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NOTIFICATION

Workshops for indigenous and local communities on web-based technologies, in particular on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism Development

Dear Madam/Sir,

In paragraph 8 of Decision VII/14, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) “invites Parties, Governments and relevant organizations to provide indigenous and local communities with capacity-building and financial resources to support their active participation in tourism policy-making, development planning, product development and management indicated by the Guidelines”. Furthermore, through paragraph 13, and paragraph 6(a) of section D/II, of Decision VIII/5 on Article 8(j) and related provisions, the COP requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Parties, to convene, subject to the availability of financial resources, regional and sub-regional workshops to assist indigenous and local communities in capacity-building, education and training, as well as in using new information and web-based technologies and establishing communication networks.

In light of the above, the Secretariat of the CBD is in the process of organizing a series of training workshops to support capacity-building and exchanges between indigenous people on managing biodiversity and tourism products applying the CBD Guidelines. The workshops will primarily focus on new information and web-based technologies, and will test and assess participative planning tools.

In recognition of the International Polar Year (IPY) 2007-2008, the Secretariat is organizing the first workshop in the Arctic region, which will be held tentatively from 19 to 23 November 2007 in Quebec City, Canada, as part of a global initiative entitled *Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity Workshop Series: New Information and Web-based Technologies*. Concerned Parties have been individually approached with regards to the first event. Similar workshops are planned to be organized in Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia, with a focus on forest basins, islands and mountains.

I look forward to contacting you in due time with regards to your participation in this initiative and thank you for your continued contribution to the work of the Convention.

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

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