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## NOTIFICATION

### Workshop on Financing Mechanisms for Biodiversity: Examining Opportunities and Challenges

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that a workshop on “Financing Mechanisms for Biodiversity: Examining Opportunities and Challenges” will be held on 12 May 2012 at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal, Canada, immediately after the Fourth meeting of the Ad-hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation (WGRI-4).

This workshop is being convened by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), The World Bank, the Global Environment Fund (GEF) and the Economic Commission (EC), in association with the co-chairs from India and Sweden of the Quito informal Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Finance for Biodiversity held from 6-9 March 2012. The aim is to build on the Quito discussions and related discussions in WGRI-4 to examine in further depth the salient issues associated with biodiversity finance mechanisms, bringing together governments, experts and practitioners from a wide range of countries to exchange insights and lessons learned, and to explore what are the most promising avenues for effectively scaling up finance for biodiversity.

Experience on biodiversity finance mechanisms from on-the-ground country case-studies and the insights from key organizations involved in financing biodiversity and their portfolios in this area will be brought together to identify and highlight: both successes and challenges encountered; the potential to mobilize and scale-up finance; and the enabling conditions and safeguards needed to support this initiative.

I would like therefore to invite you to nominate a Senior Officer to participate in this workshop. Following in the steps of the Quito Dialogue Seminar, the nominee should be the CBD Resource Mobilization Focal Point, or other Senior Officer responsible for implementing the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in your country. The Nominations should be sent as soon as possible to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) but no later than **20 April 2012**. A draft agenda will be circulated nearer the date of the event.

I look forward to the participation of your government and to your continued support to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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

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