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## NOTIFICATION

**Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for Asia on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the CBD, 3-5 June 2014**  
**and**  
**Regional Workshop on Community-Based Monitoring and Information Systems (CBMIS), 6-7 June 2014 - Chiang Mai, Thailand**

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that, with the generous support of the Governments of Japan and Sweden, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in collaboration with the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), Tebtebba Foundation (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education), Forest Peoples Programme (FPP) and Stockholm Resilience Centre, is organizing two regional capacity-building workshops for indigenous and local community representatives and National Focal Points on Traditional Knowledge of the CBD that will be held back-to-back in Chiang Mai, Thailand, as follows:

- Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for Asia on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use under the CBD from 3 to 5 June 2014
- Regional Workshop on Community-Based Monitoring and Information Systems (CBMIS), from 6 to 7 June 2014.

The purpose of these workshops is to strengthen the capacity of indigenous and local communities, and National Focal Points on Traditional Knowledge, and prepare them as trainers to develop national or local capacity-building workshops, in line with the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, particularly Target 18 and its indicators.

Furthermore, in connection with these workshops, in collaboration with the AIPP and Tebtebba Foundation, the Secretariat of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is organizing and funding a training event on intellectual property issues related to traditional knowledge on 2 June 2014. Participants attending the above-mentioned CBD workshops are invited to participate in this training.

I am pleased to invite interested Parties and indigenous and local community organizations of the Asia Region to nominate representatives to these workshops 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 be provided in 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 **28 April 2014**.

To: CBD and Traditional Knowledge Focal Point for Asia, indigenous and local community organizations and relevant international organizations



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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 training and continue to build the capacity of indigenous and local communities at national, sub-national and/or local levels. Note that priority will be given to representatives able and qualified to participate in both workshops.

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

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