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NOTIFICATION

Theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2018

Madam/Sir,

In Notification 2017-144 (<https://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2017/ntf-2017-144-cbd-en.pdf>), dated 21 December 2017, the Secretariat announced that it would invite Parties to the Convention to participate in the 25th anniversary by, among other activities, organizing and hosting local celebrations on 22 May 2018, the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB). In line with the above, the Secretariat is pleased to announce that this year's IDB theme will be:

“Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity”

The theme was chosen to mark the 25th anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention on Biological Diversity and to highlight progress made in the achievement of its objectives at the national and global levels.

As mentioned in the notification referenced above, the Secretariat is in the process of developing a variety of outreach materials to support the celebrations on this important day.

I invite Parties to keep the Secretariat informed of national plans for activities to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity, so that they may be included on the special pages (www.cbd.int/idb/2018) of the Convention's website, dedicated to these celebrations worldwide.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

To: CBD National Focal Points, Cartagena Protocol Focal Points, ABS Focal Points, partner organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities