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NOTIFICATION

Launch of online platform for Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you of the recent launch of the online platform for the *Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People*, available on the Convention website. The online platform aims to galvanize awareness and inspire nature-based solutions to create a groundswell of actions by a diverse range of actors that promote nature and people in the lead-up to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) in 2020 in China, in line with the guidance in [decision 14/34](#).

As you will recall, the Governments of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the People's Republic of China, in collaboration with the CBD Secretariat, announced the [Sharm El-Sheikh to Beijing Action Agenda for Nature and People](#) during the Ministerial Segment of the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 14) to the Convention, held in November 2018 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. Recently, the Government of the People's Republic of China announced that the city of Kunming, in Yunnan province, would be the site of COP 15. The official name of the initiative has therefore been updated to reflect this development.

The Action Agenda platform (available at: www.cbd.int/action-agenda/) provides a repository to showcase actions taken for Nature by all sectors of society, ultimately to ensure the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is initiated with the full commitment and engagement of the global community. The platform will highlight biodiversity efforts from around the world drawing attention to success stories and best practices at different levels, and through different means, including public-private partnerships, community level engagement and inter-agency collaboration.

Complementary to the process for Voluntary National Commitments, the Action Agenda is meant to broaden the call to action to 2020 - to include the contributions, commitments and initiatives of indigenous peoples and local communities and stakeholders including civil society, women's groups, business leaders and the private sector, sub-national and local governments, inter-governmental organizations, research and academia, and youth groups.

Supporting this important initiative can come in different ways, not only through your own commitment, but also by working to amplify the reach of this message within your network of partners.

I invite you to visit the platform, to get involved, and make your commitment to the Action Agenda for Nature and People: www.cbd.int/action-agenda/contribute/default.shtml

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

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To : CBD National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, partner organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities