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NOTIFICATION

Twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 12) 6 to 17 October 2014 – Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, at the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea, the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 12) will be held in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea, from 6 to 17 October 2014, back-to-back with the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, which will be held from 29 September to 3 October 2014.

The provisional agenda of the meeting, as approved by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, is attached. The annotated agenda will be made available six months prior to the meeting. Other pre-session documentation will be made available as soon as practicable and, in any case, no later than six weeks prior to the meeting. The pre-session documents and information for participants will be accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=COP-12>. Additional information on the organization of the meeting, including its high level segment, will be made available in due course.

In accordance with rules 6 and 7 of the Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the meeting is open to organizations and agencies, whether governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, which have informed the Secretariat of their wish to be represented at the meeting.

Registration of representatives from these organizations is subject to the receipt by the Secretariat of an official letter, before the opening of the meeting, from the Chief Executive or President of the organization. The letter must indicate the list of names, the head of delegation, the titles and contacts of the delegates to the meeting and should be received by the Secretariat by 15 September 2014.

We look forward to your participation in this important event.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

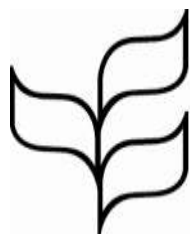
To : International and non-governmental organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders



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Twelfth meeting
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Organization of work.
5. Report on the credentials of representatives to the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
6. Pending issues.
7. Date and venue of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

II. REPORTS

8. Reports of intersessional and regional preparatory meetings.
9. Report of the Executive Secretary on the administration of the Convention and the budget for the Trust Funds of the Convention.
10. Status of the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization.

III. ASSESSING PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020¹

11. Global Biodiversity Outlook: fourth edition.
12. Review of the updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans.

¹ Consideration of this cluster of items will start with a special informal session to share experiences and discuss challenges in the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

13. Mid-term review of progress towards the goals of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, including the programmes of work and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.
14. Review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

IV. ENHANCING IMPLEMENTATION TO ACHIEVE THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020

15. Contribution to the Millennium Development Goals and to the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals.
16. Further development of tools and guidance to assist implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.
17. Capacity-building, enhancement of technical and scientific cooperation and other initiatives to assist implementation.
18. Resource mobilization.
19. Financial mechanism.

V. OTHER ITEMS RESULTING FROM THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE CONVENTION

20. Access and benefit-sharing and status of the Nagoya Protocol.
21. Article 8(j) and related provisions.
22. Liability and redress.
23. Marine and coastal biodiversity.
24. Climate change and biodiversity.
25. Invasive alien species.
26. Geoengineering and synthetic biology.

VI. OPERATIONS OF THE CONVENTION AND COOPERATION

27. Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2020.
28. Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention, and retirement of decisions.
29. Cooperation with other conventions, international organizations and stakeholders' engagement, including business.
30. Budget for the programme of work for the biennium 2015-2016.

VII. FINAL MATTERS

31. Other matters.
32. Adoption of the report.
33. Closure of the meeting.
