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NOTIFICATION

Webinar on Biodiversity Benefits of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries (REDD)

**15 November 2010
10 a.m. Montreal time**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to a webinar on 'Biodiversity Benefits of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation in Developing Countries' to be held on 15 November 2010 at 10 a.m. Montreal time.

The purpose of the webinar is to inform National Focal Points and other interested participants about latest developments on the linkages between biodiversity, and reducing emission from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries in the framework of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The webinar will feature the following presentations, as well as time for questions and answers:

- The status of current negotiations on REDD-plus¹ under the UNFCCC (Maria Sanz-Sanchez, UNFCCC Secretariat)
- Options on safeguards and other biodiversity aspects of REDD-plus (Rane Cortez, The Nature Conservancy)
- REDD-plus and relevant decisions of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Tim Christophersen, CBD Secretariat)
- Tools for enhancing the biodiversity benefits of REDD-plus (Barney Dickson, UN-REDD Programme)

¹ The acronyms REDD and REDD-plus are used without any attempt to pre-empt ongoing of future negotiations under the UNFCCC.

To: CBD National Focal Points

The webinar will run 90 minutes and be held in English. If you would like to participate, please register via e-mail at red@cbd.int by Friday 12 November 2010. To join please follow this link at the time of the webinar: **<http://www.cbd.int/forest/red@webinar/>**

Space for participation is limited. Should there be more demand than available places, the Secretariat will offer additional webinars on this topic at a later date.

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

Ahmed Djoghla
Executive Secretary