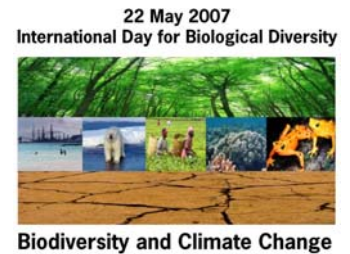


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NOTIFICATION

Re: Mayors' Meeting on the Contribution of Cities to the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target, 26 - 28 March 2007, Curitiba, Brazil

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure of informing you that, to coincide with the first anniversary of the High Level Segment of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-8) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Curitiba, Brazil, His Excellency Mr. Carlos Alberto Richa, the Mayor of Curitiba, took the initiative to invite a number of mayors of cities around the world to share their experiences and contribute to the Convention's 2010 target to significantly reduce the rate of loss of biodiversity. Accordingly, the meeting on "Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target" will be held in Curitiba, on 26-28 March 2007.

Mayors invited to participate in this meeting include the mayors of cities that hosted or will host a meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the CBD, mayors of host cities of United Nations headquarters, and mayors of cities with specific strategies on biodiversity.

To assist in the preparation and servicing of this important event, an inter-agency task force composed of representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, and the World Conservation Union (IUCN), has been established by the Secretariat.

Mayors and city councillors, urban planners and designers, international experts, United Nations and development agency specialists and media/journalists are invited to participate. The report of the meeting on "Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target" will be submitted to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-9) to be held in Bonn, Germany on 19-30 May 2008. More information will be made available by 26 January 2007, on the Secretariat's webpage at <http://www.biodiv.org/meetings/default.shtml>.

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

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

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