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## NOTIFICATION

### **Regional Workshop on Resource Mobilization for Asia and the Pacific 6 to 8 May 2014 – Bangkok, Thailand**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that a regional workshop on resource mobilization for Asia and the Pacific will be held from 6 to 8 May 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand. The workshop is being organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the United Nations Development Programme (through its Biodiversity Finance Initiative), the United Nations Environment Programme (through its World Conservation Monitoring Centre), and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, with financial support provided by the European Union. The workshop will be hosted by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The workshop is one of a series of resource mobilization workshops, convened pursuant to paragraph 27 of COP decision XI/4, on the review of implementation of the strategy for resource mobilization, including the establishment of targets. Pursuant to this request, the workshop seeks to contribute to achieving the following outcomes:

- (a) Enhanced capacity of participants to apply pertinent methodologies, frameworks and tools for identifying, assessing, and reporting existing biodiversity finance, in order to develop robust financial baselines and for developing national finance plans, including financial targets, for effective implementation of revised National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs).
- (b) Enhanced understanding of participants of the importance, for effective mobilization of financial resources, of identifying relevant biodiversity values and incorporating these values in policy planning, including in revised NBSAPs; and of existing case studies and good practices on pertinent approaches and measures for such identification and incorporation.

In this connection, I am pleased to invite your Government to nominate a resource mobilization expert who will participate in this workshop, preferably the official in charge of resource mobilization and/or the development of national finance plans for the implementation of the revised National

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Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans. The nominees proposed should be in a position to translate the capacity and insights gained from the workshop into concrete actions for the effective mobilization of resources for the implementation of the revised NBSAPs.

Nominations should be submitted in the form of an official signed letter addressed to the Executive Secretary and should clearly indicate the name and full contact information, including the e-mail address, of the representative. The letter can either be scanned and e-mailed as an attachment to the Secretariat at [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) or faxed to + 1 514 288 6588, and should be sent to the Secretariat **no later than 4 April 2014**.

Please be informed that the participation of one nominated representative from each eligible country Party will be supported with direct, economy-class round-trip ticket and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop, to be provided in accordance with relevant United Nations rules. Documents for this workshop will be made available in due course.

I look forward to receiving your nominations as soon as possible, and I thank you for your support and cooperation.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias  
Executive Secretary