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NOTIFICATION

Invitation to complete two UNEP questionnaires on coherence and synergy in implementing the global biodiversity-related conventions

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to invite your support for a project currently being implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The project concerns coherence and synergy in implementing the global biodiversity-related conventions. It is funded by the European Union, with additional support for some components from the Government of Switzerland.

There are two key elements to the project.

The first element concerns the identification of opportunities and options for further enhancing cooperation at the global level through secretariats and their hosting bodies, and through the governance and advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions. There has been extensive discussion on possible ways and means for improving environmental governance over the years. In order to ensure that UNEP is able to take account of the views of as many people as possible in taking this discussion forward, I would appreciate it if you could complete the questionnaire that can be found at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject_GlobalLevel

UNEP would appreciate responses to this questionnaire by **6 June 2014**, in order to prepare an analysis as a basis for discussion at a workshop later in the year.

The second element concerns the identification and sharing of best practice at the national level for achieving increased coherence in the implementation of the biodiversity-related conventions. In order to ensure that UNEP is able to take account of the full breadth of existing experience in implementation of biodiversity-related conventions at the national level and, in particular, efforts to implement a range of conventions in a coherent way, I would be most appreciative if you could also complete the questionnaire that can be found at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/SynergiesProject_NationalLevel

UNEP would appreciate responses to this questionnaire by **9 May 2014**, if possible, to allow initial analysis of the responses so that they can be discussed in the margins of the fifth meeting of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 5).

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Should you have any questions concerning the questionnaires or the project itself, please contact Margaret Oduk at UNEP (margaret.oduk@unep.org) directly.

Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Convention.

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

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