based on the received and duly completed pre-registration forms, badges will be prepared and handed over at the Registration Desk **only upon the presentation of a valid passport or an identification card.**

**CONVENTION ON
BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY**

Distr.
GENERAL

UNEP/CBD/WG-PAS/1/1
11 January 2005

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING
GROUP ON PROTECTED AREAS
First meeting
Montecatini, Italy 13-17 June 2005

DRAFT 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. Substantive Issues
 - 3.1 Options for cooperation for the establishment of marine protected areas in marine areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, consistent with international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and based on scientific information.
 - 3.2 Options for mobilizing as a matter of urgency through different mechanisms adequate and timely financial resources for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas by developing countries, particularly in the least developed and the small island developing States amongst them, countries with economies in transition, in accordance with Article 20 of the Convention, with special emphasis on those elements of the programme of work requiring early action.
 - 3.3 Further development of “tool kits” for the identification, designation, management, monitoring and evaluation of national and regional systems of protected areas, including ecological networks, ecological corridors, buffer zones, with special regard to indigenous and local communities and stakeholder involvement and benefit sharing mechanisms.
4. Consideration of review of implementation of the programme of work.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report.
7. Closure of the meeting.