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## NOTIFICATION

### Second Regional Workshop for South, East, and South-East Asia on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

Dear Madam/Sir,

In adopting the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020), the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in its decision X/2 requested countries to revise/update their national biodiversity strategies and action plans in line with the framework of the Strategic Plan. To facilitate this, the Secretariat had organized a regional workshop for South, East and Southeast Asia from 9 to 16 May 2011 in Xi'an, China, with the generous support of the Governments of Japan and China and other partners.

In further support of this process and to facilitate the identification of national targets and their integration into revised/updated national biodiversity strategies and action plans, the Secretariat is organizing a follow-up regional workshop from 6 to 10 December 2011 in Dehradun, India, with the generous support of the Governments of Japan and India and in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India.

The purpose of the workshop is to address various issues that countries in the region may have encountered or will encounter while updating their national biodiversity strategies and action plans, with focus on target setting, stakeholder engagement and the development of country-specific plans for mobilizing financial resources for the implementation of NBSAPs. The provisional agenda and other meeting documents will soon be available on the CBD website (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=NBSAP-SEASI-03>).

I am pleased to invite you to nominate two representatives of your government, at your earliest convenience, but not later than **30 September 2011**, to participate in the workshop. Thanks to the generous support of the government of Japan, the Secretariat will be in a position

To CBD Focal Points of countries of South, East, and South East Asia: (South - Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka,) (South-East - Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam) (East - China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Japan, Republic of Korea)

to support the participation of two representatives from eligible Parties. Parties are requested to use the following criteria while submitting their nomination:

- The country representatives should be involved in the development, implementation and updating of the NBSAP;
- After the workshop, the representatives should be in a position to translate the knowledge and capacities gained into concrete actions for updating and implementation of the NBSAP;
- At least one representative should be selected from the ministry or department of planning, finance or development or be responsible for issues related to resource mobilization for biodiversity.

For nominees other than the current National Focal Point, nominations should include full contact details and be accompanied by *curriculum vitae* clearly indicating the areas of expertise of the nominee. CBD primary focal points should provide the name and contact details of their nominee via an **official signed letter** addressed to the Executive Secretary by the deadline (faxed to +1 (514) 288-6588, or scanned and attached to an email addressed to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int)). Please note that the workshop will be held in English only.

Please also note that this workshop will be held in parallel with a Regional Workshop for South, East and Southeast Asia on Capacity Building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas also organized by the Secretariat of the CBD for which a separate notification will be issued. Joint sessions will be arranged for participants of both workshops particularly on Target 11 of the Strategic Plan.

I look forward to receiving your nominations and I thank you in advance for your cooperation and for your continued support for the work of the Convention.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary