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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Joint Article 8(j) and Clearing-House Mechanism Capacity-Building Workshop on Networking and Information Exchange (Latin America and the Caribbean Region), Quito, Ecuador, 14-16 December 2006**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing in connection with decision VIII/5 and VIII/11 of the Conference of the Parties, on Article 8(j) and related provisions and on Scientific and Technical Cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism, respectively.

In decision VIII/5D paragraph 6(a), the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary: “to convene, subject to the availability of financial resources, regional and subregional workshops on new information and web-based technologies to assist indigenous and local communities in their use and to facilitate the establishment of communication networks”.

In decision VIII/11, Annex II, Activity 1.1.1. of the Strategic Plan, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary: “to organize joint technical hands-on workshops with partners and international thematic focal points on new information and web-based technologies to assist in the implementation of the Convention, taking into account the special needs of indigenous and local communities”.

In accordance with these decisions, a Joint Article 8(j) and Clearing-House Mechanism regional workshop will be convened for the Latin America and Caribbean region with the generous support of the Governments of Spain and the Netherlands. This workshop seeks to enhance the capacity of the countries in the region by sharing experiences on networking and information exchange, including new information and web-based technologies, with a focus on the special needs of indigenous and local communities.

To: CBD National Focal Points – Latin America and the Caribbean  
Indigenous and local communities  
cc: CHM National Focal Points – Latin America and the Caribbean



This joint regional workshop will be held on 14-16 December 2006 in Quito, Ecuador. I would like to invite Parties and Governments and Indigenous and Local communities to nominate one participant for this meeting, preferably involved in the activities of the National Clearing House-Mechanism and/or familiar with the information needs of Indigenous and Local communities. Nominations forms are found in Annex I (for National Focal Points) and in Annex II (for Indigenous and Local Communities). Please note that the meeting will be held in Spanish and English.

The Secretariat will attempt to support the participation of at least **one** participant from each Latin America and Caribbean country Party to the Convention, subject to the availability of funding. This includes a round-trip air ticket on the most economical and direct route and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop. Countries that wish to solicit such assistance are requested to provide the required information on the enclosed nomination form and forward it to the Secretariat before 27 October 2006.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the work of the Convention and the clearing-house mechanism.

Accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary



**Annex I**  
**CBD and CHM National Focal Points**  
**Nomination form for the Joint Article 8(j) and Clearing-House  
 Mechanism Capacity-Building Workshop on Networking and  
 Information Exchange (Latin America Region)**  
 (Quito, Ecuador, 14-16 December 2006)

**This form must be returned to the CBD Secretariat before Friday 27 October 2006  
 by fax to +1 514 288-6588**

**Participant Details**

Family Name:	First Name:
Title (Mr. / Ms. / Dr. / etc.):	Sex:
Job title:	Employer:
Address for correspondence:	
Telephone number (business hours):	Telephone number (after hours):
Facsimile number:	E-mail address:
Areas of expertise (please indicate any that apply):	
Other relevant expertise (please specify):	

**To be completed and signed by the CBD National Focal Point making the nomination:**

Nominated by the Government of: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of CBD National Focal Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Focal Point: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Annex II**  
**Indigenous and local community representatives**  
**Nomination form for the Joint Article 8(j) and Clearing-House**  
**Mechanism Capacity-Building Workshop on Networking and**  
**Information Exchange (Latin America Region)**  
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Facsimile number:	E-mail address:
Areas of expertise (please indicate any that apply):	
Other relevant expertise (please specify):	

**To be completed and signed by the Indigenous and/or Local Community submitting the nomination:**

Name of the Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Executive Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

