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NOTIFICATION

Launching of CBD-UNDP Regional Technical Support Nodes on Financial Planning and Reporting

Dear Madam/Sir,

We are pleased to inform you that the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in close collaboration with the Biodiversity Finance Initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP-BIOFIN), is launching the CBD-BIOFIN Regional Nodes, with a view to provide technical support for financial planning and reporting to non-BIOFIN pilot countries. This launching event will take place during the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD in Cancun, Mexico.

To this effect, a dedicated resource person will be available in each region to provide such technical support, based on the various approaches and tools assembled in the BIOFIN methodology. Support can be made available to all developing countries and countries with economies in transition that are not among the 30 core participating countries of BIOFIN.

The type of support that can be provided consists of bilateral webinars, general webinars, specific knowledge management products, and limited in-country missions by the resource persons. The regional node resource persons are scheduled to start their duties in November 2016. Please refer to the rollout schedule in annex for details.

Countries are encouraged to submit their informal expressions of interest for support at their earliest convenience to biofin@undp.org with a copy to secretariat@cbd.int.

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

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Annex

CBD-BIOFIN Regional Nodes Rollout Schedule

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| November 2016 | Start of assignment for Regional Node Resource Persons |
| December 2016 | Official launch at COP 13 (BIOFIN Side event at COP 13) |
| December 2016 and January 2017 | First informative webinar |
| February and March 2017 | BIOFIN Methodology series webinar |
| January – June 2017 | Finance Solutions webinar series |
| December 2016 – December 2017 | In-country support missions |

For further information, please contact biofin@undp.org

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