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# Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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## NOTIFICATION

### Subject: South-South Cooperation on Biological Diversity

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to inform the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity that, as a follow-up to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP/8), the President of the Group of 77 recommended the establishment of a strong programme of action for promoting South-South cooperation to enhance the exchange of experiences and promote best practices with a view to achieving the three objectives of the Convention and the 2010 Biodiversity Target. To this end, he recommended the establishment of a group of experts to prepare, in the context of the Caracas Plan of Action on South-South cooperation, a multi-year plan of action to promote South-South cooperation on biodiversity. The meeting of experts is tentatively planned for September 2007. The multi-year plan of action will be submitted for review to the Group of 77, and for adoption by the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to be held in Germany in 2008.

In order to prepare for the aforesaid expert meeting, I am convening a brainstorming session on South-South cooperation on biodiversity at the Secretariat Headquarters in Montreal, from 6-8 November 2006, with the generous financial contribution of the Government of the Netherlands. The agenda and background documents for this brainstorming meeting are available on the CBD website at <http://www.biodiv.org/meetings/ssc-01/default.shtml>.

To facilitate the preparation of the elements for the draft multi-year plan of action on South-South cooperation to be submitted for consideration by the expert meeting (scheduled for September 2007), Parties are invited to submit contributions on elements and structure of a multi-year plan of action to the Secretariat at their earliest convenience and, preferably, before **31 January 2007**.

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

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