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## NOTIFICATION

### Peer review of the first draft of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 3

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Conference of the Parties, at its ninth meeting in May 2008, envisaged that the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-3) would be launched on International Biodiversity Day, 22 May 2010, with a draft available for peer-review at a meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) prior to that date (decisions IX/9, IX/10, document UNEP/CBD/COP/9/15). However, as SBSTTA-14 is now scheduled to be held in May 2010 the Bureaux of COP and SBSTTA decided that the peer-review should be undertaken in the intersessional period, involving SBSTTA focal points and others partners.

I am pleased to inform you that the first draft of GBO-3 has now been prepared and invite you to participate in the peer review. The draft for peer review can be accessed at: [www.cbd.int/gbo3review](http://www.cbd.int/gbo3review) and is **open until 1 October 2009**.

Peer review comments, as well as suggestions on how these would be reflected in the revised document, will be made publicly available. On the basis of this documentation, a joint meeting of the Bureaux of COP 9 and SBSTTA 14, to be held in Montreal on 7 November 2009, will provide guidance on revision of the draft GBO-3. I strongly encourage you to provide your views on this important report. As the flagship publication of the Convention, GBO-3 is a major communication tool, informing a variety of audiences of the status of biodiversity and the drivers of its loss as well as the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target. It also provides the scientific underpinning for the new Strategic Plan of the Convention.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and your continued support for the work of the Convention.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, relevant organizations, scientists, indigenous and local communities, and other relevant stakeholders

