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## NOTIFICATION

### **Decision IX/12 on Access and Benefit-sharing: Regional Consultations in support of the finalization of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for Asia, 5-6 December 2009, Siem Reap, Cambodia**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision IX/12 on Access and Benefit-sharing, paragraph 17, the Conference of the Parties (COP) emphasized the importance of consultations to advance the negotiations of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing and requested the Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG-ABS) to be instrumental in organizing and facilitating such consultations during the intersessional period. It also encouraged Parties and stakeholders to carry out bilateral, regional and interregional meetings and consultations and called upon donors and relevant organizations to provide financial resources necessary for such meetings and consultations.

In addition, in paragraph 22 of the same decision, the COP invited the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), governments and other international organizations to support regional and interregional consultations in close collaboration with the Secretariat.

In accordance with the above, and further to notification 2009-010 of 24 August 2009 announcing the tentative calendar of the regional consultations, I am pleased to confirm that the regional consultation for Asia will be hosted by the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia, in Siem Reap, Cambodia, on 5-6 December 2009.

This consultation is made possible by the financial support of UNEP and of the ASEAN Biodiversity Center. It is being organized in close collaboration between UNEP and the CBD Secretariat, and in consultation with the Co-Chairs of WG-ABS. The regional consultation will provide an opportunity for the negotiators from the region to consult during the intersessional period with a view to finalize the negotiations of the International Regime at WG-ABS 9.

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Parties from Asia are invited to communicate to the Secretariat the name(s) and coordinates of their government's officially designated representative(s) to the meeting **no later than Tuesday, 24 November 2009**. Designation of representatives to attend the meeting should be submitted through official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by email as a scanned attachment to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), and copied to the following address: Ms. Somaly Chan, Director of Department of International Convention and Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia, at [somalychan@hotmail.com](mailto:somalychan@hotmail.com), and Ms. Clarissa Arida, Director, Programme Development and Implementation, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, The Philippines, at [ccarida@aseanbiodiversity.org](mailto:ccarida@aseanbiodiversity.org).

Please note that one representative per country will be financially supported for all eligible countries. However, each country may designate a second representative to attend the meeting.

Further details regarding the program and logistical aspects of the meeting will be provided to designated participants and will be made available on the Secretariat website.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary