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NOTIFICATION
CBD Participation in the Global South-South Development Expo
28 October to 1 November 2013, Nairobi, Kenya

Dear Madam/Sir,

In decision XI/8, the Conference of the Parties recalled its decision X/23, in which it welcomed the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development (<http://www.cbd.int/ssc/myapa>), as adopted by the Group of 77 and China at the South-South Cooperation Forum, and requested the Executive Secretary to “promote South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation as a coherent, consistent and coordinated approach to technical and scientific cooperation and information exchange and as a cross-cutting issue relevant to all aspects of work under the Convention on Biological Diversity”.

The Global South-South Development (GSSD) Expo is a United Nations system-wide high-profile event for South-South cooperation, designed to showcase and scale up the impact of successful evidence-based solutions by developing countries in addressing various sustainable development challenges. The 2013 GSSD Expo, an annual event co-sponsored by more than 25 United Nations organizations, over 120 United Nations Member States and a large number of private sector and civil society organizations, will take place from 28 October to 1 November 2013 at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in Nairobi, Kenya.

Under the overarching theme, *Building Inclusive Green Economies: South-South Cooperation for Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication*, the 2013 GSSD Expo will be an occasion to demonstrate the collective response of the United Nations to relevant provisions of the Rio+20 Outcome and its capacity to facilitate South-South cooperation and an exchange of experiences on green economies. Further information is contained in the Advisory by UNEP, attached to this Notification.

The CBD Secretariat, in close cooperation with UNEP’s GSSD Expo organizing team and the United Nations Office on South-South Cooperation, will contribute to the United Nations South-South Multi-stakeholders’ Meeting on 31 October 2013. The Secretariat will also maintain an exhibition stand that would provide opportunity to distribute relevant materials of the CBD, its Parties and partner organizations. In addition, case studies of solutions in technical and scientific cooperation can be submitted through the websites of the different partners in the GSSD Expo, including UNEP’s Exchange Mechanism, at <http://www.unep.org/south-south-cooperation/case/Default.aspx>.

To: CBD National Focal Points



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For any additional information and relevant support, I invite you to communicate with the Secretariat through Mr. Oliver Hillel (oliver.hillel@cbd.int).

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment



United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation

Advisory: UNEP to Host Major South-South Development Expo in Nairobi

Delivering Successful Green Solutions from the South to the World

Nairobi, 3 October 2013 - This month high-level delegates from across the globe will gather at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi, Kenya, to spotlight, showcase and scale up innovative local solutions to global problems at the 2013 Global South-South Development Expo.

South-South cooperation has already given birth to many inspiring initiatives. For example, under the en.lighten initiative over 40 countries from the developing world are following a global strategy on the phase-out of inefficient lighting, leading to a significant reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Then Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia have committed to conserving and sustainably managing the Heart of Borneo— 220,000km² of tropical forest on the island of Borneo and one of Asia's last great rainforests—which is home to the threatened orangutan, pygmy elephant, clouded leopard, and the critically endangered Sumatran rhino.

The Expo—hosted by UNEP in close coordination with the UN Office for South-South Cooperation from 28 October to 1 November—aims to harness such Southern-grown development solutions, which address both existing and emerging development challenges head-on.

“Some of the most extraordinary answers and solutions to environmental sustainability and sustainable development in the 21st century are today emerging from the South,” said Achim Steiner, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and UNEP Executive Director. “The Expo is an opportunity to showcase these catalytic and forward-looking projects, transformations and ideas that can underpin a transition towards an inclusive Green Economy for over seven billion people, rising to nine billion by 2050.”

South-South cooperation is the exchange of resources, technology and knowledge between developing countries. Today, over US\$5 trillion in reserves are held by countries of the global South, which now also account for 47 percent of global trade.



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This unparalleled economic opportunity could be one of the main engines of growth in the years ahead.

Featured experts and high-level presenters at the Expo will include Mr. Steiner, President Benjamin Mkapa of Tanzania, South African Minister in the Presidency for National Planning Commission Trevor Manuel, General Assembly President John W. Ashe, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson, Director of the UN Office for South-South Cooperation Yiping Zhou, CNN anchor Zain Verjee and others.

In addition, for the first time, the Expo will be held in the global South under the overarching theme **Building Inclusive Green Economies: South-South Cooperation for Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication**.

Leveraging the partnership of more than 20 UN agencies and partners, the event is a strategic opportunity for countries, businesses, organizations and citizens alike. All are invited to bring their unique perspectives to the Expo.

To find out more about the programme or to register, see:

<http://www.unep.org/ssc/expo/Home/tabid/130246/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

Or http://ssc.undp.org/content/ssc/services/expo/2013/the_expo/programme.html

For media accreditation, visit:

http://unep.org/newscentre/Media_Accreditation/nomination/ by 12 October 2013

Watch a Public Service Announcement on the Global South-South Development Expo:

Broadcast-quality .mov and .flv files: <https://vimeo.com/channels/580541>

MPG3 audio files: <http://www.unep.org/south-south-cooperation/Resources/>

You can also share and embed the videos via:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/UnepAndYou?feature=watch>

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