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## NOTIFICATION

### **Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for the Caribbean Region on Traditional Knowledge and Customary sustainable use under the CBD 14–18 December 2015, Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that, with the generous support of the Government of Japan, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in collaboration with the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and Precision Development Foundation, is organizing a regional capacity-building workshop for the Caribbean region, on traditional knowledge and customary sustainable use for indigenous and local community representatives and National Focal Points on Traditional Knowledge of the CBD, which will be held in Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda, from 14 to 18 December 2015.

The purpose of the workshop is to strengthen the capacity of indigenous and local community representatives, as well as National Focal Points on Traditional Knowledge, on Articles 8(j) and 10(c) and related provisions of the CBD and prepare them as trainers to offer national or local capacity-building workshops, in line with the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, particularly Target 18. The workshop will be conducted in English.

I am pleased therefore to invite interested Parties and indigenous and local community organizations of the Caribbean region to nominate representatives 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 submitted using the attached nomination form, accompanied by an official letter of nomination, to the Secretariat at [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int), or faxed to +1 (514) 288-6588, as soon as possible but no later than **20 November 2015**.

Subject to the availability of funds, the Secretariat will select the participants on the basis of regional balance, gender equity, relevant expertise, and ability to offer trainings to build the capacity of indigenous and local communities at national, sub-national and/or local levels. A list of selected participants will be posted on the CBD website (<http://www.cbd.int/meetings/>) once the selection is completed. Selected participants will be contacted directly by the Secretariat.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD and Traditional Knowledge Focal Points, indigenous and local community organizations and international organizations of the Caribbean



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