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## NOTIFICATION

**Fifteenth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice  
(SBSTTA-15), Montréal, Canada  
7 to 11 November 2011**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the fifteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-15) will be held from 7 to 11 November 2011 at the Headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), in Montréal, Canada. It will be preceded by the seventh meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J-7), which will take place from 31 October to 4 November 2011.

I am pleased to attach herewith the provisional agenda proposed by the SBSTTA-15 Bureau. 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=SBSTTA-15>.

In view of your organization's interest in the issues being addressed by SBSTTA-15, I have the honour of inviting your organization to participate in this meeting. Please advise the Secretariat of the name(s) and coordinates of your organization's representative(s) to this meeting. Kindly note that the designation of representative(s) 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](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) as soon as possible, but **no later than 30 September 2011**.

I look forward to the participation of your organization in this meeting and to your continued support to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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

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To: UN Organizations and Specialized Agencies, IGOs, NGOs and Indigenous organizations



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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**SBSTTA-15 Meeting, Montréal, Canada**  
**7 to 11 November 2011**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of officers, adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Scientific and technical issues of relevance to the implementation of, reporting on, and follow-up to, the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 - 2020:
  - 3.1 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020: Updated technical rationale, suggested milestones and indicators;
  - 3.2 Ways and means to support ecosystem restoration;
  - 3.3 Capacity-building strategy for the Global Taxonomy Initiative.
4. Matters arising from other decisions adopted at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:
  - 4.1 Invasive alien species: proposals on ways and means to address gaps in international standards regarding invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, as live bait and live food;
  - 4.2 Inland water biodiversity: Implications of changes in the water cycle, and freshwater resources in the implementation of the programmes of work;
  - 4.3 Sustainable use of biodiversity;
  - 4.4 Arctic biodiversity.
5. Ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
6. Draft provisional agenda, and dates and venue for the sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.
7. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.

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