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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Global Workshop on National Experiences in implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that an Informal Workshop on National Experiences in implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, co-hosted by the Governments of Brazil and the United Kingdom, will be held from 12 to 14 March 2012 in Brasilia, Brazil.

As you are aware, the Conference of the Parties, at its tenth meeting in 2010 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020), including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets (decision X/2). By this decision, countries are urged to update their national strategies and action plans in line with the new Strategic Plan, and to set national targets in line with the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and report on progress to COP-11 (Hyderabad, India, October 2012).

The aim of this workshop is to share examples and experiences of countries in their efforts to meet these challenges, and thereby help Parties prepare for the discussion of this issue at the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention. It will also be an opportunity to examine obstacles to progress and identify examples of how these can be overcome through capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, and resource mobilization. The workshop will draw upon and complement the series of regional and sub-regional capacity -building workshops on updating NBSAPs being convened by the CBD Secretariat with the support of Japan and other donors.

Accordingly, I would like to invite you to nominate a senior officer to participate in this dialogue seminar. The nominee should be the CBD Focal Point, or another senior officer responsible for developing and/or implementing the NBSAP. The nominee should be comfortable working in English, which will be the language of the workshop. Nominations should be made as soon as possible and **no later than 5 January 2012** to: secretariat@cbd.int.

The hosts wish to facilitate the participation of developing countries and therefore the Government of the United Kingdom is making some funding available for developing countries, with priority given to least developed countries and small island developing states. This will cover round-trip economy-class air tickets, hotel accommodation, meals and a modest daily subsistence allowance to cover incidentals.

To: CBD Primary National Focal Points

I look forward to receiving your nomination soon and thank you very much for your support and cooperation.

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

Ahmed Djoghla
Executive Secretary