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NOTIFICATION

**Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation
of the Convention (WGRI 5), 16 to 20 June 2014
and
Eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and
Technological Advice (SBSTTA 18), 23 to 28 June 2014
Montreal, Canada**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 5) will be held from 16 to 20 June 2014, followed by the eighteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 18) from 23 to 28 June 2014, in Montreal, Canada, at the Headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The provisional agendas for these meetings, as approved respectively by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), are attached. The pre-session and other relevant documentation for these meetings, as well as the Information Note for Participants, will be made available in due course, at the following respective webpages: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WGRI-05> and <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SBSTTA-18>.

In accordance with rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the designation of representatives to attend the WGRI 5 and the SBSTTA 18 meetings should be submitted, through an official letter to be addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, and sent to the Secretariat as soon as possible, as a scanned e-mail attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int or by fax at +1 514-288-6588, but no later than **30 April 2014**.

Please note that subject to the availability of contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund (BZ), the Secretariat will be in a position to finance the participation of one representative (for both meetings, i.e. the WGRI 5 and the SBSTTA 18 meetings) from each of the developing countries Parties to the Convention, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States, other developing countries, and countries with economies in transition. Eligible Parties to the Convention, wishing to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to advise the Secretariat at their earliest convenience, but no later than **7 April 2014**, of the name and coordinates of their Government's officially designated representative to benefit from such financial support. It will not be possible for the Secretariat to respond positively to request for funding received after the deadline.

To: CBD National Focal Points and SBSTTA Focal Points



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Due to the increased security procedures for travellers and budget constraints, and with a view to enable the participation of a maximum number of countries in the meeting, the Secretariat will be using special airfare tickets for sponsored delegates that impose restrictions with respect to the changing of passenger's name, travel dates and itinerary. Please note, therefore, that it will not be possible for the Secretariat to accommodate name changes if received after **15 April 2014**.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary

Attachment



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AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON
REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CONVENTION
Fifth meeting
Montreal, 16-20 June 2014

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Election of officers.
3. Organization of work.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020

4. Review of progress in updating and implementing national biodiversity strategies and action plans.
5. Review of progress in providing support in implementing the objectives of the Convention and its Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.
6. Resource mobilization, including target setting, and review of implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization and the roadmap.
7. Financial mechanism.
8. Biodiversity for poverty eradication and sustainable development.
9. Gender mainstreaming.

III. COOPERATION

10. Cooperation with other Conventions, international organizations and initiatives.
11. Engagement with subnational and local governments.

12. Engagement of stakeholders, including business.

IV. OPERATION OF THE CONVENTION

13. Improving the efficiency of structures and processes under the Convention.
14. Retirement of decisions.

V. FINAL MATTERS

15. Other matters.
16. Adoption of the report.
17. Closure of the meeting.



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SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

Eighteenth meeting
Montreal, 23-28 June 2014

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters.
3. Global Biodiversity Outlook: mid-term review of progress towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets:
 - 3.1 Review of the draft of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook;
 - 3.2 Review of the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020.
4. Marine and coastal biodiversity:
 - 4.1 Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas;
 - 4.2 Addressing impacts of underwater noise on marine and coastal biodiversity;
 - 4.3 Addressing impacts of marine debris on marine and coastal biodiversity;
 - 4.4 Systematic review on the impacts of ocean acidification and proposal to update the specific work plan on coral bleaching;
 - 4.5 Tools and capacity development, including marine spatial planning and training initiatives.
5. Invasive alien species:
 - 5.1 Management of risks associated with invasive alien species introduced as pets, aquarium and terrarium species, and as live bait and live food;
 - 5.2 Review of work on invasive alien species and considerations for future work.
6. New and emerging issues: synthetic biology.
7. Incentive measures: obstacles encountered in implementing options identified for eliminating, phasing out or reforming incentives that are harmful for biodiversity
8. Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.
9. Consideration of issues in progress:
 - 9.1 Integration of the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity into climate-change mitigation and adaptation activities;
 - 9.2 Application of relevant safeguards for biodiversity with regard to policy approaches and positive incentives on issues relating to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest

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degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries;

- 9.3 Climate-related geoengineering;
 - 9.4 Ecosystem conservation and restoration;
 - 9.5 Definitions of key terms related to biofuels and biodiversity;
 - 9.6 Sustainable use of biodiversity: bushmeat and sustainable wildlife management;
 - 9.7 Health and biodiversity.
10. Other matters.
 11. Adoption of the report.
 12. Closure of the meeting.
