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## NOTIFICATION

### Dialogue seminar on scaling up finance for biodiversity

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that a global dialogue seminar on scaling up finance for biodiversity, co-hosted by the Governments of Ecuador, Sweden, Norway and India, together with Japan as the COP Presidency, will be held from **6 to 9 March 2012** in **Quito, Ecuador**.

As you are aware, the Conference of the Parties, at its ninth meeting in 2008 in Bonn, Germany, adopted a Strategy for Resource Mobilization. At its tenth meeting in 2010 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, the Conference of the Parties adopted the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020), including the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Target 20 calls for the mobilization of financial resources for the effective implementation of the Strategic Plan from all sources and, in accordance with the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, a substantial increase from current levels. Further, the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-11) is due to consider targets for resource mobilization on the basis of inter-sessional work and a recommendation by the fourth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-4).

The intention of this dialogue seminar is to facilitate the further elaboration by the Conference of the Parties of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization and thereby facilitate implementation of the Strategic Plan and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

More specifically, the dialogue seminar will explore opportunities related to an increase in the scale of finance and contribute to building understanding on these issues and seek to clarify areas of convergence and of divergence. The seminar will not draft formal recommendations, but rather seek to enhance understanding among participants with a view to facilitate discussions at WGRI-4 and COP-11. The seminar will include a mix of keynote presentations, case studies and small group discussions.

Participants are expected to be key actors regarding financing for biodiversity including experts active in CBD discussions on resource mobilisation but also from related processes, as well as national level actors from sectors dealing with financing of biodiversity and ecosystem services, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, social movements, farmer organisations, local communities and Indigenous Peoples organisations, scientists and the private sector.

To: CBD Focal Points and Resource Mobilization Focal Points

Accordingly, I would like to invite you to nominate a senior officer to participate in this dialogue seminar. The nominee should be the CBD Focal Point, CBD Resource Mobilization Focal Point, or other senior officer responsible for implementing the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in your country. The nominee should be comfortable working in English or Spanish which will be the languages of the workshop. Nominations should be made as soon as possible and no later than **5 December 2011** to: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int).

The hosts wish to facilitate the participation of developing countries and therefore the Governments of Sweden, Norway and Japan are making some funding available for developing countries, with priority given to least developed countries and small island developing states. This will cover round-trip economy-class air tickets, hotel accommodation, meals and a daily subsistence allowance to cover incidentals.

I look forward to receiving your nomination soon and thank you very much for your support and cooperation.

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

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Executive Secretary