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## NOTIFICATION

### **Mainstreaming of biodiversity and other strategic actions to enhance implementation: request for submission of relevant information**

Dear Madam/Sir,

This notification seeks inputs for documentation being prepared for the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, to be held on 9-13 July 2018 in Montreal, Canada, on agenda item 5, on the topic of “Mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors and other strategic actions to enhance implementation.” The documentation on this agenda item will include a focus on the current policies, tools, and practices of Parties with respect to mainstreaming biodiversity in the sectors of energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing, and health.

The Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting adopted decision XIII/3, regarding actions to mainstream biodiversity in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and tourism, as well as in cross-sectoral policies, international processes and through actions by key actors. In the same decision, the Conference of Parties decided that the Conference of the Parties should consider, at its fourteenth meeting, the mainstreaming of biodiversity in the following sectors: energy and mining, infrastructure, manufacturing and processing, and health (paragraph 103).

The Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), at its twenty-first meeting, which took place on 11-14 December 2017, considered key scientific and technical matters relevant to the mainstreaming of biodiversity in these sectors, and adopted SBSTTA recommendation XXI/4 which requested the Executive Secretary, *inter alia*, “to invite Parties and other relevant stakeholders to submit case studies and practical examples of the mainstreaming of biodiversity into the sectors of energy and mining, infrastructure, and manufacturing and processing, and health, and to consider these in its preparations for deliberations on this issue at the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation” (paragraph 7(b)).

In addition, case studies regarding obstacles and effective practices related to implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan, and options for improving implementation at the national level, will be important inputs to support discussions on this agenda item at the second meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation.

To: CBD National Focal Points

In this context, I wish to invite you to review actions and developments in your countries with a view to identify elements provided in the indicative list annexed. Please submit relevant information at your earliest convenience but no later than **5 March 2018**.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support to the Convention.

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

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Executive Secretary

Enclosure: Annex

## Annex

### Suggested elements which could be covered by the submission

#### *With respect to mainstreaming of biodiversity:*

- Case studies and effective practices, guidelines, methodologies, experiences and tools on biodiversity mainstreaming in the relevant sectors, as well as cross-cutting policies (e.g., development plans and budgets);
- Examples of laws, policy frameworks, or administrative measures that were introduced or strengthened in order to further the mainstreaming of biodiversity (either aimed at the relevant sectors or that have broad application across sectors);
- Lessons learned as well as remaining gaps and challenges associated with biodiversity mainstreaming;
- Options for addressing these gaps and challenges, and to take further action on biodiversity mainstreaming at the national level;
- Successful models of institutional mechanisms in place at the national level to support implementation of the Strategic Plan 2011-2020.

In your review, you may wish to also take into account the various approaches enumerated in decision XIII/3.