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NOTIFICATION

Second Regional Capacity Development Workshop for Europe on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans, and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity Isle of Vilm, Germany, 13 - 17 June 2009

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that a regional workshop for countries of Europe on Capacity Building for National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP) and Biodiversity Mainstreaming will be held on the Isle of Vilm, Germany, from 13 to 17 June 2009. The workshop is being organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in collaboration with, and support of, the International Academy for Nature Conservation on the Isle of Vilm, a division of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN).

This workshop is one of a series of regional and sub-regional capacity development workshops organized in response to decisions VIII/8 and IX/8, by which the Conference of the Parties (COP) recommended that regional and/or sub-regional workshops be convened to discuss national experiences in implementing NBSAPs and the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors, including consideration of obstacles and ways and means for overcoming the obstacles.

A first workshop for Europe was held in April 2008. However, a number of European countries were not able to participate at that time. These countries are therefore invited to the present workshop. Further information on the workshop series is available at: www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops.shtml. The documentation of the first workshop for Europe can be downloaded at http://www.bfn.de/0610_vortraege+M52087573ab0.html.

I am pleased to invite you to nominate a representative to participate in this workshop at your earliest convenience, but no later than **1 March 2009**.

In submitting nominations, Parties are requested to note that the representative should be responsible for the development and/or implementation of the national biodiversity strategy and action plan and should be in a position to prepare and present a report on progress made in the development, implementation, reviewing and updating of NBSAPs, as well as the integration of biodiversity concerns into relevant sectors (for example, by using the voluntary guidelines



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annexed to decision VIII/8). Moreover, following the workshop, the representative should be in a position to translate the capacity gained into concrete actions in support of national implementation. Please note that the workshop will be held in English.

In addition to country representatives, a limited number of experts will be selected to participate in the workshop, acting as resource persons. Accordingly, you may wish to recommend an expert from your country involved in integrating biodiversity into development planning. If you wish to nominate an expert in addition to the country representative, please clearly indicate in the nomination letter which person has been nominated as country representative, and which person is recommended as an expert.

CIS country Parties and non-EU member States will be granted the costs of travel, accommodation and meals. New EU members from Eastern Europe can apply for some support towards their travel costs. In submitting nominations, I request that you **provide full contact details, including e-mail addresses, using the attached nomination form.** Please send the form to both the CBD Secretariat at secretariat@cbd.int and the International Academy for Nature Conservation at andrea.burmester@bfm-vilm.de, before the deadline of 1 March 2009, so that we could follow up with the nominees with further details about the workshop.

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

Attachment

Nomination form

to be returned to:

Andrea Burmester, Isle of Vilm, D-18581 Putbus, Germany
Fax: +49-38301-86-150, email: andrea.burmester@bfn-vilm.de and
secretariat@cbd.int

I hereby nominate the following person(s) for the
**CBD regional workshop on NBSAPs and biodiversity mainstreaming for
Europe, 13-17 June 2009**
Deadline: 1 March, 2009

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/06>):**

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