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NOTIFICATION

Invitation to CBD Expert Meeting to Develop a Series of Joint Expert Review Processes to Monitor and Assess the Impacts of Ocean Acidification on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity, 19 – 20 October 2011, Montreal, Canada.

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision X/29, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity requested the Executive Secretary to develop, a series of joint expert review processes to monitor and assess the impacts of ocean acidification on marine and coastal biodiversity and widely disseminate the results of this assessment in order to raise awareness of Parties, other Governments and organizations, and, given the relationship between atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration and ocean acidification, also requested the Executive Secretary to transmit the results of these assessments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The Conference of the Parties requested that this meeting be organized in collaboration with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC/UNESCO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC), the World Conservation Monitoring Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP-WCMC), the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), Ramsar Convention, Antarctic Treaty, the Arctic Council, and other relevant organizations and scientific groups.

Pursuant to this request, I have the pleasure to inform you that, with financial support from the Government of Spain, the Secretariat is convening an **Expert Meeting to Develop a Series of Joint Expert Review Processes to Monitor and Assess the Impacts of Ocean Acidification on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity**, which will take place 19 to 20 October 2011, in Montreal, Canada.

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To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points;
Other Governments; IOC/UNESCO, FAO, UNFCCC Secretariat,
UNEP-WCMC, ICRI, Ramsar Convention, Antarctic Treaty,
the Arctic Council, and Other Relevant Organizations and Scientific Groups



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In this regard, I invite you to nominate, at your earliest convenience but no later than **31 August 2011**, an expert who can participate in this meeting. The selection of experts will be based on expertise and experience, taking into account the guidance of COP in its decision X/29 on collaborating organizations, and will be carried out using the following criteria:

- Good knowledge of issues related to, and experience in scientific research and monitoring of impacts of ocean acidification on marine and coastal biodiversity; and
- Good knowledge of issues pertaining to, and experience in the implementation of the CBD programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity.

The draft provisional agenda is annexed to this notification for your reference. Meeting documents will be forwarded to the selected experts and posted on the CBD website in due course. The meeting will be conducted in English.

Nominations should be submitted to the Secretariat (secretariat@cbd.int or fax +1-514-288-6588) together with a curriculum vitae that clearly indicates the areas of expertise and experience of the nominee.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support of the work of the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghla
Executive Secretary

Attachment

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of the workshop co-chairs, adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3. Identify gaps and barriers in existing monitoring and scientific assessment of the impacts of ocean acidification on marine and coastal biodiversity in terms of their linkages to relevant global policy processes
4. Develop options for addressing identified gaps and barriers, including a proposal for the development of a series of joint expert review processes
5. Identify necessary collaboration activities to implement possible options for addressing identified gaps and barriers
6. Other matters
7. Adoption of the report
8. Closure of the meeting