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NOTIFICATION

Announcement of Projects Selected to Receive Support under the Bio-Bridge Initiative

Madam/Sir,

Reference is made to notification 2016-126 in which developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition were invited to submit requests for assistance under the Bio-Bridge Initiative aimed at promoting technical and scientific cooperation to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of its Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

I am pleased to announce that, after careful review of the 31 requests for assistance that were submitted, ten project proposals have been selected to receive seed funding from the Bio-Bridge Initiative. The selected projects were submitted by: Belarus, China, Colombia, Ghana, India, Malawi, Morocco, Venezuela, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

The evaluation of the proposals was undertaken by an external Project Review Panel based on the criteria that were set out in the notification. The review panel comprises of the chairs of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, the Subsidiary Body on Implementation, the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House and the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity, as well as one representative each from the Republic of Korea and the Global Environment Facility.

The selected projects aim to promote technical and scientific cooperation or technology transfer on various topics and issues, including the use DNA bar coding and other technologies for the identification and monitoring of rare, threatened or invasive alien species; inventory and documentation of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources; development of national accounting systems and development of technical capacity for biodiversity assessments and establishment of biodiversity data management systems. A brief description of all the selected projects is available on Bio-Bridge Initiative website at: <https://www.cbd.int/biobridge/projects/selected>.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Korea for providing the financial support for these projects through the Bio-Bridge Initiative and to thank members of the Project Review Panel for committing their time to evaluate the project proposals.

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

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To: CBD, ABS and CPB National Focal Points, other Governments and relevant organizations