



Convention on Biological Diversity

Secretariat

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Dear Madam/Sir,

NOTIFICATION

Biodiversity and Tourism

I wish to draw your attention to decision V/25 of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, on biological diversity and tourism.

In paragraph 2 of decision V/25, the Conference of the Parties accepted the invitation to participate in the international work programme on sustainable tourism development under the Commission on Sustainable Development process with regard to biological diversity, in particular, *“with a view to contributing to international guidelines for activities related to sustainable tourism development in vulnerable terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems and habitats of major importance for biological diversity and protected areas, including fragile riparian and mountain ecosystems, bearing in mind the need for such guidelines to apply to activities both within and outside protected areas, and taking into account existing guidelines...”*

To facilitate the development of such guidelines, the Conference of the Parties further requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a proposal for the contribution of the guidelines, by convening an international workshop. Thanks to the generous support of the Government of Germany, a workshop on biological diversity and tourism will be held on 4-8 June 2001 at a venue yet to be determined. The purpose of the workshop will be to develop the guidelines contemplated in decision V/25. It will bring together approximately 50 Government nominated technical experts as well as observers from competent organizations.

In this regard, I would appreciate it if your Government could submit names and curriculum vitae of suitably qualified experts to the Secretariat **no later than 15 March 2001** in order to facilitate the selection of participants to the workshop. In submitting names of experts, governments are invited to bear in mind the need to ensure an adequate representation of the various stakeholders, including in particular experts directly involved in the management of parks and other vulnerable areas.

To the extent possible, the Government nominated experts will be selected on the basis of their expertise, the need to ensure adequate regional balance, as well as gender balance.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and your continued support of the work of the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

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