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## NOTIFICATION

## Online workshop with the financial sector: Aligning financial flows with the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework 9 December 2021

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform Parties and observers that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, under the guidance of the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, is organizing a workshop entitled: "Aligning financial flows with the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework", which will be held online on Thursday, 9 December 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (EST).

The Conference of the Parties, in its decision 14/34, urged Parties and invited other Governments and stakeholders, including the finance community, to actively engage and contribute to the process of developing a robust post-2020 global biodiversity framework in order to foster strong ownership of the framework to be agreed and strong support for its immediate implementation, and to facilitate dialogues on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to make the results of these dialogues available through appropriate means.

A first workshop with the financial sector, held on 17 and 18 June 2021, explored how the financial sector can most effectively contribute to the post-2020 global biodiversity framework and its implementation, making proposals for the global biodiversity framework, such as the concept of aligning financial flows with biodiversity objectives and identifying possible priority actions by Parties and the financial sector to this effect.

This follow-up workshop will provide more information specifically on the concept of aligning financial flows with the objectives of the global biodiversity framework and how it can be operationalized, by sharing concrete examples and projects supported by public and private financial institutions and key partners. It will link these actions to the needs of Parties and will clarify the role of an enabling environment for the private financial sector to align its flows.

The outcomes from this workshop will be shared as an information document for the resumed session of the third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, to be held in Geneva in January 2022.

The preparatory documentation and the provisional agenda for the workshop will be posted in due course at <a href="https://www.cbd.int/article/finance-and-global-biodiversity-framework-webinar">https://www.cbd.int/article/finance-and-global-biodiversity-framework-webinar</a>. The Secretariat will be updating this webpage as new information becomes available.

The workshop will be conducted in English only. Interested participants are invited to register for the workshop by clicking on the following link: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4305220660917978381.

To: CBD National Focal Points, Resource Mobilization National Focal Points, financial sector representatives, businesses, UN agencies, IGOs, NGOs and other relevant international stakeholders









The discussions will be broadcast live, through a link that will be available on the workshop webpage in due course.

I look forward to your active participation and thank you for your continued support to the work of the Convention.

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

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