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## NOTIFICATION

### **Regional Workshop for Southern Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: Incorporating work on valuation and incentive measures**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to my notification SCBD/ITS/DC/SK/74704 of 17 January 2011, I am pleased to inform you that the regional capacity building workshop for Southern African countries on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans will be supplemented with two additional days with specific focus on valuation and incentive measures, and will thus run from **14 to 20 March 2011**. You are kindly requested to take this into consideration in your nomination of representatives.

The supplement is in line with the request of the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting to support countries in: (i) making use of the findings of the study on the Economics of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity (TEEB); (ii) integrating the values of biodiversity into relevant national and local policies, programmes and planning processes; (iii) identifying, eliminating, phasing out, or reforming, with a view to minimize or avoid negative impacts from, existing harmful incentives for sectors that can potentially affect biodiversity; and (iv) promoting the design and implementation, in all key economic sectors, of positive incentive measures for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. The two additional days will focus on these issues and thus help to facilitate implementation of targets 2 and 3 of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020, as well as other related targets and decisions, and their translation into national targets and commitments. They are organized in cooperation with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and with the generous support of the European Community and Mercuria Energy Group.

I wish to recall that, in submitting your nominations for the workshop, you are kindly requested to note that one of the two representatives should be responsible for the development and/or implementation of the national biodiversity and action plan, while the other representative should be from the finance, economic or development planning ministry and be in a position to share experiences on mainstreaming biodiversity into national development plans (please refer to my earlier notification of 17 January 2011).

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

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

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