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Subject: FW: CBD Notification 2019-041 - Invitation to provide information on new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources for the

Dear Cristiana Pasca Palmer, PhD

Executive Secretary

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity United Nations Environment Programme

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I am pleased to refer to your E-mail dated April 9, 2019 regarding the decision IX/29 issued in the Conference of the Parties (COP) about identifying new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources.

In response to your invitation of giving you ACSAD's suggestions about this issue.

I am glad to inform you about our following suggestions:

According to the large genetic diversity of the different crops, fruit trees, rangeland plants, and medicinal and aromatic plants which exist in the Arab region and haven't been fully studied, in addition to using them in genetic improvement programs to benefit from genes which have an economic value in agriculture.

As per our experts' research results and scientific observations, we suggest that to benefit from the genetic resources of wild wheat, olive and medicinal plants, which deserve to have the priority and fit well into the CBD's objectives.

I would like to kindly pay your attention to the importance of the scientific training of young professionals in the Arab region to implement above mentioned issues, in addition to implement specialized research projects that serve the above mentioned suggestion We are so pleased to do a very fruitful and constructive cooperation between ACSAD and CBD Convention.

Best Regards,

Dr. Rafik Ali Saleh

General Director

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From: Secretariat [mailto:SECRETARIAT@cbd.int]

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 7:24 PM

To: List of CBD NFP <list-cbd-fp1@cbd.int>; List of Inter-Governmental Organizations <list-igo-org@cbd.int>; List of IPLC Organizations <list-indigenous@cbd.int>; List of Non-Governmental Organizations <list-ngo@cbd.int>; List of UN Organizations <list-un-org@cbd.int>; List of Business Organizations <list-business-org@cbd.int>; List of Academic/Research Organizations <list-education-org@cbd.int>

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Date: 09 April 2019

From: Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity

To: CBD National Focal Points, relevant organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities, cc: SBSTTA Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points and ABS Focal Points

Subject: Invitation to provide information on new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources for the next biennium 2021-2022 Thematic area: New and emerging issues

Ref.: SCBD/SSSF/AS/VA/88061

## NOTIFICATION

No. 2019-041

Dear Madam/Sir,

In section II of decision IX/29, the Conference of the Parties decided on the process for the identification of new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources.

Accordingly, I am pleased to invite you to submit any proposals for new and emerging issues for the future work programmes of the Convention. As indicated in paragraph 11 of the same decision, proposals should, where possible, be accompanied with information on:

- (a) Why the issue needs urgent attention by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (including how it impacts biodiversity);
- (b) How it affects the attainment of the objectives of the Convention (citing relevant articles);
- (c) Thematic programmes of work and/or cross-cutting issues that could contribute to the resolution of the issue;
- (d) Work already under way by relevant organizations addressing the issue; and
- (e) Credible sources of information, preferably from peer-reviewed articles.

Proposals should be sent to the Secretariat at: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), as soon as possible and no later than 23 May 2019.

The proposals will be compiled and further comments and views will be sought for subsequent consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice at its twenty-third meeting.

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

The text of this notification is also available on the CBD website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2019/ntf-2019-041-emerging-issues-en.pdf>.