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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Invitation to nominate experts to the advisory group for the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-4)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In its recommendation XVI/2 (“Considerations for the preparation of the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook”), the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), at its sixteenth meeting, requested the Executive Secretary to establish, in accordance with the guidance on the composition of expert groups contained in the consolidated *modus operandi* of SBSTTA (Decision VIII/10, Annex III), an advisory group for the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO-4), in order to provide guidance of the preparation process of GBO-4 at the earliest possible time, and to review and provide advice on data and methodology standards, development plans and outputs, quality assurance and the inclusion of case-studies. The activities of the advisory group are detailed in the annex to this notification.

I would appreciate receiving your nominations of suitable experts who could contribute to the work of the GBO-4 advisory group, including a summary curriculum vitae accompanied by a note explaining the specific expertise of the candidate in contributing to the work of the advisory group. Kindly send your nominations at your earliest convenience but **no later than 30 June 2012**, preferably by email to [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int).

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

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To: CBD National Focal Points, SBSTTA Focal Points, relevant organizations, indigenous and local communities



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## *Annex*

### **Functions of the advisory group for the fourth edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook**

The GBO-4 Advisory Group will, within the general guidance provided through relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties and recommendations by the Subsidiary Body and other Convention bodies as appropriate, advise the Secretariat on all aspects of the preparation of the publication and its related products. With the SBSTTA Bureau providing oversight of the preparation process, the GBO-4 Advisory Group will guide the preparations through the following activities:

- (a) Ensure the scientific and technical soundness of the products;
- (b) Keep the work plan and communication strategy under review throughout the preparation process and recommend adjustments where necessary;
- (c) Review the annotated outline for GBO-4;
- (d) Draw attention to relevant data and material, case-studies and elements for the storyline;
- (e) Review chapter drafts, including draft graphics;
- (f) Provide oversight of the peer-review process;
- (g) Promote the appropriate style and presentation of the envisaged products in view of the target audiences;
- (h) Promote the participation of relevant partners and networks in the various stages of preparation of GBO-4;
- (i) Recommend possible partnerships, including where appropriate commercial partners, for the production and distribution of selected products;
- (j) Explore, in collaboration with the SBSTTA Bureau, ways in which the activities of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services could build on and contribute to the fourth edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook, as well as other future assessments of the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.