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NOTIFICATION

Call for nominations for the High-level Panel on Global Assessment of Resources for implementing the Strategic Plan

Dear Madam/Sir,

The eleventh meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP-11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, to be held in Hyderabad, India on 8-19 October 2012, is expected to adopt, *inter alia*, targets to mobilize financial resources from all sources for effectively implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets [Decision X/3, paragraph 8 (i)].

Target 20 of the Strategic Plan states that, “By 2020, at the latest, the mobilization of financial resources for effectively implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 from all sources, and in accordance with the consolidated and agreed process in the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, should increase substantially from the current levels. This target will be subject to changes contingent to resource needs assessments to be developed and reported by Parties” (Decision X/2, annex)

The Strategy for Resource Mobilization was adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting (Decision IX/11). At its tenth meeting, the COP adopted indicators for monitoring the implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization and set the steps to make use of these indicators prior to COP-11 (paragraph 8). It was also decided that the eleventh meeting of the Conference of Parties would adopt targets for resource mobilization, after agreeing to robust baselines and an effective reporting framework (Decision X/3).

A *Methodological and Implementation Guidance for the Indicators for Monitoring the Implementation of the Convention’s Strategy for Resource Mobilization*, which includes options for baselines and a resource allocation framework, is available to Parties for consideration at the fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation (WGRI-4).

With the support of the Japan Biodiversity Fund, the Secretariat is also organizing regional workshops for Parties to help them elaborate country-specific resource mobilization strategies in the framework of updated biodiversity strategies and action plans in response to Decisions X/2 and X/3.

CBD National Focal Points

In further contribution to the preparations for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of Parties, the Governments of the United Kingdom and India are co-sponsoring a global assessment of the resources required to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The assessment will be conducted through a regionally balanced high-level panel.

Recognizing that the TEEB (The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity) study helped reveal the costs of inaction in relation to biodiversity loss, and also highlighted the potential for investments in biodiversity and ecosystem services, the Panel will focus on the resource requirements to meet the Aichi Targets at a global level. In this context it aims to support discussions on resource mobilisation and innovative financing at COP-11.

The Government of India has invited Mr. Pavan Sukhdev to Chair the high-level panel following his work on TEEB as the Study Leader. The panel's work will be supported by a number of research projects, commissioned by the United Kingdom, which will complement other ongoing work to study the potential costs of achieving the various Aichi Biodiversity Targets, including the GEF-6 Needs Assessment (Notification nos. 2011-79 and 2011-195 dated 8 April 2011 and 7 October 2011, respectively), as well as other relevant work. Information on the UK commissioned work is available via www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/evidence/science/research-funding/competitions. The high-level panel will provide overall guidance to this work, ensure peer review and prepare a synthesis of the results.

Accordingly, Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations are invited to nominate experts to serve on the high-level panel attaching their CV and full contact information. Nominations should be received no later than 29 February 2012. The high-level panel will consist of up to 8 members and include both economists and scientists. The composition of the panel shall aim to reflect the relevant range of scientific, technical and socio-economic views and expertise; geographical representation (ensuring fair and equitable representation of experts from various regions, and from developing and developed countries and countries with economies in transition) and gender balance. Further information, for the selection of panel members can be found at www.cbd.int/financial/assessment.

The high-level panel will communicate using electronic communication, including teleconferences, though 2 to 3 physical meetings will be organized on the margins of relevant conferences, depending upon availability of resources. The first physical meeting is likely to be held on 6-7 May 2012 in Montreal prior to WGRI-4.

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

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STRATEGY FOR RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Activities to prepare for COP-11¹

The ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-9) adopted the Strategy for Resource Mobilization. The tenth meeting (COP-10) adopted indicators for monitoring the implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization and set the steps to make use of these indicators prior to COP-11 (paragraph 8). COP-10 also decided to conduct a specific assessment on the funding needs for the sixth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility (GEF-6) (decision X/23).

The eleventh meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP-11) in Hyderabad, India, is expected to adopt targets to mobilize financial resources from all sources for effectively implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. This will allow progress towards target 20 of the Strategic Plan which states that, “By 2020, at the latest, the mobilization of financial resources for effectively implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 from all sources, and in accordance with the consolidated and agreed process in the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, should increase substantially from the current levels. This target will be subject to changes contingent to resource needs assessments to be developed and reported by Parties” (decision X/2, annex)

In response to these decisions following activities are being undertaken:

1. A **Methodological and Implementation Guidance** for the Indicators for Monitoring the Implementation of the Convention’s Strategy for Resources Mobilization which includes options for baselines and a resource allocation framework is available to Parties for consideration at the fourth meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation (WG-RI/4).
2. The Secretariat is organizing **regional workshops** for Parties to help them elaborate country-specific resource mobilization strategies in the framework of updated biodiversity strategies and action plans in response to decision X/2 and X/3.
3. A **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 COP Presidency, will be held

¹ www.cbd.int/financial/COP-11-preparations

from 6 to 9 March 2012 in Quito, Ecuador. The aim is to facilitate 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.

4. Established a five member **expert team to conduct a full assessment** of the amount of funds that are necessary to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in accordance with the guidance provided by the Conference of Parties, to fulfill their commitment under the Convention for the sixth replenishment period of the Global Environment Facility Trust.
5. In further contribution to the preparations for COP-11, the Governments of United Kingdom and India are co-sponsoring a **global assessment** of the resources required to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The assessment will draw upon the work of experts guided by a regionally-balanced high-level panel. Accordingly, Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations are invited to nominate by 29 February 2012, experts to serve on the panel. Further information, including relevant criteria for the selection of panel members can be found at www.cbd.int/financial/assessment.

Global Assessment Panel

Assessing financial resources needed to implement the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and to achieve the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

As a contribution to the preparations for COP-11 on the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, the Governments of India and the United Kingdom are co-sponsoring an assessment of the resourcing required to implement the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achieve the twenty Aichi Biodiversity Targets at the global level. The assessment will draw upon the work of experts guided by a regionally-balanced high-level panel.

The **composition of panel members** shall aim to reflect:

- The relevant range of scientific, technical and socio-economic views and expertise,
- Geographical representation as appropriate (ensuring appropriate representation of experts from developing and developed countries and countries with economies in transition);
- Gender balance.

Accordingly, by Notification Ref.: SCBD/ITS/RS/78931, Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations are invited to nominate experts to serve on the panel, including *curricula vitae*. Nominations should be received by 29 February 2012.

Criteria to be taken into account in the selection of panel members include:

- Familiarity with the Convention of Biological Diversity and the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020;
- Expertise in resource mobilization and experience in assessing the costs and economic benefits of actions impacting biodiversity and ecosystem services, or other relevant experience;

- Proven ability to develop text that is scientifically, technically and socio-economically sound and that faithfully represents, to the extent that this is possible, contributions by a wide variety of experts;
- High-level experience in governmental, non-governmental organizations, community organizations, academic institutions, or the private sector with a track-record of relevant publications or other experience as appropriate;
- Ability to work in English at meetings of the Panel;
- The ability to work to deadlines is also a necessary practical requirement.

The work of the panel will be supported by a number of expert teams who will conduct preliminary assessments of the costs of implementing clusters of the targets. This work will be financially supported by the United Kingdom. Qualified experts or organizations are invited to tender for these activities through the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/evidence/science/research-funding/competitions>.