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NOTIFICATION

Voluntary Trust Fund to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Madam/Sir,

As announced in notification 2017-059, dated 21 June 2017, the twenty-first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 21) will be held from 11 to 14 December 2017, and the tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Article 8(j) and related Provisions (WG8J 10) will be held from 13 to 16 December 2017, in Montreal, Canada.

Subject to the availability of financial resources, the participation of a number of representatives of indigenous peoples and local communities will be facilitated by the Secretariat.

In this regard, organizations representing indigenous peoples and local communities are invited to nominate representatives to participate in these meetings.

Applications should be submitted to the Secretariat as soon as possible and no later than 10 September 2017 using the application form, which is available in all six languages of the United Nations at the following webpage: <https://www.cbd.int/traditional/fund.shtml>.

Selection of representatives to receive funding will be carried out in accordance with the criteria for the operation of the Voluntary Funding Mechanism to facilitate the participation of indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (section D of annex to decision VIII/5). Further information on the criteria for the Voluntary Funding Mechanism is available in the above-mentioned webpage.

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

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, ABS National Focal Points, SBSTTA National Focal Points, indigenous peoples and local communities