



Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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REMINDER NOTIFICATION

Expert workshop on scientific and technical guidance on the use of biogeographic classification systems and identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction in need of protection, 29 September – 2 October 2009, Ottawa, Canada

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please refer to the earlier notification dated 12 December 2008 (Ref.: SCBD/STTM/JM/JL/SGa/65788) regarding the nominations of experts to participate in the expert workshop on scientific and technical guidance on the use of biogeographic classification systems and identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction in need of protection, 29 September – 2 October 2009, Ottawa, Canada.

Please be reminded that the deadline for nominating experts for this workshop is **31 March 2009**. The selection of experts will be based on expertise and experiences, taking into account balanced regional and sectoral participation as well as gender balance, and will be carried out using the following criteria:

- Good knowledge of issues related to, and experiences on the development and use of scientific criteria for identifying ecologically or biologically significant marine areas in need of protection, as adopted by the Conference of the Parties (decision IX/20, paragraph 14);
- Good knowledge of issues related to, and experiences on, the development and use of biogeographic classification systems of global open oceans and deep seabed, as noted by the Conference of the Parties (decision IX/20, paragraph 6); and
- Good knowledge of issues pertaining to, and experiences on the establishment and management of marine and coastal protected areas as well as the implementation of the CBD programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity and the programme of work on protected areas.

A draft provisional agenda is annexed to this notification for your reference. Meeting documents will be forwarded to the selected experts and posted on the CBD website in due course. The workshop will be conducted in English.

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The nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat (secretariat@cbd.int or fax +1-514-288-6588) through an official letter together with a curriculum vitae that clearly indicates the areas of expertise and experiences of the nominee.

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

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

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.
