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NOTIFICATION

Invitation for nominations to the African Regional Workshop on the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 21 - 22 July 2011

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with the African Union Commission is organizing a regional workshop on the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress for Africa. The workshop will be held at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 21 to 22 July 2011 back-to-back with the regional launch of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity and the observance of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification.

The main purpose of the workshop is to raise awareness and understanding about the Nagoya – Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol and to identify needs and requirements by Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety with a view to expedite the early entry into force and implementation of the Supplementary Protocol. The workshop is also intended to provide an opportunity for participants to consider issues related to the implementation of other decisions of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 5) in particular, the decisions on the second national reports, and the strategic plan - decisions BS-V/14 and BS-V/16 of COP-MOP 5, respectively.

Accordingly, we kindly invite Parties from the African region, to nominate one representative to participate in the workshop. In order to enable the Secretariat to finalize arrangements for the workshop in a timely manner, we request to send us your **nomination as soon as possible but no later than 17 June 2011**.

To: Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety National Focal Points for African Countries

The Secretariat will cover the cost of participation of ONE official nominee from each Party to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. This includes an economy class ticket to travel to and from Addis Ababa and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop.

The nomination must be submitted through an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat. The letter may be sent by fax to +1 514 288 6588, or by email as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int.

The working language of the workshop will be English unless decided otherwise at a later stage depending on the availability of financial resources necessary to cover cost of interpretation (English – French) by our partners. Further details on the workshop will be made available on the Secretariat's website (www.cbd.int) in due course.

I would like to thank you for your kind cooperation and continued support of the work of the Protocol.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary