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## NOTIFICATION

### **Eighth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J 8), Montreal, Canada, from 7 to 11 October 2013**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to confirm that the eighth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J 8) will be held at the International Civil Aviation Organization Headquarters in Montreal, from 7 to 11 October 2013, back-to-back with the seventeenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 17), which will be held from 14 to 18 October 2013.

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 in due course and no later than six weeks before the meeting, at the following internet address: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WG8J-08>.

In view of your organization's interest in the issues being addressed by the Working Group and/or by SBSTTA 17, I have the honour of inviting indigenous and/or local communities' organizations to participate in these meetings. 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 Executive Secretary, and sent to the Secretariat by fax at +1 514-288-6588 or as a scanned e-mail attachment to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) as soon as possible, but no later than **16 August 2013**.

Pending the availability of financial resources, indigenous and local community representatives seeking funding support may apply to the Voluntary Fund for the participation of indigenous and local community representatives in meetings held under the Convention, by submitting an application to the Secretariat at least three months prior to the eighth meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, no later than **5 July 2013**. Each organization may nominate up to two representatives (one male and one female) for consideration by the voluntary fund.

In order to maximize limited resources, priority will be given to representatives who can participate in both meetings. Applications are available in the six United Nations languages at: <http://www.cbd.int/traditional/fund.shtml>.

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

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

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Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: Indigenous and local communities



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WORKING GROUP ON ARTICLE 8(j) AND  
RELATED PROVISIONS OF THE  
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL  
DIVERSITY

Eighth meeting  
Montreal, 7-11 October 2013

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Progress report on the implementation of the programme of work for Article 8(j) and related provisions and mechanisms to promote the effective participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention.
4. Multi-Year Programme of Work on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and Related Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity:
  - (a) Article 10(c), as a new major component of work of the revised work programme for Article 8(j) and related provisions;
  - (b) Best-practice guidelines that would facilitate enhancement of the repatriation of indigenous and traditional knowledge (Task 15);
  - (c) How tasks 7, 10 and 12 could best contribute to work under the Convention and to the Nagoya Protocol;
  - (d) *Sui generis* systems for the protection, preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.
5. Recommendations from the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
6. In-depth dialogue on thematic areas and other cross-cutting issues: “Connecting traditional knowledge systems and science, such as under IPBES, including gender dimensions”.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report.
9. Closure of the meeting.

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