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NOTIFICATION

Request to submit relevant information concerning the objectives of the marine expert workshop (Ottawa, Canada, 29 September – 2 October 2009) as well as on the progress towards the 2012 target on representative networks of marine protected areas

Dear Madam/Sir,

At its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties (COP) decided to convene an expert workshop to provide scientific and technical guidance on the use and further development of biogeographic classification systems, and guidance on the identification of areas beyond the national jurisdiction which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20 (decision IX/20, paragraph 19). Pursuant to this decision, the expert workshop is being organized by the Secretariat, with the financial support from the Governments of Canada and Germany. It will be held in Ottawa, Canada, from 29 September to 2 October 2009. A draft provisional agenda for this expert workshop is annexed to this notification for your reference.

For this expert workshop, in the same decision, the COP invited Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to provide relevant information concerning the objectives of the workshop and on the progress towards the 2012 target on representative networks of marine protected areas, to the Executive Secretary for compilation and provision to the expert workshop.

Pursuant to this decision, the Executive Secretary wishes to invite Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to kindly provide relevant information concerning the objectives of the above-mentioned expert workshop as well as on the progress towards the 2012 target on representative networks of marine protected areas. The submissions should be sent to the Secretariat (secretariat@cbd.int or fax +1-514-288-6588) at your earliest convenience, but **no later than 30 June 2009**. Information can be submitted in any format as appropriate.

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

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points
Other Governments and relevant organizations



Annex

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of the chairperson, adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Review and synthesis of progress on the identification of areas beyond national jurisdiction which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20
4. Review and synthesis of experience with the use of the biogeographic classification system
5. Development of scientific and technical guidance on the use and further development of biogeographic classification systems, and guidance on the identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction in need of protection
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report.
8. Closure of the meeting.
