

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

Updating or Revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention after 2010

Dear Madam / Sir,

The Conference of the Parties (COP) at its ninth regular session, in adopting <u>decision IX/9</u> on the revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention after 2010, invited Parties and observers to submit further views on the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan.

As suggested by the COP, in preparing their submissions, Parties are encouraged to facilitate dialogue among different sectors of government and society, including scientific and academic bodies, indigenous and local communities and stakeholders.

On the basis of the submissions, and other relevant information, the Executive Secretary will prepare a synthesis/analysis of issues relevant to the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan which will be circulated for review by Parties and others in early 2009. A revised synthesis/analysis and a draft updated Strategic Plan will be made available to the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 3), which will develop a draft decision on the matter for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its tenth regular meeting (COP 10). Further information is available at https://www.cbd.int/doc/strategic-plan/post-2010.doc.

The adoption of an updated Strategic Plan, including a revised biodiversity target, will be a key outcome of COP 10. It is therefore crucial that Parties contribute to this important process. I look forward to receiving your submissions at your earliest convenience and **no later than 31 December 2008**.

Yours sincerely,

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