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NOTIFICATION

Regional Workshop for Europe on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that a regional workshop for the updating and revision of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) for European countries will be held on the Isle of Vilm, Germany, from **15 to 19 April 2011**. This workshop is organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), with the support of, and in collaboration with, the International Academy for Nature Conservation on the Isle of Vilm, a division of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN).

The tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 10), held in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan, from 18 to 29 October 2010, adopted a Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) which contains five strategic goals and twenty headline targets also known as the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. While adopting this strategy for the next decade, the COP urged Parties to develop national and regional targets, using the Strategic Plan as a flexible framework, as well as to review and, as appropriate, update and revise their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, in line with the Strategic Plan.

This workshop is one in a series of regional and sub-regional capacity-building workshops to be organized in 2011 and 2012. The purpose of this workshop is to strengthen national capacities for the development, implementation, review, updating and communication of NBSAPs; to facilitate national implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020); and to translate the new Strategic Plan into national targets and commitments (decision X/2 (17)).

To: **CBD Primary National Focal Points of the following countries:**

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Union, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Please also note that the workshop will be held in English. Some interpretation between Russian and English will be provided as needed.

In light of the above, I am pleased to invite you to nominate a representative of your Government to participate in this workshop. The nomination should be in the form of an official letter signed by yourself or a senior government official and, using the attached nomination form, contain the name and full contact information of the nominee. This letter and attached nomination form can either be scanned and emailed to secretariat@cbd.int, or faxed to the Secretariat at + 1 514 288 6588, with a copy to Ms. Gisela Stolpe at the International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm, at the coordinates indicated in the nomination form. Your nomination should be submitted by **no later than 1 March 2011**. Representatives from eligible countries with economies in transition will be provided with costs of travel, accommodation and meals. New EU members from Eastern Europe can apply for some support towards their travel costs.

In submitting nominations, Parties are requested to note that the participant should be responsible for the development, updating and/or implementation of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan, and in a position to translate the capacity gained into concrete actions in support of national implementation.

A limited number of additional participants from the planning or financing ministries will also be invited. Parties are therefore also invited to nominate such suitable participants who should be in a position to support the national development, updating and/or implementation of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan through the mainstreaming of biodiversity into relevant sectors.

We look forward to receiving your early nominations. I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

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

Yours sincerely,

Ahmed Djoghla
Executive Secretary

Attachment

NOMINATION FORM

To be returned to:

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I hereby nominate the following person(s) for the
CBD Regional Workshop on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)
15-19 April 2011

Deadline: 1 March 2011

1st nominee

Name: Mr. Ms.

Institution/Function:

Address:

Tel.:

Fax:

Email:

2nd nominee

Name: Mr. Ms.

Institution/Function:

Address:

Tel.:

Fax:

Email:

Travel, board and lodging costs at the International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm
http://www.bfn.de/0608_insel_vilm+M52087573ab0.html

- Lodging per day: single room – 51 €, double room – 37 €
- Board per day: 24 € (+ 3,50 € for morning and afternoon coffee)
- *Funding for travel, board and lodging available upon request for selected countries*