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## NOTIFICATION

### **Tenth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative 24 October 2010, Nagoya, Japan**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the tenth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) will be held in Nagoya, Japan, on 24 October 2010 on the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10).

The tenth meeting of the GTI Coordination Mechanism has the mandate to review the terms of reference for the members of the Coordination Mechanism and to draw a roadmap for developing a biodiversity-centred capacity development strategy for 2020, taking into account the report of its ninth meeting held in Nairobi in May 2010. The members of the Coordination Mechanism, as well as other organizations, have been invited to participate in this meeting.

Please find attached the structure of the GTI Coordination Mechanism (Annex I), and the draft provisional agenda for the meeting (Annex II).

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

**Attachment**

To: CBD National Focal Points; SBSTTA Focal Points; GTI Focal Points; GTI Coordination Mechanism

**COMPOSITION OF THE GTI COORDINATION MECHANISM**

**Africa:**

1. Alfred A. Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana)
2. Gideon Smith (South Africa)

**Asia-Pacific:**

3. Ma Keping (China)
4. Noriaki Sakaguchi (Japan)

**CEE:**

5. Alexey Kotov (Russian Federation)
6. Karol Marhold (Slovakia)

**GRULAC:**

7. Hesiquio Benitez Diaz (Mexico)
8. Lily Rodriguez (Peru)

**WEOG:**

9. Christoph Häuser (Germany) – Chair
10. Christopher Lyal (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

**Ex-officio member:**

11. Representative of COP-9 Presidency (Germany)
12. Representative of COP10 Presidency (Japan)

**The following organizations will participate in the Coordination Mechanism at my invitation:**

13. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations – Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention
14. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
15. Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
16. Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
17. United Nations Environment Programme – Division of Global Environment Facility Coordination
18. United Nations Development Programme – Global Environment Facility Unit
19. United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre
20. BioNET International
21. Global Invasive Species Programme
22. IUCN – the International Union for Conservation of Nature
23. Global Biodiversity Information Facility
24. The Smithsonian Institution
25. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
26. World Federation for Culture Collections

*Annex II*

**The tenth meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for the Global Taxonomy Initiative**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

*Date: Sunday, 24 October 2010, from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.*

*Venue: will be announced on the screen at COP10*

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1. Adoption of the agenda
  - 2.2. Organization of work
3. Pending issues at the ninth meeting of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism:
  - 3.1. Review of members and terms of reference for the Coordination Mechanism of the Global Taxonomy Initiative (decision V/9)
  - 3.2. Identifying outputs for planned activities on island biodiversity and protected areas (decision IX/22, paragraph 7)
4. Post 2010 Capacity Development Strategy:
  - 4.1. Following up of the project development seminars (decision VIII/3, paragraph 15)
  - 4.2. Taxonomy training seminars
5. Next steps and future meetings
6. Other matters
7. Closure of the meeting

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