

## Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

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**Biodiversity and Climate Change** 

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## **NOTIFICATION**

Subject: Invitation to all Parties to submit views on the options paper (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/17)

Dear Madam/Sir

The seventh meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions (the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)) was convened on 7 June 2007. At this meeting the Executive Secretary of the CBD presented options for mutually supportive activities for the Secretariats, Parties and other relevant organizations as contained in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/17.

The Joint Liaison Group welcomed the proposals from the CBD Executive Secretary and decided to consider the options for activities by the secretariats prior to its eighth meeting to be held in September 2007.

In paragraph 2 (d) of recommendation XII/5 from the twelfth meeting the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the CBD, Parties were invited to submit their views on the draft options for mutually supportive activities for the secretariats of the three Rio Conventions, Parties and other relevant organizations, as presented in document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/17. These views are to be included in the proposals for mutually supportive activities to be presented for consideration at the thirteenth meeting of the SBSTTA.

As such, I invite you to submit, no later than 15 September 2007, your views on document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/12/INF/17, regarding the following:

- 1. The extent to which the proposals respond to opportunities for synergies between the Conventions.
- 2. The feasibility of the activities proposed.
- 3. The appropriateness of indicators assigned to the synergistic activities.

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

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