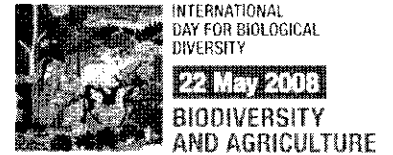




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NOTIFICATION

Request for Nominations of Indigenous and Local Communities Experts for the International Expert Meeting on Potential Impacts of ‘Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD)’ on Indigenous and Local Communities Baguio City, Philippines, 12-14 November 2008

Dear Madam/Sir,

Thanks to the generous financial support from the Packard Foundation, and in collaboration with the United Nations Traditional Knowledge Institute (UNU-TK) and Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples’ International Centre for Policy Research and Education), an international expert meeting on **Potential Impacts of “Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) on Indigenous and Local Communities”** will be held in Baguio, Republic of the Philippines (venue to be confirmed), from 12-14 November 2008.

The purpose of this Notification is to invite indigenous and local communities, with relevant background and interest on the issue of REDD and climate change, to nominate their representatives for the above mentioned International Expert Meeting.

The Meeting will seek to compile information on potential impacts of REDD actions on indigenous and local communities, pursuant to decision IX/5. It is expected that the meeting will also enhance Indigenous and Local Community participation in REDD related decisions that may affect them by fostering the exchange of accurate information on the issue. The meeting will be held back-to-back with a consultation of Asian representatives of indigenous and local communities on a guidance document on REDD for indigenous and local communities, organized by the UNU-TK.

Indigenous and local communities are hereby invited to submit the nominations of their representatives to the Secretariat at their earliest convenience but **no later than 3 October 2008**. Official nominations from the relevant organization, addressed to the CBD Executive Secretary, together with recent *Curriculum Vitae*, should be sent to the Secretariat either by fax to: +1 514 288 6588, or by electronic mail as a scanned attachment to: secretariat@cbd.int. The selection of funded participants will be made based on expertise and experience, taking into account fair and equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.

I look forward to the participation of your organization in the meeting and your continued contribution to the work of the Convention.

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

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