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NOTIFICATION

Update on the Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Finance for Biodiversity 9-12 April 2014 - Quito, Ecuador

Dear Madam/Sir,

You may recall that through notifications 2013-104 and 2014-005, dated 19 November 2013 and 13 January 2014 respectively, the Secretariat invited Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and relevant organizations to nominate a representative to participate in the Dialogue Seminar on Scaling up Finance for Biodiversity to be held on 9-12 April 2014 in Quito, Ecuador.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that the draft agenda and list of selected experts for the Dialogue Seminar is now available at the following website: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=DS-FB-02>. The selection of experts was made on the basis of relevant expertise, while ensuring regional and gender balance.

Thanks to the generous financial support from the European Commission and the Governments of Japan, Norway and Sweden, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is organizing this Dialogue Seminar, with the assistance of the Seminar conveners (Governments of Ecuador, India, Japan, Norway, Republic of Korea, Sweden and Uganda, and the European Commission).

The Dialogue Seminar will:

- (i) Enhance mutual understanding of the different views and perspectives on financing for biodiversity that are otherwise difficult to achieve in formal negotiations;
- (ii) Review the importance of integrating the values of biodiversity and, in this context, explore opportunities for incorporating positive incentive measures;
- (iii) Share best practices and lessons learned on potential risks and benefits of biodiversity financial mechanisms, as well as principles and safeguards in their use;
- (iv) Exchange country experiences in mobilizing financial and non-financial resources and, in this regard, identify gaps and needs for the effective implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization; and
- (v) Build synergies with the Rio Conventions, Ministries of External Affairs, poverty-related issues, the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

A co-chairs' summary of the Dialogue Seminar will be made available at the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 5) to be held on 16-20 June 2014.

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

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To: CBD Focal Points, Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and relevant organizations



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