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NOTIFICATION

Global dialogue seminar on scaling up finance for biodiversity

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform all intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and relevant organizations of the *Global dialogue seminar on scaling up finance for biodiversity*, co-hosted by the Governments of Ecuador, Sweden, Norway and India together with Japan as the President of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), to be held from **6 to 9 March 2012** in **Quito, Ecuador**.

As you are aware, the COP of CBD, at its ninth meeting in 2008 in Bonn, Germany, adopted a *Strategy for Resource Mobilization*. This was followed by the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020), including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets agreed at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2010 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. Biodiversity target 20 specifically calls for a substantial increase from current levels of resources for the effective implementation of the Strategic Plan in accordance with the Strategy for Resource Mobilization. Further, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties is due to consider targets for resource mobilization on the basis of inter-sessional work and a recommendation by the fourth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention.

The intention of this dialogue seminar is to facilitate the further elaboration by the Conference of the Parties of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization and thereby facilitate implementation of the Strategic Plan and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

More specifically, the dialogue seminar will explore opportunities related to an increase in the scale of finance and contribute to building understanding on these issues and seek to clarify areas of convergence and of divergence. The seminar will not draft formal recommendations, but rather seek to enhance understanding among participants with a view to facilitate discussions at WGRI-4 and COP-11. The seminar will include a mix of keynote presentations, case studies and small group discussions.

Participants are expected to be key actors regarding financing for biodiversity including experts active in CBD discussions on resource mobilisation but also from related processes, as well as national level actors from sectors dealing with financing of biodiversity and ecosystem services, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, social movements, farmer organisations, local communities and Indigenous Peoples organisations, scientists and the private sector.

To: All intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

Accordingly, I would like to invite IGOs, NGOs and relevant organizations to nominate an appropriate senior representative to participate in this dialogue seminar. The nominee should be well informed of the CBD Strategy for Resource Mobilization and comfortable working in English or Spanish which will be the languages of the workshop. Nominations should be made by heads of organisations including a brief *curriculum vitae* of the representative, and sent to secretariat@cbd.int as soon as possible but no later than **31 January 2012**.

The hosts wish to facilitate the participation of developing countries and therefore the governments of Sweden, Norway and Japan, are making limited funding available for NGOs, especially from developing countries.

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

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Executive Secretary