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NOTIFICATION

Joint Notification from the Secretariats of the CBD and IPCC regarding Preparations for the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report

Dear Madam/Sir,

The present notification is a follow up to notification ref.: SCBD/STTM/JW/ac/74869 (2011-026) sent on 4 February 2011.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has begun preparations for its Fifth Assessment Report (AR5). This report will consist of three Working Group Reports and a Synthesis Report. The Working Group I report will be finalized in 2013; the other volumes in 2014.

You may be particularly interested in contributing to and reviewing chapters related to biodiversity and climate change, which include:

Working Group II – Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability

Chapter 3: Freshwater resources

Chapter 4: Terrestrial and inland water systems

Chapter 5: Coastal systems and low-lying areas

Chapter 6: Ocean systems

Chapter 7: Food production systems and food security

Chapters 14-17: dealing with Adaptation

Chapter 19: Detection and attribution of observed impacts

Chapter 20: Climate-resilient Pathways: Adaptation, mitigation and sustainable development

Chapter 21-30: bring together information about regional aspects (Part B)

Working Group III – Mitigation of Climate Change

Chapter 11: Agriculture, forestry and Other Land Uses (AFOLU)

To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points

A number of cross-cutting issues have been identified which will receive special attention in preparing the AR5. Cross-cutting themes with specific relevance to biodiversity include Water and the Earth system: changes, impacts and responses, Carbon Cycle, and Mitigation, Adaptation and Sustainable Development. A number of workshops have been held and are planned on cross-cutting and other issues in support of the assessment process. The most recent one was dealing with ocean acidification.

The plenary approved outline of the working group reports and information about cross-cutting issues can be found on the IPCC website (<http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/ar5/ar5-outline-compilation.pdf>). Information about the scope of the AR5 Synthesis Report can be found under http://www.ipcc.ch/meetings/session32/syr_final_scoping_document.pdf). The schedule of all planned IPCC Sessions and meetings as well as review periods for IPCC Reports is available online at: http://ipcc.ch/scripts/calendar_template.php?wg=8.

If you wish to obtain additional information please contact the IPCC Secretariat at: ipcc-sec@wmo.int

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

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