



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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Dear Madam/Sir,

NOTIFICATION

Re: Support for indigenous and local community participation in the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

I have the honour to refer to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which will be convened at the Convention and Exhibition Center (Expo Trade) in Curitiba, Brazil, from 20 to 31 March 2006.

Please note that a notification regarding accreditation, as well as the provisional agendas for both meetings are available on the Secretariat's website at: <http://www.biodiv.org/meetings/>

In accordance with rules 6 and 7 of the Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the meeting is open to any body or agency, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, which has informed the Secretariat of its wish to be represented at the meeting.

In this connection, I am also pleased to inform you that the Secretariat will be able to support the participation of a limited number of indigenous and local community representatives in the meeting, subject to the availability of resources. For those organizations seeking financial assistance, nominations should include a recent Curriculum Vitae of the designated representative and an official letter from your organization. The selection of funded participants will be based on expertise and experience, taking into account gender balance and geographical distribution. Any requests for financial assistance should be submitted no later than 24 February 2006. Late submissions will not be considered.

In view of the budget constraints and in order to allow the maximum number of representatives to participate in the meetings, the Secretariat will be using special airfare tickets for sponsored observers, which impose restrictions with respect to the changing of passenger's name, travel dates and itinerary.



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I look forward to the participation of your organization in the meetings and your contribution to the work of the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary