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Dear Sir/Mme;

It is my pleasure to invite you on behalf of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment to a discussion on “*The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: Ecosystems and Human Well-being*”. The event will take place in Johannesburg, South Africa, during the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

This will be an opportunity to offer an overview of progress in this global scientific endeavor to assess the continuing ability of ecosystems worldwide to provide the goods and services that sustain development. Three international conventions (the Conventions on Biological Diversity, the Convention to Combat Desertification and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands), five UN agencies, a large number of governmental and non-governmental institutions and hundreds of top scientists participate in this effort (www.millenniumassessment.org).

The event will take place on August 26 at the Wild Olive Room in the Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development at Ubuntu Village, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Please find the agenda attached.

We look forward to your valuable participation in this event.

Sincerely,

Walter V. Reid
Director
Millennium Ecosystem Assessment



THE MILLENNIUM ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT: ECOSYSTEMS AND HUMAN WELL-BEING

August 26, 2002, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development
Wild Olive Room, Ubuntu Village, Johannesburg**

12:30 Lunch

1:00 - 1:40

Introduction by Prof. A.H. Zakri, United Nations University, Co-Chair of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

Dr. Klaus Topfer*, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme:
The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and WSSD

Walter Reid, Director, Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: *An overview of the Millennium Assessment*

1:40 - 2:10 Discussion

2:10 - 3:15

Peter J. Schei, Directorate for Nature Management, Norway: *Norwegian Millennium Ecosystem Assessment: Pilot Study 2002*

Robert Scholes, Council for Science and Industrial Research, South Africa:
Multiscale Ecosystem Assessment in Southern Africa

Chen Chuanhong*, Deputy Director of the Division of Social and Rural Development, MOST, China: *Integrated Assessment of Western China*

Yogesh Gokhale, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science:
Local Ecosystem Assessment in Western Ghats, Karnataka State

3:15 - 4:00 Discussion

* Invited