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NOTIFICATION

Nominations for the international technical expert workshop on identifying, accessing, compiling and aggregating domestic and international biodiversity-related investments and impacts 5 to 7 May 2015 Mexico City, Mexico

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite your Government to nominate an expert for the international technical expert workshop on identifying, accessing, compiling and aggregating domestic and international biodiversity-related investments and impacts that will be held from 5 to 7 May 2015 in Mexico City, Mexico. The workshop is being organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in close cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme, through its Biodiversity Finance Initiative. It will be hosted by the Government of Mexico, with financial support provided by the European Union.

Nominations should be submitted in the form of an official signed letter addressed to the Executive Secretary and clearly indicating the name and full contact information, including the e-mail address, of the representative. The nomination should also include a curriculum vitae (CV) indicating pertinent expertise and an indication of the national experiences to be shared. Experts will be selected among nominees on the basis of relevant expertise and experiences with regard to the issues to be discussed, taking into account geographical and gender balance. The nomination letter and CV can either be scanned and e-mailed as an attachment to the Secretariat at secretariat@cbd.int or faxed to + 1 514 288 6588.

Pursuant to paragraph 32 (b) of decision XII/3, on resource mobilization including the establishment of targets, workshop participants will be expected to: (i) present, share and review existing national experiences on identifying, accessing, compiling and aggregating domestic and international biodiversity-related investments and impacts; (ii) assess experiences and methodologies applied in other sectors with a view to identifying opportunities for methodological transfer; and (iii) identify options for convergence towards, and possible elements of, a common methodology. The report of the workshop will be made available as an element of voluntary guidance for Parties, with a view to facilitating financial reporting and the development of national finance plans as per paragraph 32 (c) of decision XII/3.

For the sake of transparent and efficient workshop preparations, a first round of consultations among experts is being planned prior to the workshop to, in particular, seek input into the draft report in the form of succinct summaries of pertinent methodologies applied as well as associated experiences. It is expected that the consolidated input will be circulated prior to the meeting, so that it can form the basis for the further deliberations and assessments of the experts at the workshop.

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For this reason, and also in order to allow for sufficient time for travel preparations, nominations at outlined above should be sent to the Secretariat at your earliest convenience but **no later than 18 March 2015**.

Please be informed that the participation of one nominated and selected technical expert from each eligible country Party will be supported with direct, economy-class round-trip ticket and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop, to be provided in accordance with relevant United Nations rules.

I look forward to receiving your nominations as soon as possible, and I thank you for your support and cooperation.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
Executive Secretary