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## NOTIFICATION

### **Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for the African Region on Traditional Knowledge and Customary sustainable use under the CBD, 26–28 March 2014, Nairobi, Kenya**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that, with the generous support of the Government of Japan, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in collaboration with the Indigenous Information Network (IIN), is organizing a regional capacity-building workshop for Africa on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use for indigenous and local community representatives and National Focal Points on Traditional Knowledge of the CBD, which will be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 26 to 28 March 2014.

The purpose of the workshop is to strengthen the capacity of indigenous and local community representatives, as well as National Focal Points on Traditional Knowledge, on Article 8(j) and 10(c) and related provisions of the CBD and prepare them as trainers to offer national or local capacity-building workshops, in line with the implementation of the Strategic Biodiversity Plan 2011-2020, particularly Target 18.

In connection with this workshop, and in collaboration with IIN, the Secretariat of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) will also be organizing and funding a workshop on intellectual property issues related to traditional knowledge for indigenous and local community representatives and National Focal Points on Traditional Knowledge of the CBD, on 29 March 2014. Participants attending the above-mentioned regional capacity-building workshop are invited to participate in this workshop. The two workshops will be conducted in English and French.

I am pleased to invite interested Parties and indigenous and local community organizations of the African Region to nominate representatives based on the following criteria:

- (i) Their expertise on traditional knowledge and related issues; and
- (ii) Their ability to conduct further training at national, sub-national or local levels.

Nominations should take the form of an official letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, by e-mail at: [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), or by fax at: +1 (514) 288-6588, and must contain full contact details of the nominee, along with a curriculum vitae clearly indicating the relevant areas of expertise. Nominations should be submitted no later than **7 February 2014**.

Subject to the availability of funds, the Secretariat of the CBD will select the participants on the basis of sub-regional balance, gender equity, relevant expertise, and ability to offer trainings to build the capacity of indigenous and local communities at national, sub-national and/or local levels.

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

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To: CBD and Traditional Knowledge Focal Points for Africa, indigenous and local community organizations and relevant international organizations



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