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**NOTIFICATION**  
**Third Meeting of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity**  
**2-3 October 2013 – Montreal, Canada**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the third meeting of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity, organized jointly with the Canadian Business and Biodiversity Council (CBBC),<sup>1</sup> will be held in Montreal on 2-3 October 2013.

This meeting is in line with decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties (COP), in particular paragraph 3 (a) of Decision X/21 which requested the Executive Secretary to encourage the establishment of national, regional and international business and biodiversity initiatives by facilitating a forum of dialogue between Parties and other Governments, business and other stakeholders, with a particular focus on the global level. This mandate was reinforced in paragraph 5 (a) of Decision XI/7 which requested the Executive Secretary to continue to facilitate this dialogue, using the Global Partnership as a framework.

Accordingly, the Global Partnership meeting in October will provide a unique platform to strengthen the engagement of business and the private sector, as well as the mainstreaming of biodiversity into sustainable development (Decision XI/22), aligning with the ongoing consultations on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), developed at the Rio+20 Conference.

The meeting's objectives are the following:

- (i) To provide businesses and other stakeholders with concrete information and case studies related to COP decisions and sector-specific issues, thereby encouraging and facilitating mainstreaming of biodiversity in their general activities;
- (ii) To provide businesses and other stakeholders with a forum for feedback and recommendations for future COPs and therefore allowing them input with regard to the formulation of decisions in this area; and
- (iii) To strengthen the Global Partnership by bringing together national and regional initiatives.

This meeting will discuss various issues of importance to the Convention, including Access and Benefit-sharing, Safeguards and Mechanisms and Supply Chain Management. In addition, the meeting will examine biodiversity and sustainability issues faced in the Agrifood, Extractive and Retail/Consumer

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<sup>1</sup> The Canadian Business and Biodiversity Council was initiated from recommendations by both government and industry leaders who participated in the Montreal Business and Biodiversity Conference in 2008. The Council aims to help Canada achieve its biodiversity conservation objectives by assisting Canadian businesses that are prepared to show leadership in biodiversity conservation through managing their facilities and activities in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner.

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Goods sectors. Finally, the meeting will address how relevant decisions adopted at COP 11 can be implemented by means of standards, sustainable public procurement and the engagement of stakeholders. Sessions will involve a keynote speaker, a panel discussion with up to 4 panelists commenting on a specific topic or challenge with a moderator, followed by an interactive discussion. For more information, kindly see the enclosed tentative programme.

Expected participants will represent a mix of businesses, business associations, governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and academia. The report of this meeting and subsequent discussions that may take place virtually or in national/regional settings will be brought forward for consideration by Parties at COP 12.

If interested, we would welcome appropriate representation by your Government at this event in order to provide your input into these important discussions. Please inform us of your nominee at [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) at your earliest convenience but no later than **20 July 2013**, as space is limited to ensure a balance among stakeholders. Unfortunately, due to limited resources, the Secretariat is unable to provide financial support for participation. Should you have any questions, you can contact us at above-mentioned email.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias  
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

### Third Meeting of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity 2-3 October 2013 – Montreal, Canada

#### Day 1

8.15 a.m.	Registration	
9.00 a.m.	<b>Opening Plenary</b>	
	• Mr. David Smith, Advisor, Canadian Business and Biodiversity Council (CBBC)	Confirmed
	• Representative, Government of the Republic of Korea, host of CBD COP 12	TBC
	• Honourable Peter Kent, Minister, Environment Canada	TBC
	• Representative, Government of the Province of Quebec	TBC
	• Mr. Braulio Dias, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)	Confirmed
9.45 a.m.	<b>Current status of Business and Biodiversity:</b>	
	• Mr. David Steuerman, Consultant, Business and Biodiversity, SCBD	Confirmed
10.00 a.m.	<b>Business and Biodiversity from a Corporate Perspective #1</b>	
	• Speaker TBD	
10.20 a.m.	<i>Break</i>	
10.30 a.m.	<b>Concurrent Sessions #1</b>	
	<u>Panel on Access and Benefit-sharing</u>	
	Keynote Speaker:	
	• Mr. Pierre Du Plessis, High Value Plant Species Expert, Centre for Research Information Action in Africa, Southern African Development and Consulting (CRIAA SA-DC)	Confirmed
	Panelists:	
	• Mr. Suhel al-Janabi, Co-manager, Access and Benefit-sharing Capacity Development Initiative for Africa	Confirmed
	• Ms. Elisa Romano, Executive Manager, National Confederation of Industry Brazil (CNI)	Confirmed
	• Mr. George Greene, Founding Chair, Stratos	Confirmed
	• Mr. Claude Framageot, Director of Sustainable Development, Yves Rocher	TBC
	Discussion Facilitator:	
	• Ms. Shiranee Yasaratne, Consultant, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Asia's Business and Biodiversity Programme	Confirmed
	<u>Panel on Safeguards and Mechanisms</u>	
	Keynote Speaker: TBD	
	Panelists:	
	• Ms. Rosemary Bisset, Corporate Responsibility Officer, National Australia Bank	TBC
	• Ms. Claudia Ituarte-Lima, International Environmental Law Officer, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University	Confirmed
	• Speaker TBD	
	• Speaker TBD	
	Discussion Facilitator: TBD	

### Panel on Supply Chain Management

Keynote Speaker: TBD

Panelists:

- Ms. Libby Bernick, Senior Vice-President North America, Trucost TBC
- Ms. Georgina Langdale, Founder and Managing Director, Archeus Ltd. TBC
- Mr. Richard Spencer, Head of Sustainability, Technical Strategy Department, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) TBC
- Speaker TBD

Discussion Facilitator: TBD

12.30 p.m. *Lunch*

12.50 p.m. **Lunch Speech**  
• Speaker TBD

1.50 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions #2**

### Panel on Agrifood

Keynote Speaker:

- Mr. Jay Bradshaw, President, Syngenta Canada Confirmed

Panelists:

- Ms. Gabriela Burian, Director Sustainable Agriculture Ecosystems, Monsanto Confirmed
- Mr. Howard-Yana Shapiro, Chief Agricultural Officer, Mars Inc. Confirmed
- Mr. Paul Short, President, Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association Confirmed
- Mr. Marcel Groleau, President, Union des Producteurs Agricoles Confirmed

Discussion Facilitator: TBD

### Panel on Extractive Industries

Keynote Speaker: TBD

Panelists:

- Mr. Rajesh Sharma, CEO and Managing Director, Tata Steel Minerals Canada Ltd. Confirmed
- Representative, Holcim Canada Inc. TBC
- Representative, Suncor Energy Inc. TBC
- Mr. Thierry Téné, Co-founder and Director, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Africa Institute Confirmed

Discussion Facilitator:

- Mr. Kiruben Naicker, Deputy Director, Biodiversity Planning, Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa Confirmed

### Panel on Retail/Consumer Goods

Keynote Speaker:

- Mr. David Smith, Advisor, Canadian Business and Biodiversity Council (CBBC) Confirmed

Panelists:

- Mr. Eduardo Escobedo, Director, Responsible Ecosystems Sourcing Platform (RESP) Confirmed
- Speaker TBD
- Speaker TBD
- Speaker TBD

Discussion Facilitator:

- Ms. Maria Luisa Del Rio Mispireta, Advisor, Vice-ministerial Office of Development, Ministry of Environment, Peru Confirmed

- 3.00 p.m. *Break*
- 3.50 p.m. **Plenary Panel: Session Summary**
- 4.40 p.m. **Business and Biodiversity from a Corporate Perspective #2**  
  - Speaker TBD
- 4.50 p.m. **Closing remarks:** Confirmed  
  - Mr. Ravi Sharma, Principal Officer, Technical Support for Implementation, SCBD
- 5.30 p.m. **Cocktail Reception**

## **Day 2**

- 9.00 a.m. **Plenary Session**  
  - Mr. Gerard Bos, Head, Global Business and Biodiversity Programme, IUCN Confirmed
- 9.30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions #3**
- Panel on Standards
- Keynote Speaker:
- Ms. Melissa Tolley, Head, Business, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, United Nations Environment Program, World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC) Confirmed
- Panelists:
- Ms. Lori Anna Conzo, Environmental Specialist, Environment, Social and Governance Department, International Finance Cooperation (IFC) Confirmed
  - Mr. Andrew de Vries, Vice-President, Conservation, Indigenous and Government Relations, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc. Confirmed
  - Mr. Dan Farr, Applied Ecologist, Biota Research Ltd. Confirmed
  - Speaker TBD
- Discussion Facilitator:
- Ms. Madeleine Nyiratuza, Project Manager for Monitoring Ecosystem Services, Agriculture and Livelihoods, Wildlife Conservation Society/Rwanda Program Confirmed
- Panel on Sustainable Public Procurement
- Keynote Speaker:
- Mr. Farid Yaker, Programme Officer, Sustainable Public Procurement, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Confirmed
- Panelists:
- Ms. Caroline Macintosh, Director, Policy Directorate, Office of Greening Government Operations, Public Works and Government Services Canada Confirmed
  - Ms. Anne-Marie Saulnier, Director, Sustainable Procurement, Quebec Multi-stakeholder Platform on Responsible Purchasing (ECPAR) Confirmed
  - Speaker TBD
  - Speaker TBD
- Discussion Facilitator:
- Speaker TBD

### Panel on Engagement of Stakeholders

#### Keynote Speaker:

- Mr. Yoshiharu Tachibana, Advisor, Keidanren Committee on Nature Conservation Confirmed

#### Panelists:

- Ms. Carolin Bossmeyer, Managing Director, Biodiversity in Good Company Initiative TBC
- Mr. Daan Wensing, Manager, Leaders for Nature, IUCN Confirmed
- Ms. Nathalie Rizzotti, Senior Policy Advisor for Biodiversity, Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN), Switzerland Confirmed

#### Discussion Facilitator:

- Speaker TBD

10.35 a.m. *Break*

10.50 a.m. **Plenary Panel**

- Results of discussions

11.20 a.m. **Preparation for breakouts**

Towards COP 12: Business decisions, activities and implementation

- Representative, SCBD/CBBC TBD

11.30 a.m. **Breakout sessions facilitated by Global Partnership members**

#### Discussion Facilitators:

- Breakout Group #1: Mr. Ciprian Ionescu, Association Orée Confirmed
- Breakout Group #2: Mr. Gonzalo León Silva, Sustainability Management Team Leader, FUNDACIÓNCHILE TBC
- Breakout Group #3: TBD

12.00 p.m. **Plenary Panel: Session Summary**

12.30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

- Representative, Government of India, CBD COP 11 President TBC