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NOTIFICATION Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-9), 19-30 May 2008, Bonn, Germany

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, at the invitation of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-9) will be held at the Maritim Hotel Bonn, in Bonn, Germany, from 19 to 30 May 2008. The meeting will be preceded, on 17 and 18 May, by regional preparatory meetings for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean convened with the generous financial support of the Government of Spain. The High Level segment will be held from 28 to 30 May at the World Conference Center Bonn (WCCB).

I am pleased to attach herewith the provisional agenda adopted by the Bureau at its meeting held in Montreal, on 7 October 2007. The pre-session documentation of the meeting will be made available as soon as possible, and no later than three months in advance of the meeting. The pre-session documents and information for participants will also be accessible at the Convention website: www.cbd.int.

In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, I would be grateful if your Government could submit to the Secretariat, as soon as possible and no later than **19 May 2008**, the credentials of your representative(s) and the names of the alternate representative(s) and advisor(s), as appropriate. You will find attached herewith, for your convenience, a sample format of appropriate credentials for the meeting, which should be signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, except in the case of regional economic integration organization, in which case it should be signed by the competent authority of that organization. Accreditation of delegates to the meeting will not be possible without proper credentials.

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To: All National Focal Points to the Convention on Biological Diversity



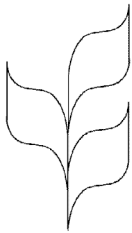
Subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Parties in the Convention Process established by Decision III/24, and in accordance with the interim policy adopted by the Bureau in this regard, the Secretariat expects to be in a position **to finance the participation of one representative from eligible countries**. Eligible Parties to the Convention wishing to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat of the name and contact information of the designated representative to receive financial support as soon as possible but no later than **31 December 2007**. Please note that the CBD Secretariat will be unable to respond positively to requests for financial support received after the deadline.

In view of the increased security procedures for travellers and budget constraints, and in order to allow the maximum number of countries to participate in the meeting, the Secretariat will be using special airfare tickets for sponsored delegates that impose restrictions with regard to changing the passenger's name, travel date and itinerary. In this respect, it will not be possible for the Secretariat to accommodate name changes if they are received after 15 April 2008.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachments



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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Ninth meeting
Bonn, 19 – 30 May 2008

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

- 1.1 Opening of the meeting
- 1.2 Election of officers
- 1.3 Adoption of the agenda
- 1.4 Organization of work
- 1.5 Report on the credentials of representatives to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- 1.6 Pending issues
- 1.7 Date and venue of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

II. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

- 2.1 Reports of inter-sessional and regional preparatory meetings
- 2.2 Report of the Global Environment Facility
- 2.3 Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention.

III. ISSUES FOR IN-DEPTH CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Agricultural biodiversity
- 3.2 Global strategy for plant conservation
- 3.3 Invasive alien species
- 3.4 Forest biodiversity
- 3.5 Incentives
- 3.6 Ecosystem approach
- 3.7 Progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress towards the 2010 target and relevant Millennium Development Goals
- 3.8 Financial resources and the financial mechanism

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IV. STRATEGIC ISSUES FOR EVALUATING PROGRESS OR SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Access and benefit-sharing
- 4.2 Article 8 (j) and related provisions
- 4.3 Technology transfer and cooperation
- 4.4 Monitoring, assessments and indicators
- 4.5 Biodiversity and climate change
- 4.6 Biodiversity of dry and sub-humid lands
- 4.7 Protected areas
- 4.8 Biodiversity of inland waters
- 4.9 Marine and coastal biodiversity
- 4.10 Island biodiversity
- 4.11 GTI
- 4.12 Liability and redress
- 4.13 Cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives, and engagement of stakeholders
- 4.14 Operations of the Convention
- 4.15 Scientific and technical cooperation and the clearing-house mechanism
- 4.16 Guidance to the financial mechanism
- 4.17 Communication, education and public awareness (CEPA)

V. Administration of the Convention and budget for the Trust Fund of the Convention for the biennium 2009-2010

VI. Other matters.

VII. Adoption of the report.

VIII. Closure of the meeting.

SAMPLE FORMAT FOR CREDENTIALS
FOR THE NINTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO
THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (COP/9)

CREDENTIALS

I, the undersigned [*Head of State or Government or Minister of Foreign Affairs*], hereby make known that the following delegation has been duly appointed, authorized and empowered to represent [*country*] at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to be held in Bonn, Germany from the nineteenth to the thirtieth of May in the year two thousand and eight.

Head of Delegation [*Name of Head of Delegation*]

Alternate Head of Delegation [*Name of Alternate head of Delegation*]

Representative(s) [*Name(s) of representative(s)*]

DONE in [*city*] on this [*day*] of [*month*] in the [*year*]

Seal and Signature