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**NOTIFICATION****Decision VI/28: Multi-year programme of work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010**

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) has the honour to inform Parties and governments that, following consultation with the Bureau and in accordance with decision VI/28, paragraph 3, of the Conference of the Parties, the Open-ended Inter-sessional Meeting on the Multi-year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 (MYPOW) will be held from 17 to 19 March 2003, at the International Civil Aviation Organization Conference Center, Montreal, Canada.

The Open-ended Inter-sessional Meeting on the Multi-year Programme of Work of the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 will be held back-to-back with the eighth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) as provided for in decision VI/28. However, taking into consideration the provisional agenda for the meeting, including the need to review the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and its potential impact on the work programme of the Convention, it was felt that the meeting should extend over a three-day period instead of two days as originally envisaged.

The provisional agenda for the meeting is attached for your information. Other pre-session documents will be made available in due course. In this connection, Parties and governments are reminded that proposals on issues to be included in the multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010 should be communicated to the Secretariat **by 31 October 2002** (please refer to notification 2002-056 of 3 July 2002).

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the work of the Convention.

Accept Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Hamdallah Zedan  
Executive Secretary

To: All CBD National Focal Points





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OPEN-ENDED INTER-SESSIONAL MEETING ON THE  
MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES UP TO 2010  
Montreal, 17 - 19 March 2003

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
  - 2.1. Election of officers;
  - 2.2. Adoption of the agenda;
  - 2.3. Organization of work.
3. Analysis of the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development as it relates to the Convention process.
4. Implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan: information for future evaluation of progress.
5. Multi-year programme of work for the Conference of the Parties up to 2010.
6. Legal and Socio-economic Aspects of Technology Transfer and Cooperation.
7. International Regime on Access and Benefit sharing.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting