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## NOTIFICATION

### **Sixteenth Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-16) Montréal, Canada from 30 April to 5 May 2012**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the sixteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-16) will be held from 30 April to 5 May 2012 at the Headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), in Montréal, Canada. Please note that, following the decision made by the SBSTTA Bureau, the meeting is scheduled to close on Saturday, 5 May 2012 at 1 p.m. to accommodate the heavy agenda. It will be followed by the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-4), from 7 to 11 May 2012.

I am pleased to attach herewith the provisional agenda approved by the SBSTTA Bureau, which is also available on the meeting page <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SBSTTA-16>, along with the annotated agenda. The pre-session and other relevant documentation for the meeting, as well as the Information Note for Participants, will be made available as soon as possible. Advance copies of documents and documents for peer review are being made available at <http://www.cbd.int/sbstta16/peerreview/>. Your organization is encouraged to review these documents and to send comments to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int). The deadline for submission of comments is specified on the review page.

In view of your organization's interest in the issues being addressed by SBSTTA-16, I have the honour of inviting your organization to participate in this meeting. Please advise the Secretariat of the name(s) and coordinates of your organization's representative(s) to this meeting. Kindly note that the designation of representative(s) should be submitted in the form of an official letter addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, and sent to the Secretariat by fax at +1 514-288-6588 or as a scanned email attachment to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) as soon as possible,

To: UN Organizations and Specialized Agencies, IGOs, NGOs and Indigenous Organizations



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but **no later than 30 March 2012**. Please note that an **on-line system of pre-registration** will be available as of 1 February 2012 by means of an exclusive and unique internet link (in a separate e-mail) that will be provided to organizations with an Observer status for CBD meetings.

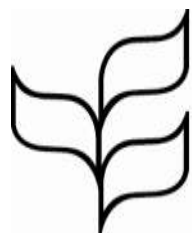
I look forward to the participation of your organization in this meeting and to your continued support to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary



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AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE**

Sixteenth meeting

Montreal, 30 April - 5 May 2012

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1. Election of officers;
  - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Ways and means to improve the effectiveness of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice in light of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and issues, modalities and options for collaboration with the intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services (IPBES).
4. Global Biodiversity Outlook: preparation of the fourth edition.
5. Island biodiversity: in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work.
6. Marine and coastal biodiversity:
  - 6.1. Ecologically or biologically significant marine areas;
  - 6.2. Addressing adverse impacts of human activities on marine and coastal biodiversity, including coral bleaching, ocean acidification, fisheries, and underwater noise;
  - 6.3. Marine spatial planning, marine protected areas and voluntary guidelines for the consideration of biodiversity in environmental assessments in marine and coastal areas.
7. Biodiversity and climate change:
  - 7.1. Advice on the application of relevant REDD+ safeguards for biodiversity, and on possible indicators and potential mechanisms to monitor or assess impacts on biodiversity of REDD+ measures;
  - 7.2. Integration of biodiversity considerations into climate change-related activities, including addressing gaps in knowledge and information;

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- 7.3. Geo-engineering: impacts on biodiversity and gaps in regulatory mechanisms.
8. Global Strategy for Plant Conservation: progress in implementing decision X/17.
9. Global Taxonomy Initiative: revised draft comprehensive capacity-building strategy.
10. New and emerging issues.
11. Biofuels and biodiversity: progress in implementing decision X/37.
12. Incentive measures: progress in implementing decision X/44.
13. Reports on collaborative work in the areas of agriculture, forests and health.
14. Other matters.
15. Adoption of the report.
16. Closure of the meeting.

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