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NOTIFICATION

Orientation session for delegates on mainstreaming gender considerations into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), 24 May 2010, Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Madam/Sir,

Pursuant to paragraph 8 (d) of decision IX/8¹ and decision IX/24² of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), we are pleased to invite you to an orientation session on the CBD Technical Series No: 49 on *Guidelines for mainstreaming Gender into the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans*. The document is available at www.cbd.int/ts in English and Spanish. The French version will be made available 30 April 2010.

In collaboration with the IUCN Senior Gender Advisor's Office, the session will be held on 24 May 2010 from 13:15 to 15:00 at the Gigiri Conference Centre in Nairobi, Kenya. The objectives of the orientation session are:

- to recognize the dimensions of gender and biodiversity;
- to implement target 3 in the delivery sphere of the CBD Gender Plan of Action: *Identify, develop/improve and promote gender-biodiversity implementation tools and methodologies*, as approved in COP decision IX/24; and
- to provide tools and methodologies to mainstream gender equality in the NBSAPs.

Due to limited space, participants will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis and as such, we would appreciate receiving your confirmation of participation at your earliest convenience, but no later than **19 May 2010**. Please send your confirmation to marie.khan@cbd.int, or to secretariat@cbd.int.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

¹ www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-08-en.pdf - Decision IX/8 on *Review of implementation of goals 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan*

² www.cbd.int/doc/decisions/cop-09/cop-09-dec-24-en.pdf - Decision IX/24 on the *CBD Gender Plan of Action*

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