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## NOTIFICATION

**Ms. Marie Aminata Khan**

Dear Madam / Sir,

We are profoundly saddened to announce the untimely death of our very dear friend and colleague, Ms. Marie Aminata Khan, who passed away in Johannesburg on 12 December 2011 at the age of 47 years. Marie spent over 17 years of her professional career working with the United Nations, notably with UN-HQ in New York, UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme, New York and, since 2006, UNEP-SCBD in Montreal, Canada.

Most recently, Marie served as Programme Officer for Gender at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, United Nations Environment Programme, where she pioneered the recently adopted CBD programme of work on gender. In this capacity Marie worked closely with the UN Conventions on Climate Change and Desertification, the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and numerous other organisations.

Marie will be remembered as a highly competent and dedicated colleague, as well as a very caring, lively and good-natured friend. She will be sorely missed.

Marie was laid to rest on 18 December 2011 in Long Island, New York. She is survived by her two sons, Frederic and Charles, her father, step-mother, brothers and sisters.

A dedicated web page has been set up in memory of Marie. <http://www.cbd.int/secretariat/in-memoriam-marie-khan/> and a dedicated email address [remembrance@cbd.int](mailto:remembrance@cbd.int) has been established to transmit messages of condolence to Marie's family.

Yours sincerely

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary

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