



# Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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## NOTIFICATION

### **Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-9): informal consultations by the Co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing 17-18 May, Bonn, Germany**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Co-chairs of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WGABS), Mr. Fernando Casas of Colombia and Mr. Timothy Hodges of Canada, will be holding informal consultations in Bonn, Germany, on 17-18 May 2008, on the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which will be held in Bonn, on 19-30 May 2008.

The Co-chairs wish to inform Parties, Governments, organizations and stakeholders that they will hold open-ended informal consultations for all interested delegations and stakeholders, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm, on Sunday, 18 May 2008. In addition, the Co-chairs will be available for consultations with individual delegations or representatives of regional and other groups on Saturday and Sunday, 17-18 May 2008.

The open-ended informal consultations will be held at the venue of the Conference of the Parties, in Saal Schumann, Hotel Maritim Bonn. The consultations with individual delegations or representatives will take place in the Office of the Co-chairs, room 150, Hotel Maritim Bonn.

Delegates at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties who wish to meet with the Co-chairs individually on 17 or 18 May are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat at their earliest convenience, in order to make the necessary arrangements. Delegates who wish to participate in the open-ended consultations need only present themselves in Saal Schumann, at 2:00 pm, on Sunday, 18 May.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

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