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NOTIFICACIÓN¹

Apoyo acelerado del FMAM para el Segundo Informe Nacional sobre Seguridad de la Biotecnología

Estimado/a Sr. / Sra.:

Tengo el placer de enviarle la comunicación que la Sra. Monique Barbu Directora Ejecutiva y Presidenta del Fondo para el Medio Ambiente Mundial (FMAM), con respecto al acceso al financiamiento del FMAM para la preparación de los segundos informes nacionales sobre la aplicación del Protocolo de Cartagena sobre Seguridad de la Biotecnología, que tienen como fecha límite el 30 de septiembre de 2011.

La Secretaría ha estado trabajando muy estrechamente con la Secretaría del Fondo para el Medio Ambiente Mundial, a fin de ayudarle en sus esfuerzos para preparar los segundos informes nacionales sobre la aplicación del Protocolo de Cartagena sobre Seguridad de la Biotecnología. Tres proposiciones de proyectos medianos de protección se están preparando, a fin de agilizar la ayuda financiera para los segundos informes nacionales sobre seguridad de la biotecnología, y se espera en breve su aprobación final. Le agradecemos se comuniquen con la Secretaría si tiene alguna pregunta o cualquier necesidad a este respecto.

Le ruego acepte Señor/Señora la expresión de mi más sincera consideración.

Ahmed Djoghlaif
Secretario Ejecutivo

Adjunto

¹ Traducido al español como cortesía de la Secretaría

Para: Los Puntos Focales Nacionales del Protocolo de Cartagena sobre Seguridad de la Biotecnología



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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to inform you of the GEF Secretariat's plans to assist GEF-eligible Parties meet their reporting obligations under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The many enabling activities, such as national communications under the UNFCCC as well as National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans and biosafety reports under the CBD, remain a top GEF priority. Therefore I want to emphasize that the GEF will continue to provide the resources for these activities, with the GEF-5 provision that has reserved up to \$500,000, per country and per focal area, outside of the STAR allocations.

Given our considerable experience with these activities, we now have put in place a number of ways for you to access resources for projects: this includes National Communications under the UNFCCC, and all of the biodiversity enabling activities under the CBD.

The first way is through direct access. As a result of the reforms which I have put in place countries can now access the GEF directly---without going through an agency--- for enabling activities. If you wish to use the direct access modality, please contact the GEF secretariat directly.

The second way is directly through a regular GEF agency. You can contact your preferred GEF agency directly, and they will work with you to develop the relevant project proposal and documentation for submission to the GEF Secretariat for approval. If, for any reason, you encounter difficulties in accessing a proper agency for these activities, I would like to hear from you immediately.

Third, there are currently two special UNEP Umbrella programs under development, one for climate change national communications, and the other for National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (biodiversity national reports), directed specifically for LDCs and SIDs. If you wish to participate in these programs, you will need to send an endorsement letter directly to UNEP.

In summary, you can choose either one of these three modalities to access the resources you require: (i) Direct Access with the GEF Secretariat, (ii) Through a GEF Agency or (iii) Through the UNEP Umbrella projects under development.

Given the urgency of the deadline for the Second National Report on biosafety (September 30, 2011), the GEF Secretariat has been working with UNEP and the CBD Secretariat to finalize three umbrella MSPs that will expedite disbursement of the small grants, so that you can prepare the reports and submit them to the CBD Secretariat. We expect to finalize the approval of these MSPs very shortly. An announcement will be made in the GEF website, and another letter will be sent to GEF operational focal points and CBD focal points announcing the project.

We continue to be committed to working closely with you to provide as many options as possible to ensure the timely and effective disbursement of resources to allow the completion of these relevant activities. For GEF-5, we would like to emphasize an agenda that is country-driven and this is another reason why we have offered these various options to you.

If you need further information, please contact us at the GEF Secretariat.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbut', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Monique Barbut
CEO and Chairperson
Global Environment Facility