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NOTIFICATION

Ninth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative 16 May 2010, Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Madam/Sir,

The purpose of this notification is to inform CBD National Focal Points, as well as SBSTTA and GTI Focal Points, about the ninth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative to be held on 16 May 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya, at the margins of the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 14).

The ninth meeting of the GTI Coordination Mechanism will discuss progress and further coordination of work to facilitate the progress on outcome oriented deliverables of the programme of work for the Global Taxonomy Initiative. The members of the Coordination Mechanism, as well as other organizations, have been invited to participate in this meeting. The composition of the GTI Coordination Mechanism is presented in annex I, and the draft provisional agenda for the meeting is provided in annex II.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachments

To: CBD National Focal Points
SBSTTA Focal Points
GTI Focal Points
GTI Coordination Mechanism

ANNEX 1

Composition of the GTI Coordination Mechanism

Africa:

1. Alfred A. Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana)
2. Gideon Smith (South Africa)

Asia-Pacific:

3. Ma Keping (China)
4. Noriaki Sakaguchi (Japan)

CEE:

5. Alexey Kotov (Russian Federation)
6. Karol Marhold (Slovakia)

GRULAC:

7. Hesiquio Benitez Diaz (Mexico)
8. Lily Rodriguez (Peru)

WEOG:

9. Christoph Häuser (Germany) - Chair
10. Christopher Lyal (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Ex-officio member:

11. COP-9 President (Germany)

The following organizations will participate in the Coordination Mechanism at my invitation:

12. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention
13. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
14. Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
15. Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
16. United Nations Environment Programme – Division of Global Environment Facility Coordination
17. United Nations Development Programme – Global Environment Facility Unit
18. United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre
19. BioNET International
20. Global Invasive Species Programme
21. IUCN – the International Union for Conservation of Nature
22. Global Biodiversity Information Facility
23. The Smithsonian Institution
24. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
25. World Federation for Culture Collections

ANNEX 2

The ninth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Date: Sunday, 16 May 2010, from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Venue: The World Agroforestry Centre, Nairobi, Kenya

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Adoption of the agenda
 - 2.2. Organization of work
3. Funding issues:
 - 3.1. Special Fund for the Global Taxonomy Initiative
 - 3.2. Following up of the project development seminars (decision VIII/3, paragraph 15)
4. Identifying outputs for planned activities on island biodiversity and protected areas (decision IX/22, paragraph 7)
5. International regime on access and benefit-sharing
6. Next steps and future meetings
7. Other matters
8. Closure of the meeting