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NOTIFICATION

Request for submissions of views and information on the proposals for new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity

Dear Madam/Sir,

Pursuant to the procedure adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision IX/29 for identifying and addressing new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, the Secretariat issued notifications 2008-083, 2008-084, 2008-142 and 2008-159 in July, October and December 2008 requesting Parties and relevant organizations to submit proposals for new and emerging issues including relevant information to substantiate the proposals. As of today, eight submissions were received, including from four Parties. The proposals are listed in the annex to this notification with additional information accessible from <http://www.cbd.int/convention/emerging.shtml>.

In accordance with paragraph 9 of decision IX/29, I am inviting Parties and relevant organizations to contribute relevant information and views related to the proposals taking into account the criteria listed in paragraph 12 of the decision. Views and information may be submitted to the Secretariat (secretariat@cbd.int or fax +1-514-288-6588) at your earliest convenience, but **no later than 31 December 2009**.

The Secretariat will then prepare a document compiling the original submissions and the information and views received for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its fourteenth meeting.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Executive Secretary

Attachment

To: CBD and SBSTTA focal points and relevant organizations

Annex

Submissions received in response to notifications 2008-083 and 2008-084

(see <http://www.cbd.int/convention/emerging.shtml> for details and additional background information where this was provided)

Proponent	Date	Proposed issue(s)
Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy	30-Jul-08	Nanotechnology
Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy	30-Jul-08	Biotechnology and GMOs
Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy	30-Jul-08	Increased use of market-based incentives for conservation, such as payments for ecosystem services and biodiversity offsets
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	24-Oct-08	Potential and actual impacts of the global financial crisis on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use efforts
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	24-Oct-08	Cultural and social drivers of biodiversity change
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	24-Oct-08	Climate change and its continuing effects, in particular: (a) Opportunities offered and risks posed by Carbon offset schemes; and (b) Linkages between biodiversity and health
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	24-Oct-08	Assessing the nature and scope of processes and activities in the open and deep ocean
Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria	28-Oct-08	Collection, characterization, conservation, and development of native genetic resources (plant and microbial species) with potential for energy production
Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria	28-Oct-08	Collection, characterization, conservation and sustainable utilization in food security of tropical, native genetic resources emphasizing on species with high nutritional value (tuber crops, legumes, fruits)
Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria	28-Oct-08	Cultivar development
Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria	28-Oct-08	Recovery and conservation of high value land races
Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria	28-Oct-08	Technology transfer, training and adoption of robust techniques for fingerprinting / protection purposes of high value native genetic resources
Mexico	20-Nov-08	No emerging issue this time: there is a need to focus on implementation of current activities

United Kingdom Global Biodiversity Sub Committee	15-Dec-08	Ocean acidification i
United Kingdom Global Biodiversity Sub Committee	15-Dec-08	Arctic Biodiversity 1
United Kingdom Global Biodiversity Sub Committee	15-Dec-08	Impact of ground level ozone on biological diversity 1
Iran, Islamic Republic of	15-Dec-08	Effects of climate change on habitats, specifically the effects of drought on wetlands
Iran, Islamic Republic of	15-Dec-08	Climate change effects on biodiversity
Iran, Islamic Republic of	15-Dec-08	Endemic species
Iran, Islamic Republic of	15-Dec-08	Effects of GMOs on genetic diversity of wild species
Iran, Islamic Republic of	15-Dec-08	Effects of invasive alien species on genetic, species and ecosystem diversity of protected areas
Royal Society	19-Dec-08	Impact of ground level ozone on biological diversity ¹
Suriname	24-Aug-09	Factors that adversely influence on the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity including large and small-scale mining, large-scale logging, habitat conversion, poaching, invasive alien species

¹ Proposal accompanied by information in accordance with paragraph 11 of decision IX/29