



Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

Capacity-building Workshop for the Caribbean region for National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, mainstreaming of biodiversity and the integration of climate change

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that a regional workshop for countries of the Caribbean region on capacity-building for national biodiversity strategies and action plans, mainstreaming of biodiversity and the integration of climate change will be held in **Trinidad and Tobago, from 3 to 7 November 2008**. Thanks to the financial support of Spain and Norway, this workshop is being organized by the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) with the support of the Cropper Foundation, in collaboration with the Trinidad and Tobago Environmental Management Authority, the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM), and the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI).

Through an exchange of experiences and training on the use of relevant tools and mechanisms, the purpose of the workshop is to strengthen national capacity for:

- a) the development, implementation, review and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), and for biodiversity mainstreaming into relevant sectors, in line with COP decisions VIII/8 and IX/8; and
- b) the integration of climate change impacts and the impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation activities on biodiversity within NBSAPs and implementation of the CBD in line with decision IX/16.

The meeting will be held in parallel with a capacity-building workshop on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) and media relations.¹ Further relevant information is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/nbsaps/workshops>.

¹ The CEPA and media relations workshop will include the participation of Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) focal points and those responsible for national CEPA strategies. The notification for the CEPA workshop (Ref.: SCBD/ITS/OMG/DA/fd/64784) is being dispatched separately on the same date.

To: CBD National Focal Points of the Caribbean region
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I am pleased to invite you to nominate a representative of your government to participate in this workshop. Please provide the name and coordinates of your nomination through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary of the UNCBD, which should reach the Secretariat **no later than 3 October 2008** (either faxed to: +1 (514) 288-6588 or scanned and attached to an email addressed to: secretariat@cbd.int). Participants from eligible Parties will be provided with air travel, accommodation, meals and an allowance for incidental costs.

In submitting nominations, Parties are requested to note that the representative should be responsible for the development and/or implementation of their NBSAP. Nominated representatives should also be in a position to prepare and present a report on progress made in the development, and/or implementation of their NBSAP.

Nominated representatives should also be in a position to prepare and present a report on progress made in the development, implementation, review, and updating of the NBSAP, including how the NBSAP addresses threats and opportunities from climate change and climate change response activities, as well as the mainstreaming of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors. Moreover, following the workshop, the representative should be in a position to translate the capacity gained into concrete actions in support of national implementation. The workshop will be conducted in English.

In addition to country representatives, a limited number of experts will be selected to participate in the workshop, acting as resource persons. Accordingly, you may also wish to recommend an expert from your country involved in (a) integrating biodiversity into development planning or (b) integrating climate change into biodiversity planning.

We look forward to receiving your nomination of the government representative and the recommendation of experts, and I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary