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NOTIFICATION

Call for submissions for the 2016 GBIF Ebbe Nielsen Challenge

Dear Madam/Sir,

As part of the ongoing cooperation between the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF), I would like to draw your attention to the call from GBIF inviting proposals on understanding, examining and addressing gaps and biases in open-access biodiversity data from the GBIF network.

Individuals and teams are invited to develop innovative submissions and vie for more than €30,000 in prizes from this incentive competition. The closing date for submissions is **29 September 2016**. GBIF will announce first- and second-prize winners—who will receive €20,000 and €5,000, respectively—at its annual Governing Board meeting in Brasília on 26 October 2016.

The link to the announcement on the GBIF website is available [here](#) and the link to the 2016 Ebbe Nielsen challenge site is available [here](#).

Considering the relevance of filling geographic, taxonomic, temporal, habitat and other gaps and overcoming related biases to the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, I invite you to encourage relevant experts to participate in this process, where appropriate.

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

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