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## NOTIFICATION

### **Tools, guidance and information related to biodiversity and climate change in the context of the Paris Agreement**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am delighted to draw your attention to the fact that on 5 October 2016, the threshold for entry into force of the Paris Agreement, under the auspices of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), was achieved. The Paris Agreement will enter into force on 4 November 2016. The first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA1), will take place in Marrakech, Morocco, from 7-18 November 2016.

Under the Paris Agreement, Parties to the UNFCCC shall prepare, communicate and maintain successive nationally determined contributions (NDCs) that they intend to achieve, and pursue domestic mitigation measures, with the aim of achieving the objectives of such contributions<sup>1</sup>.

As you may recall, on 12 February 2015, I send a notification (2015-015)<sup>2</sup> in which I encouraged Parties to the CBD to make use of existing tools, guidance and information related to biodiversity and climate change, and invited Focal Points to the CBD to liaise, collaborate and share relevant information with counterparts in charge of the climate change agenda. I would encourage Focal Points to also make use of climate change related information prepared by the Secretariat in preparation for the nineteenth and twentieth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific Technical and Technological Advice.

Given links between biodiversity and climate change, in particular the contribution of the conservation and restoration of ecosystems to climate change adaptation and mitigation, I again encourage you to make use of the existing information contained in the above-mentioned notification, in particular for the implementation of NDCs and to explore potential synergies with the implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs).

I trust that our efforts will contribute to strengthening synergies and actions towards achieving the objectives of both conventions.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Article 4 paragraph 2 of the Paris Agreement

<sup>2</sup> Notification (2015-015, 12 February 2015): Tools, guidance and information related to biodiversity and climate change in the context of the expected climate agreement: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2015/nf-2015-015-cc-en.pdf>

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