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NOTIFICATION

Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for Middle East region and Djibouti, Libya, Mauritania, Amman, Jordan, 9 – 10 April 2013

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision X/1, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to provide technical assistance to Parties, subject to the availability of financial resources, with a view to supporting the early ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing.

In accordance with this request, I am pleased to inform you that a regional workshop on the Nagoya Protocol for countries in the Middle East will be held from 9 to 10 April 2013 in Amman, Jordan. The workshop is being organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with the Royal Botanic Garden of Jordan and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) under the framework of the Medium-sized project (GEF-MSP) on Capacity-Building for the early entry into force of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS, funded by the Global Environment Facility and the Japan Biodiversity Fund.

The objective of the workshop is to raise awareness and build the capacity of participating countries on the Nagoya Protocol and provide an opportunity to exchange experiences and lessons learnt in preparing for its ratification and implementation. Further details on the workshop, including the agenda and logistical arrangements, will be communicated in due course. Simultaneous interpretation of English and Arabic will be provided.

Nomination of participants

Parties from Middle East region and Djibouti, Libya and Mauritania are invited to nominate two representatives to participate in the workshop at their earliest convenience, but no later than, **19 March 2013**. The Secretariat will be in a position to finance the participation of two representatives from each Party. Parties are requested to nominate representatives that are actively involved in the ratification and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol in his or her country.

The nomination should be in the form of an official letter addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary signed by the CBD Focal Point, or a senior government official, and should contain the name

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and full contact information of the nominated participants, including email address. This letter can either be scanned and emailed to secretariat@cbd.int or faxed to the Secretariat at + 1 514 288 6588.

Upon receipt of nominations, further information on travel will be duly communicated to nominated participants.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

Attachment

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Middle East and Djibouti, Libya, Mauritania,
Amman, Jordan, 9 – 10 April 2013**

NOMINEE

FAMILY NAME (as per passport):

Mr./ Γ Ms./ Γ

FIRST NAME (as per passport):

INSTITUTION/FUNCTION/ Y:

DATE OF BIRTH/:

PASSPORT NUMBER (passport should be valid for 6 months):

PASSPORT ISSUE Date :

PASSPORT EXPIRY Date:

DEPARTURE AND RETURN city:

HOME ADDRESS:

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MOBILE:

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