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NOTIFICATION
Call for posters for the Sixteenth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-16)

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to announce that the theme of the poster session for the sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), to be held in Montréal, Canada, from 30 April to 5 May 2012, is: “**Oceans, Coasts, Islands: Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets**”.

Parties, other Governments and relevant United Nations, inter-governmental, non-governmental, regional and international organizations, indigenous and local communities, and the private sector are invited to contribute posters and extended abstracts showcasing how the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (www.cbd.int/sp/targets) are being achieved in oceans, coasts and islands. Participants are strongly encouraged to focus their submissions on one of the following targets: 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 or 15.

Please indicate your intention to present a poster and accompanying two-page abstract by completing and returning the attached form before **29 February 2012**, by fax or email to secretariat@cbd.int. Upon receipt of your form, we will forward detailed guidelines (which are also available on the SBSTTA-16 web pages at: <http://www.cbd.int/sbstta16/poster-session>).

Note that posters must demonstrate a close relationship with the theme of this year’s poster session and that there will be a limit to the number of posters presented. Participation is not restricted to meeting participants.

The Secretariat of the CBD plans to publish the extended abstracts of the posters in its Technical Series. The deadline for submission of extended abstracts is **26 March 2012**.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, POWPA Focal Points and relevant organizations

SBSTTA-16 POSTER AND ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM
Theme: Oceans, Coasts, Islands: Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

An electronic version of this form can be found at the following link:
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2012/ntf-2012-020-sbstta16-form-en.doc>

Poster/Abstract Title: _____

Keywords: _____

Author(s): _____

Contact: _____

Affiliation: _____

Government Private Sector Academia UN Agency NGO IGO

Address: _____

City: _____

Province/State: _____ Postal/ZIP code: _____

Country: _____

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Please indicate below the Aichi Biodiversity Target(s) under which the subject of your poster would best fit (full text of these and all 20 targets available at: www.cbd.int/sp/targets):

Target 6– Fish, invertebrates and aquatic plants are sustainable harvested

Target 7 – Areas under aquaculture are managed sustainably

Target 10 – Pressure from ocean acidification and climate change on coral reefs and other vulnerable ecosystems minimized

Target 11– At least 10% of coastal and marine areas are conserved in networks of protected areas

Target 14 – Ecosystems that provide water, health, livelihoods and well-being are restored and safeguarded

Target 15 – Ecosystem resilience and carbon stocks from biodiversity are enhanced, at least 15% of degraded ecosystems are restored (e.g., mangroves), promoting joint implementation of Rio Conventions.

Please forward the completed form before **29 February 2012** to:

E-mail: secretariat@cbd.int or Fax: 1-514-288-6588