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## NOTIFICATION

### **International Workshop on Financing for Biodiversity 18-19 August 2014 - Ittingen, Switzerland**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, with the generous support from the Governments of Japan, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland, as well as the European Commission, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is organizing an international workshop on financing for biodiversity, in Ittingen, Switzerland, from 18 to 19 August 2014.

The purpose of the workshop is to provide technical follow up to the elements of the recommendation on resource mobilization to be adopted by the fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation (WGRI 5) for consideration by the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP 12). As envisaged in the working documents UNEP/CBD/WGRI/5/4 and UNEP/CBD/COP/12/1, the Pyeongchang Roadmap 2020 would include resource mobilization, for the enhanced implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Recognizing that the strategy for resource mobilization in support of the Convention's three objectives, as adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting, was geared towards implementation during an initial period up to 2015, the workshop will discuss ways and means to extend the strategy to 2020 geared to meet the 2020 Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

The workshop will consider practical and action-oriented elements for inclusion into a Pyeongchang Roadmap 2020 for implementation of the targets for resource mobilization to support the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets. The workshop will take into account the draft report of the High-level Panel on the Global Assessment of Resources for Implementing the Strategic Plan and the Co-chairs' report of the Second Dialogue Seminar and other documents. It will also develop delivery and support mechanisms for the Pyeongchang Roadmap, including technical support and capacity building and other concrete initiatives.

Due to space constraints, the workshop is limited to a total number of 50 participants. The majority of participants will be representatives of national governments, taking into account the need for balanced geographical representation. The workshop will also include a few experts active in the field of finance for biodiversity from international organization, the academic community and civil society.

In this regard, I am pleased to invite your Government to nominate an expert to participate in this workshop. The nominee should either be the CBD Resource Mobilization Focal Point or a senior officer

To: CBD National Focal Points



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responsible for implementing the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in your country. The nominee should be comfortable working in English since the workshop will be conducted in English.

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, as soon as possible, but no later than 30 June 2014 and must contain full contact details of the nominee.

Thanks to the Governments of Japan and the Republic of Korea, as well as the European Commission, the Secretariat will be in a position to provide financial support to limited number of participants from developing countries with priority given to least developed countries and small island developing states. This support will cover round-trip economy-class air tickets, hotel accommodation, meals and a daily subsistence allowance to cover incidentals. Eligible Parties to the Convention wishing to solicit such assistance are kindly requested to advise the Secretariat at their earliest convenience, but no later than the above-mentioned date, of the name and coordinates of your Government's officially designated expert to benefit from such financial support.

Further information on the workshop will be posted on CBD website as it becomes available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2014-05>.

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

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Executive Secretary