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**NOTIFICATION**  
**Fourth Review of the Effectiveness of the Financial Mechanism**

Dear Madam/Sir,

In its Decision XI/5, paragraph 7, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) requested the Executive Secretary to present the Fourth Review of the Effectiveness of the Financial Mechanism to the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Review and Implementation (WGRI-5), in June 2014. In accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 21 of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties will evaluate the findings in order to take appropriate measures to improve the effectiveness of the financial mechanism at its twelfth meeting.

In this regard, I am pleased to enclose herewith a questionnaire, established in line with Decision X/27, which will assist in assessing the effectiveness of the financial mechanism with respect to, *inter alia*, conformity of activities, efficiency in the provision and mobilization of financial resources, responsiveness and performance, synergy of activities, as well as effectiveness and relevance of guidance. The questionnaire was designed by ICF International Inc., a renowned consulting firm contracted to conduct research and prepare the report, as requested by the Conference of the Parties, with the support of the Secretariat.

Your input to this assessment is invaluable for the Convention and its financial mechanism. You may access the questionnaire at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CBD\\_financial\\_mechanism](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CBD_financial_mechanism). You are kindly invited to submit your input, comments and responses, as well as any additional supporting documents directly to ICF International at [CBDEvaluation@icfi.com](mailto:CBDEvaluation@icfi.com) at your earliest convenience but no later than **31 May 2013**.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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