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## NOTIFICATION

### **Nominations for the Expert Workshop on Scientific and Technical Aspects relevant to Environmental Impact Assessment in Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Manila, Philippines, 18 - 20 November 2009**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, with financial support from the European Commission, the Secretariat is convening an expert workshop on scientific and technical aspects relevant to environmental impact assessment in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, in Manila, Philippines, from 18 to 20 November 2009. This workshop was called for by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its ninth meeting (decision IX/20, paragraph 10).

The workshop will be hosted by PEMSEA (Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia – a regional coordinating mechanism responsible for implementing the Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia), in conjunction with the East Asian Seas Congress, to be held at the same venue from 23 to 27 November 2009.

In this regard, I invite you to nominate, at your earliest convenience but no later than **30 June 2009**, an expert who can participate in the workshop. The selection of experts will be based on expertise and experience, taking into account regional and sectoral representation as well as gender balance, and will be carried out using the following criteria:

- Good knowledge of issues related to, and/or experiences of, the scientific and technical aspects of the implementation of environmental impact assessments and strategic environmental assessments for activities and processes under their jurisdiction and control which may have significant adverse impacts on marine biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (decision IX/20, paragraph 8);
- Good knowledge of provisions relevant to environmental impact assessment and strategic environmental assessments, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Convention on Biological Diversity (decision IX/20, paragraph 10); and
- Good knowledge of issues related to, and/or experiences on the implementation of the CBD programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity as well as the CBD

To: CBD National Focal Points, other Governments, and relevant organizations



work on impact assessment, in particular regarding the application of “Voluntary guidelines for biodiversity-inclusive impact assessment, adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention in decision VIII/28”.

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.

The nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat ([secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) or fax +1-514-288-6588) together with curriculum vitae that clearly indicates the areas of expertise and experience 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*

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Environmental Impact Assessment in Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction  
Manila, Philippines  
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**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of the chairperson, adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Review of the scientific and technical aspects of sectoral, regional and national environmental impacts assessment efforts of relevance to marine areas beyond national jurisdiction.
4. Contribution to the development of scientific and technical guidance for environmental impact assessment in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report.
7. Closure of the meeting.

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