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## NOTIFICATION

### Invitation to submit comments on the revised short-term action plan (2017-2020) to enhance and support capacity-building for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you may recall, in its decision XII/2 B, paragraph 8, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to develop a short-term action plan to enhance and support capacity-building for the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Targets and to submit it to the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) for consideration at its first meeting.

In recommendation 1/5, the SBI took note of the draft short-term action plan and requested the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations, to further streamline and focus it, and to submit a revised draft for consideration by COP13. In the process of revision, the Executive Secretary was requested to include priority needs submitted by Parties and identified in their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), to streamline the activities to avoid duplications, take into account activities already funded and facilitated by the Secretariat and/or by other organizations, take into account Aichi Targets with less progress and identify priority activities and activities likely to be the most effective, based on input from Parties, especially developing country Parties.

In response to the above recommendation, the Secretariat streamlined the activities in the draft action plan and was made available to Parties for their review and identification of priority activities at the four regional joint preparatory meetings for the CITES CoP 17 and the CBD COP 13 and related COP-MOP meetings held in August 2016 (Thailand, Ethiopia, Samoa and Guatemala). The priorities identified by the participants of the regional joint preparatory meetings are reflected in the annex of the revised action plan, which is posted on the webpage for peer review of documents in preparation for COP 13 at: <https://www.cbd.int/cop13/review/default.shtml>.

In this regard, I am pleased to invite Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities and relevant organizations to provide comments on the revised action plan to further prioritise and streamline the proposed activities and to make the action plan realistic and achievable. Please note that comments should be sent using the template for comments available on the above webpage. Comments should be submitted to the Secretariat by e-mail ([secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int)) or by fax (+1 514 288 6588), as soon as possible but **no later than 3 October 2016** in order to enable the Secretariat to finalise and post the document on the COP 13 website.

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

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To: CBD, CPB and ABS National Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities, and relevant organizations



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