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## NOTIFICATION

### Workshop on the Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House for national users 10 December 2016 – Cancun, Mexico

Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is organizing a workshop entitled, “The Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House (ABS Clearing-House) for National Users” that will take place in the margins of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols. This full day workshop, made possible thanks to the generous support of the Government of Japan, will be held in Cancun, Mexico, on Saturday, 10 December 2016.

The ABS Clearing-House is a platform for exchanging information on access and benefit-sharing and a key tool for facilitating the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol by enhancing legal certainty and transparency on procedures for access, and for monitoring the utilization of genetic resources. National users of the ABS Clearing-House play a crucial role in ensuring that the national information made available through the ABS Clearing-House is reliable, accurate and complete. The aim of the workshop is to empower national users to confidently fulfil the national information-sharing obligations for Parties under the Nagoya Protocol.

The workshop will guide participants through key concepts and functionality followed by hands-on practice using the ABS Clearing-House to publish national information. Time towards the end of the workshop will provide an opportunity to address questions and provide technical assistance related to the ABS Clearing-House and its role in the implementation of the Protocol.

This workshop is open to participants in the COP and COP-MOP meetings in Cancun, Mexico. Please transmit the list of the representatives of your country who wish to participate by sending full contact details, as well as any specific questions you would like addressed during the workshop by e-mail to: [absch@cbd.int](mailto:absch@cbd.int). Space is limited and priority will be given to those who have **confirmed their participation by 31 October 2016**.

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

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