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NOTIFICATION

Selected experts for Ad hoc Expert Group Meeting of Local-community Representatives

Dear Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 21 of Decision X/43, regarding the revised programme of work for Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties, noting that the involvement of local communities in the work of the Convention in accordance with Article 8(j) has been limited for various reasons, decided to convene an ad hoc expert group of local community representatives, bearing in mind geographic and gender balance, with a view to identifying common characteristics of local communities, and gathering advice on how local communities can more effectively participate in Convention processes, including at the national level, as well as how to develop targeted outreach, in order to assist in the implementation the Convention and achievement of its goals.

In Notification number 2011-050 of 4 March 2011, the Secretariat invited Parties, Governments, international organizations and local communities, to nominate experts to participate in the meeting. In this regard, I am pleased to announce that the selection of participants has been completed, based on the expertise of nominees, the need to ensure fair and equitable geographic representation and gender balance. Thanks to the generous support of the Government of Japan and the European Union, the Secretariat is in a position to provide financial assistance to participants from developing countries, as well as local communities' representatives and experts for the meeting, which will be held in Montreal, on 14 to 16 July 2011 (please note the revised dates).

The list of selected participants is attached in the Annex. Selected participants will be notified in due course.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

To: CBD Focal Points, international organizations, indigenous and local community organizations and relevant stakeholders

**SELECTED EXPERTS
FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY EXPERT GROUP
14 - 16 JULY 2011**

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1. Ms. Edna Maria Costa e Silva, Cooperativa Ecologica Das Mulheres Extrativistas Do Marajo; Brazil.
2. Ms. Lourdes Cardozo Laureano, Articulacion Pacari-Plantas Medicinales del Cerrado; Brazil.
3. Mr. Santiago Obispo, Red de cooperación amazónica (REDECAM); Venezuela.
4. Mr. Jorge Varela Marquez, Red Internacional del Manglar/ World Forum of Fisher Peoples; Honduras.
5. Ms. Evelyn Alexandra Buenaño Ramírez, Oficinas Regionales de Políticas de Equidad Racial; Peru.
6. Mr. Miguel Pereira, Mundo Afro; Uruguay.
7. Ms. Eulalia Hermosilla Gamarra, TESA REKA PARAGUAY (TRP); Paraguay.
8. Ms. María Dolores Vera García, Red Internacional del Manglar; Ecuador.
9. Mr. Laurent Jean Pierre; Saint Lucia.

ASIA-PACIFIC

10. Mr. Sirilo Dulunaqio, The Coral Reef Alliance, Fiji.
11. Mr. Jebra Ram Muchahary, Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (ICITP)/Organization of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of India; India.
12. Mr. M. Taghi Farvar, ICCA Consortium, President of the ICCA Consortium and member of the Council of Elders of the National Union of Pastoralist Tribes of Iran.
13. Ms. Usha Lachungpa, India.
14. Mr. Seuala Patone; Samoa.

AFRICA

15. Mr. Abdullah Herzenni, ICCA Consortium; Morocco.
16. Mr. Gladman Chibememe, Chibememe Earth Healing Association's (CHIEHA); Zimbabwe.
17. Mr. John Tinka, Kibale Association for Rural and Environmental Development. Uganda.
18. Mr. Makungo Mbulaheni Edwin; South Africa.
19. Mr. Randrianalison Gervais; Madagascar.

EU

20. Ms. Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend, ICCA Consortium, Coordinator of the ICCA Consortium, Italy.
21. Mr. Sebastien Rodriguez, Exceptional Flowers of Grasse; France.
22. Ms. Genevieve Juge, Exceptional Flowers of Grasse and Centrefolia Secretariat; France.

NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

23. Ms. Ana Rachel Teixeira Cavalcante, Commission on Environmental Law CEL/IUCN; Brazil.
24. Mr. Abul Hasanat Mohammed Rezwan, The Global Fund for Children (GFC); Bangladesh.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

25. Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Senior Treaty Officer, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, ITPGRFA.
26. Ms. Eileen de Ravin, Equator Initiative, UNDP.