



# Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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## NOTIFICATION

### Online Dialogue for the Preparation of the Second Meeting of the Second Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change

Dear Sir/Madam,

The ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) convened an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on biodiversity and climate change through its decision IX/16.

Furthermore, the Conference of the Parties, through paragraph 7(b) of annex III to decision IX/16, requested that the Executive Secretary, in preparing documentation for the AHTEG, especially noting the need to ensure scientific credibility and timely information, convenes an ad hoc internet-based discussion group so as to identify major issues related to the items included in the agenda of the second meeting of the AHTEG (see the attached draft agenda).

The second meeting of the AHTEG will address the links between biodiversity, climate change adaptation, and risks and vulnerabilities.

Accordingly, I am pleased to invite you to join the internet-based discussion group available from 9 until 20 March 2009 at: [www.cbd.int/climate/forums/public/](http://www.cbd.int/climate/forums/public/).

This discussion group will seek views from Parties, other governments and relevant organizations on the following:

1. Case-studies on reducing risks to biodiversity associated with climate change;
2. Steps taken to improve the integration of biodiversity considerations and traditional and local knowledge related to biodiversity within climate change adaptation;
3. Methodologies for analysing the value of biodiversity in supporting adaptation in communities and sectors vulnerable to climate change; and
4. Case-studies on providing incentives for the implementation of adaptation actions that promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

### Attachment

To : CBD National Focal Points



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### SECOND AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Second meeting  
Helsinki, 18 – 22 April 2009

#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1. Election of officers;
  - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
  - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Biodiversity and Climate Change Related Risk and Vulnerabilities.
  - 3.1. Presentation of background documents;
  - 3.2. Identification of general principles to guide local and regional activities aimed at reducing risks to biodiversity values associated with climate change;
  - 3.3. Proposals on ways that components of biodiversity can reduce risk and damage associated with climate change impacts.
4. Biodiversity and Climate Change Adaptation.
  - 4.1. Presentation of background documents;
  - 4.2. Identification of potential benefits and risks to biodiversity as a result of adaptation activities;
  - 4.3. Proposals on ways and means to improve the integration of biodiversity considerations and traditional and local knowledge related to biodiversity within climate change adaptation.
5. Analysis of the Value of Integrating Biodiversity within Climate Change Adaptation
  - 5.1. Presentation of background documents;
  - 5.2. Identification of methodologies for analysing the social, cultural and economic value of biodiversity and ecosystem based adaptation in supporting adaptation in communities and sectors vulnerable to climate change;
  - 5.3. Proposals on ways and means to incentivise the implementation of adaptation actions that promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.
6. Peer-review of the report.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.