



## THIRD MEETING OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR BUSINESS AND BIODIVERSITY

2-3 October 2013

*Sheraton Montreal Airport Hotel  
555 McMillan Avenue, Montréal (Québec) Canada*

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in collaboration with the Canadian Business and Biodiversity Council (CBBC),<sup>1</sup> is organizing the third meeting of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity on 2-3 October 2013. The meeting offers a platform for businesses, academics and other relevant Stakeholders to share advances made globally in incorporating biodiversity into business operations, and to develop networks among peers.

A summary of the discussions will be submitted to the 192 Parties of the Convention of Biological Diversity at its twelfth meeting to be held in October 2014 in the Republic of Korea. The meeting expects hundreds of stakeholders from around the world to have a lively debate on the various aspects of ongoing engagement of business in biodiversity.

Specifically, the meeting has three broad objectives:

- To provide businesses and other stakeholders with concrete information and case studies related to COP decisions and sector-specific issues, thus encouraging and facilitating mainstreaming of biodiversity in their general activities;
- To provide businesses and other stakeholders with a forum that will allow them to contribute feedback and recommendations for the formulation of future COP decisions in this area;
- To strengthen the Global Partnership by bringing together stakeholders from around the world who comprise the national and regional initiatives on business and biodiversity.

The agenda and speakers address various issues of importance to both business and the process of the Convention: Access and Benefit-Sharing; Safeguards and Innovative Financial Mechanisms; and Life Cycle Assessment. The meeting will also examine biodiversity and sustainability issues in the context of the following business sectors: Agrifood; Extractive Industries; and Retail/Consumer Goods. Finally, it will examine relevant decisions from the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties and how these might be implemented in preparation for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. These include: standards; sustainable public procurement; and the engagement of stakeholders. Sessions will involve a keynote speaker, a panel discussion with up to 4 panellists commenting on a specific topic or challenge with a moderator, followed by an interactive discussion. At the end of the meeting, there will be an interactive session that will bring together the various threads examined during the previous two days.

The expected participants for this meeting will represent a mix of businesses, business associations, government, non-government organizations, and academia. Few panel discussions will also connect participants electronically. A report of the meeting, and subsequent related discussions that may take place virtually or in national/regional settings, will be brought forward for consideration by Parties at their twelfth meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> The Canadian Business and Biodiversity Council was initiated from recommendations by both government and industry leaders who participated in a Montreal Business and Biodiversity Conference in 2008. The Council aims to help Canada achieve its biodiversity conservation objectives by assisting Canadian businesses that are prepared to show leadership in biodiversity conservation through managing their facilities and activities in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner.



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The mandate for this meeting is in response to decisions taken by the Parties both at their tenth and eleventh meetings (COP 10 in Nagoya in 2010 and COP 11 in Hyderabad in 2012). The meeting will also provide a platform to strengthen the engagement of business for mainstreaming of biodiversity into sustainable development (decision XI/22), aligning with the ongoing consultations on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), developed at the Rio+20 Conference.

For further information please see the associated agenda. In addition, a registration form is provided on this website. If you wish to attend this meeting, please send one completed form per participant to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int).