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NOTIFICATION

Side-events in the 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,

As you may know, 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 Secretariat encourages Governments and partner Organizations to organize side-events for WG8J 8 which further enrich the discussions on items on the agenda of this meeting. The agenda is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WG8J-08>.

Requests should be made using the online side-event submission system available on the Secretariat's web site at: <http://www.cbd.int/register/home.shtml>. The deadline for the receipt of requests is 3 September 2013. Requests received after the deadline will not be considered.

Kindly note that preference will be given to side-events which are of direct relevance to the issues under discussion at the WG8J 8 meeting, which will focus on facilitating the implementation of the Revised Work Programme of Article 8(j), i.e.:

- (a) How tasks 7, 10 and 12 could best contribute to work under the Convention and the Nagoya Protocol;
- (b) Best-practice guidelines that would facilitate enhancement of the repatriation of indigenous and traditional knowledge (Task 15);
- (c) Development of a Plan of Action for Customary Sustainable Use;
- (d) *Sui generis* systems for the protection, preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices.

In the event that the number of applications exceeds the time available, priority will be given to co-organized events focussing on current agenda items.

Subject to availability of rooms and provided that side-event requests are received before the set deadline, meeting rooms equipped with LCD projectors and computers/laptops for PowerPoint presentations, are provided at no cost to the side-event organizers. However, there may be a cost to the organizers when an event is scheduled in a room that does not already contain the required equipment. Should this be the case, organizers will be notified accordingly. It should be noted that side-events may be rescheduled depending on official sessions of the meeting. Should such a situation occur, it is the responsibility of side event organizers to advise the caterer accordingly.

To: CBD National Focal Points, International, Non-Governmental and ILC Organizations



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The list of side-event requests once processed by the CBD will be made available on the WG8J 8 website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WG8J-08> .

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

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