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## **NOTIFICATION**

### **Composition of Expert Meeting on the Modalities of Operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House Montreal, Canada, 11-14 April 2011**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In accordance with Decision X/1, paragraph 12 and Annex II, the Open-ended Ad-hoc Intergovernmental Committee for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing will consider the modalities of operation of the ABS Clearing-House, including reports on its activities, at its first meeting, from 6 to 10 June 2011. In preparation for this first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee, an Expert Meeting will be held on the modalities of operation of the ABS Clearing-House, from 11-14 April 2011, in Montreal, Canada.

The expert meeting will focus on practical considerations related to the establishment of the ABS Clearing-House with a view to provide input to the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee and to assist countries with the early ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol. The meeting will build on existing experience and lessons learned from the establishment of other clearing house mechanisms, in particular the Biosafety Clearing-House. The report of the expert meeting will be made available to the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for its consideration.

In accordance with the above, by Notification 2011-09 of 18 January 2011, the Executive Secretary invited Parties, indigenous and local communities, relevant international organizations and other stakeholders to nominate experts and observers for the meeting by 18 February 2011. As set out in the Notification, the group of experts is to be composed of a maximum of eight experts per region and ten observers. As of 11 March 2011, the Secretariat had received 17 nominations from Africa, 14 from Asia, 7 from CEE, 8 from Latin America and the Caribbean, and 4 from the WEOG. On the basis of these nominations, 35 experts and 10 observers were selected taking into account their expertise, the need to ensure equitable geographical

To: CBD Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, ICNP Focal Points, International organizations, indigenous and local community organizations and relevant stakeholders



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distribution, and with due regard to gender balance. The list of selected experts and observers was approved by the Bureau.

The list of selected experts and observers is attached for your information. A letter of invitation will be sent to selected experts and observers together with information of relevance to their participation in the meeting. Please note also that the documents for the meeting will be posted in due course on the Secretariat's web site at: <http://www.cbd.int/meetings/>.

I thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the Convention.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

**Expert Meeting on the Modalities of Operation of the ABS Clearing House  
Montreal, Canada, 11-14 April 2011**

**Experts**

**AFRICA**

Botswana	Dr. Michael Vosa Flyman
Ethiopia	Mr. Abiyot Birhanu
Madagascar	Mrs. Voahangy Raharimalala
Morocco	Mr. Mostafa Madbouhi
Namibia	Mr. Pierre Du Plessis
Niger	Dr. Gado Zaki Mahaman
Rwanda	Mr. Rwihaniza Jean Gapusi
Sudan	Dr. Abdelbagi Mukhtar Ali Ghanim

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China	Mr. Xu Jing
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Japan	Ms. Tokuko Nabeshima
Kiribati	Mr. Puta Tofinga
Malaysia	Dr. Saw Leng Guan
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Saudi Arabia	Mr. Yousef Al-Hafedh
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Mexico	Ms. Elleli Huerta Ocampo

**WEOG**

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European Commission	Mr. Vassilis Koutsouris
Finland	Mrs. Katileena Lohtander-Buckbee
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**Observers**

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International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Mr. Kent Nnadozie  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, Mr. Dan Leskien  
The Global Environment Facility, Mr. Jaime Cavelier

**INDUSTRY**

International Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Thomas E. Nickson

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Consejo Regional Otomi del Alto Lerma, Dr. Mindahi Crescencio Bastida Muñoz  
Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA), Mr. Robert Leslie Malezer  
Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON), Ms. Tatiana S. Degai  
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