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NOTIFICATION

Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J-7), Montreal, Canada, 31 October to 4 November 2011

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to confirm that the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions will be held at the International Civil Aviation Organization Headquarters in Montreal, from 31 October to 4 November 2011, back-to-back with the fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-15), which will be held from 7 to 11 November 2011.

The provisional agenda is attached for your information. The pre-session and other relevant documentation for the meeting, as well as the Information Note for Participants, will be made available as soon as possible and, in any case, no later than three months in advance of the meeting at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WG8J-07>.

In view of your organization's interest in the issues being addressed by the Working Group, I have the honour of inviting your indigenous and/or local community to nominate a representative to attend the meeting. Kindly note that the designation of representative(s), containing full name and contact details, should be submitted in the form of an official letter addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, and sent to the Secretariat by fax at +1 514-288-6588 or as a scanned email attachment to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible, but **no later than 30 September 2011**.

In accordance with decision VIII/5 D on the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to facilitate the participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention Indigenous and local communities, representatives **wishing to receive funding** from the Voluntary Trust Fund to facilitate their participation in the above-mentioned meeting are invited to submit their application forms **no later than 31 July 2011**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Due to the fact that the meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) will be held back-to-back with SBSTTA-15, **applicants from indigenous and local communities who indicate they are able to participate in both meetings will be given priority in the selection process**.

To: Indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders

The **Voluntary Trust Fund application forms** are available in the six official languages of the United Nations and accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/traditional/fund.shtml>.

The **completed application forms** should be sent to the Secretariat either by fax to: +1 514 288 6588 or as a scanned email attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int, together with a recent *Curriculum Vitae* and an **official letter of recommendation** from the relevant organization addressed to the Executive Secretary of the CBD.

I look forward to the participation of your indigenous or local community in the meeting and your continued contribution to the work of the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment



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AD HOC OPEN-ENDED INTER-SESSIONAL
WORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 8(j) AND
RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY

Seventh meeting
Montreal, 31 October-4 November 2011

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Progress report on the programme of work for Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
4. Mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention.
5. In-depth dialogue on thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues: ecosystem management, ecosystem services and protected areas.
6. Multi-year programme of work on the implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity:
 - (a) Tasks 7, 10, and 12 of the revised multi-year programme of work;
 - (b) Task 15 of the revised multi-year programme of work;
 - (c) Development of elements of *sui generis* systems for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices;
 - (d) Strategy to integrate Article 10, with a focus on Article 10(c), as a cross-cutting issue into the programmes of work and thematic areas of the Convention;
 - (e) Development of indicators relevant for traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use.
7. Recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting.
