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## NOTIFICATION

### **Regional workshop for indigenous and local community representatives of the African region with the financial support of the Governments of Spain and Japan and the multi donor ABS Capacity Development Initiative**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform Parties, international agencies, indigenous and local community representatives and other stakeholders that, thanks to the generous financial support from the Governments of Spain, Japan and the GIZ implemented ABS Capacity Development Initiative financially supported by the Governments of Germany, Norway and Denmark, the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie and the European Union, a regional capacity building workshop for indigenous and local community representatives will be held in Bujumbura, Burundi, from 12-15 June 2012.

The regional workshop aims to increase the number of indigenous and local community representatives, with an emphasis on women, effectively involved in the CBD processes, as well as to build their capacity to do so. This sub-regional workshop will focus on Articles 8(j), 10(c), and related provisions, as well as the Nagoya Protocol, and aims at preparing indigenous and local community representatives for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which will be held in Hyderabad, India, on 8-19 October 2012.

To ensure the most economic and efficient use of the funds, the Secretariat is working with regional partners, including the ABS Capacity Development Initiative, IPACC (Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee, Unissons – nous pour la Promotion des Batwa “UNIPROBA”) and IIN (Indigenous Information Network) to facilitate this event back to back with other regional meetings. Those meetings and the responsible agencies are:

- 7-8 June, IPACC Executive Committee meeting (hosted by IPACC), (2 days);
- 9-10 June, Internal African ILC coordination for COP11 and Rio +20 (hosted by IPACC and INN), (1.5 days);
- 11 June: Break Day (1 day, allowing for new arrivals)
- 12-15 June: Preparatory Workshop for COP 11 on 8j/10c and related provisions and capacity building on the Nagoya Protocol, including ILC internal preparations for COP 11 (hosted by SCBD), (4 days);
- 16-17 June: Basic Training on Intellectual Property Rights (hosted by the ABS Capacity Development Initiative), (2 days).

To: CBD Focal Points and ICNP Focal Points, Indigenous and local communities, and International organizations and relevant stakeholders.

I am pleased to invite interested indigenous and local community organizations from the countries of the African region to nominate representatives to participate in these meetings by sending to the Secretariat an expression of interest or nomination by means of an official letter of designation addressed to the attention of the Executive Secretary, stating clearly which of the meetings are being applied for, along with a recent curriculum vitae of the nominee by **27 April 2012**, for consideration in the selection process.

Participants will be selected on the basis of a fair and equitable sub-regional selection, past experience, as well as the ability to disseminate information arising from the workshop. Participants selected will be notified by mid-May. Successful applicants will be provided with economy air travel to and from Bujumbura, a daily subsistence allowance and accommodation during the event.

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

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Executive Secretary