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## NOTIFICATION

**Contributions of biological and cultural diversity, community conservation, customary sustainable use and the power of local action to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets  
11-12 October 2014- Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea**

Dear Madam/Sir,

As the global community considers the mid-term review of the revised Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals, there has been a growing interest in the biological and cultural dimensions of diversity; the interactions between them; their connection to social and economic development; as well as their role in building resilience against natural and human induced change and more broadly the power of local action.

Issues of cultural and biological diversity, community conservation and the power of local action are indeed at the heart of the three goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity. They have inspired the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and UNESCO, together with a number of partners, including FAO GIAHS, the World Indigenous and Local Community Land and Sea Managers Network (WIN/EI/UNDP), the ICCA Consortium, the International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, and CBD Korean Civil Network and local communities, to organize a weekend of activities that celebrate, draw attention to and consider the possible contributions of biological and cultural diversity, community conservation, customary sustainable use and the power of local action to the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

The weekend of activities will include local temple and forest visits, a cultural event and reception and a series of roundtable discussions. These activities will be held on 11-12 October 2014, primarily in room G4, as well as in the Rio Conventions Pavilion and with off-site excursions.

The objectives include:

- To better understand the links between biological and cultural diversity and their implications for policy and actions at various levels, including different regional perspectives;
- To understand the contribution of ICCAs towards reaching multiple Aichi Biodiversity Targets and implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets; and
- To foster discussions, and to share experiences, best practices and lessons learned from governments and ILCs on the links between cultural and biological diversity, traditional

Attachment

To: CBD and PoWPA Focal Points, international organizations, Non Governmental Organizations, and Indigenous and Local Communities



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knowledge, customary sustainable use, community conservation and the power of local action and their contribution to the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

Speakers include representatives and experts from Parties, international organizations, indigenous and local communities, and Non Governmental Organizations. A draft programme for the weekend of activities is attached.

I am very pleased to invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous and local community organizations, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations, civil society and academia attending COP 12 to participate in this event. Korean, English and Spanish interpretation will be provided.

As space is limited, and lunch and excursions will be arranged in advance, the Secretariat requires confirmation by 1 October 2014. Please e-mail your expression of interest including your full name, affiliation and e-mail address to Ms. Viviana Figueroa ([viviana.figueroa@cbd.int](mailto:viviana.figueroa@cbd.int)). Kindly note that registration to COP 12 is a pre-requisite in order to have access to the venue and to attend these events. I look forward to receiving your early registrations to these events.

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

Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias  
Executive Secretary

**Revised Programme of Activities 11-12 October**

**Diversity Day- Saturday, 11 October 2014**

***BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR  
BIODIVERSITY AND THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS***

- 08.30-09.00     Departure and arrival at the Woljeong Temple (20-30 min by bus)
- 09:00-12:00     Visit to the local temple and community managed area Woljeong Temple and  
presentation on the links between biological and cultural diversity by the temple hosts
- 12.00 – 13.30     Lunch at the Woljeong Temple
- 13.30             Return to Alpensia Conference Centre Room G4 (capacity 160 participants)
- 14.00-16.00     Panel discussion on *the possible contributions of the links between biological and  
cultural diversity to the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the Aichi targets*,  
including national, regional and international perspectives
- 16.00-16.30     Korean Traditional Tea Ceremony
- 16.30-18.00     Roundtable discussions on the main messages from Diversity Day
- 18.00             Cultural evening - Rio Conventions Pavilion – to be confirmed

**Conservation Day- Sunday 12 October 2014**

***COMMUNITY CONSERVATION AND CUSTOMARY SUSTAINABLE USE AND THE POWER  
OF LOCAL ACTION – WIN/EI/UNDP***

- 10.00     Morning tea/cafe
- 10.30     Keynote Address – the power of local action and community conservation for the Strategic  
Plan and the Aichi Targets
- 11.00     FAO GIAHS Korean sites presentation

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- 12.00 Panel discussion on ICCAs, community conservation, the power of local action as contributions to the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Targets including:
- Diverse and effective area-based conservation measures as contributions to Aichi 11
  - Rice Paddy Biodiversity Enhancing Decade Project (RiceBED Project) by Ramsar Network Japan
- 13.30 Korean Traditional Tea Ceremony and Lunch
- 15.00 Keynote: Taking protected areas governance forward (ICCA Consortium and IUCN)
- 15.30 Panel discussion on the Global Plan of Action on Customary Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity, its implementation and its possible contributions to the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the Aichi Targets
- 17.00 Main Messages on community conservation and customary sustainable use for COP 12
- 17.30 Reception - to be confirmed