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NOTIFICATION

Eighth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative 31 May 2008, Bonn, Germany

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to inform CBD National Focal points, as well as SBSTTA and GTI Focal Points, about the eighth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative to be held on 31 May 2008 in Bonn, Germany, at the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 9).

The COP 9 will consider the GTI under agenda item 4.11. The eighth meeting of the GTI Coordination Mechanism will discuss progress and further coordination of work. The ten members of the Coordination Mechanism were selected in consultation with the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA). You may refer to notification 55016 of 5 June 2006 available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2006/ntf-2006-059-gti-en.pdf>.

The members of the Coordination Mechanism, as well as other organizations, have been invited to participate in this meeting. The composition of the GTI Coordination Mechanism is presented in annex I, and the draft provisional agenda for the meeting is provided in annex II.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachments

To: CBD National Focal Points
SBSTTA Focal Points
GTI Focal Points



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ANNEX I

Composition of the GTI Coordination Mechanism

Africa:

1. Alfred A. Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana)
2. Gideon Smith (South Africa)

Asia-Pacific:

3. Keping Ma (China)
4. Noriaki Sakaguchi (Japan)

CEE:

5. Alexey Kotov (Russian Federation)
6. Karol Marhold (Slovakia)

GRULAC:

7. Hesiquio Benitez (Mexico)
8. Lily Rodriguez (Peru)

WEOG:

9. Christoph Hauser (Germany) - Chair
10. Chris Lyal (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Ex-officio member:

COP-9 President (Germany)

The following organizations will participate in the Coordination Mechanism at my invitation:

1. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention
2. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
3. Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
4. Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
5. United Nations Environment Programme – Division of Global Environment Facility Coordination
6. United Nations Development Programme - Global Environment Facility Unit
7. United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre
8. BioNET International
9. Global Invasive Species Programme
10. IUCN – the International Union for Conservation of Nature
11. Global Biodiversity Information Facility
12. The Smithsonian Institution
13. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
14. World Federation for Culture Collections



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ANNEX II

Eighth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Date: Saturday, 31 May 2008

Venue: *To be announced*

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1 Adoption of the agenda
 - 2.2 Organization of work
3. Progress on the global taxonomic needs assessment
4. Collaboration under the work for the implementation of 8(h)
5. International regime on access and benefit-sharing
6. Refinement of the GTI portal
7. Project development seminar
8. Funding issues:
 - 8.1 Special fund for the Global Taxonomy Initiative
 - 8.2 General funding sources for implementation of the programme of work
9. Next steps and future meetings
10. Other matters
11. Closure of the meeting



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